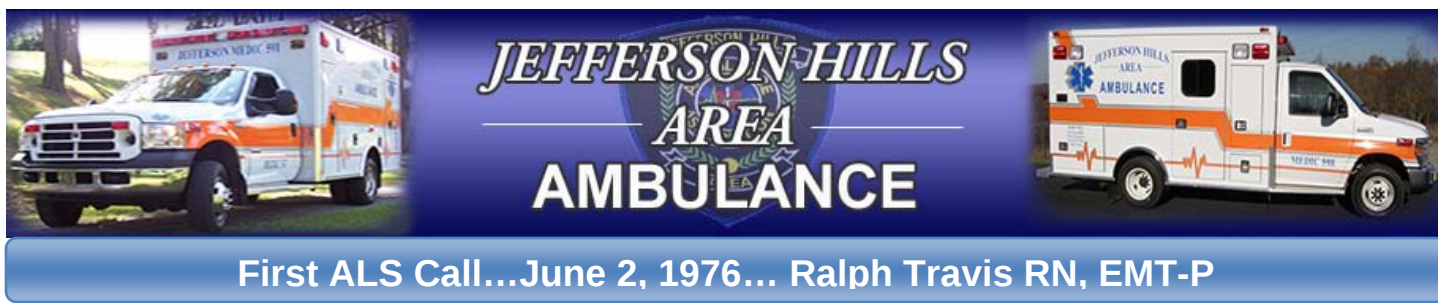




I was one of the founding members of the Borough of Jefferson Ambulance Association (the current Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance). Service started January 1, 1976. At that time, the Pennsylvania Department of Health regulated/certified EMTs but wasn't involved with paramedics. Dr Allen Schattner (Columbia Hospital emergency department medical director) conducted his own paramedic course and authorized paramedics who operated under his guidance (and probably license). In the spring of 1976, Dr Schattner contacted me and offered me a job as a nurse in the emergency department. At the same time he authorized me to be a paramedic and encouraged me to equip the Borough of Jefferson Ambulance as an Advanced Life Support unit.



A number of the borough businesses donated money and a LifePak 5 and drug box was ordered in the late spring of 1976. The LifePak 5 was back ordered so Physio Control (makers of Life Pak) supplied me with a LifePak 4. The LifePak 5 weighed 18 pounds whereas the LifePak 4 weighed a little over 50 pounds! Our drug box was a heavy metal Craftsman tool box. It weighed at least 25 pounds.

The LifePak 4 was delivered on Saturday May 29, 1976. Since I was the only paramedic, the decision was made for me to keep the ALS equipment at my home. On Wednesday, June 2, 1976 around 4 pm, the Borough of Jefferson police dispatcher calls me to advise the ambulance crew is responding to a "man down" in my neighborhood and was requesting I respond also. Since the address was only several blocks from my home and the weather was nice, I decided to forgo driving to the scene and instead "hoof" it over. I also didn't take the car because the main street to the address was one-way – going the wrong direction I needed to go. So carrying a 53 pound, bulky LifePak 4 and a bulky, 25 pound drug box, as well as a two way radio(which were bulky and heavy back then), off I ran. For about 50 feet. I was way out of shape. I thought I could cut through some neighbor's yards to get to the patient's street. Wrong! Between fences, heavy underbrush, and a steep hill, I had to go way around. By the time I got to the patient's home, I felt like I needed oxygen more than him.

Last year I was contacted by the Jefferson Hills Area Ambulance and informed they came across the original trip sheet for this call. They were kind enough to give it to me. It is in pristine condition including the rhythm strips. You can tell from the copies but the rhythm strips are folded over on themselves so that each one is at least 10 seconds in duration. The one strip captures the actual conversion from V Tach to asystole to 3rd degree block. (You must also remember that back then, trip sheets weren't even required. This trip sheet was my first attempt at making one. We've come a long way!)

I think the trip sheet pretty much explains what was going on and what the outcome was. I found out years later from a co-worker that this patient was her husband's grandfather and he lived a healthy life for almost another 10 years.





JEFFERSON HILLS AREA AMBULANCE



JEFFERSON BORO
AMBULANCE

Date: 6-2-78
Trip # 163-76

Patient's Name: [REDACTED]
Home
Home Address: 52 N 7th Street
CLAIRTON, PA. 15025

Age: 70
Sex: Male
Phone: 233- [REDACTED]
233- [REDACTED]

Location of Patient: ☒ Home ☐ Work ☐ Scene of Accident ☐ Other

Date of Illness:

Time Dispatched: 4:35 P.M. Arrived Location: 4:40 P.M.
Departed Location: 4:40 P.M. Arrived Destination: 5:00 P.M.
Departed Destination: 5:30 P.M. Arrived at Base: 6:10 P.M.
Patient's Destination: McKeesport
☐ Hospital ☐ Nursing Home ☐ Home ☒ Emergency Dept. ☐ Direct Admit

Nature of Call: ☒ Emergency ☐ Urgent ☐ Routine ☐ Stand-by ☐ Other

☐ Abdominal Pain	☐ Heat Stroke (Sun Stroke)
☐ Asphyxiation	☐ Hemorrhage (Nasal)
☐ Asthma	☐ Hemorrhage (Other)
☒ Chest Pain	☐ Impairment similar to that caused
☐ Chills	☐ by alcohol
☐ Communicable Disease	☐ Maternity
☐ Convulsions	☐ Mental Disorder
☐ Diabetic	☐ Nausea
☐ Diarrhea	☐ Paralysis
☒ Difficulty Breathing	☐ Poison
☐ Dizziness	☐ Shock
☐ Drowning	☐ Stroke
☐ Electrocution	☐ Vomiting
☐ Emphysema	☐ Unconscious
☐ Fainting	☐ Unknown
☐ Fever	☐ Other
☐ Genitourinary Problem	☐ D.O.A.
☒ Heart Attack	
☐ Heat Exhaustion	

Condition Enroute: ☒ Improved ☐ Unchanged ☐ Worse

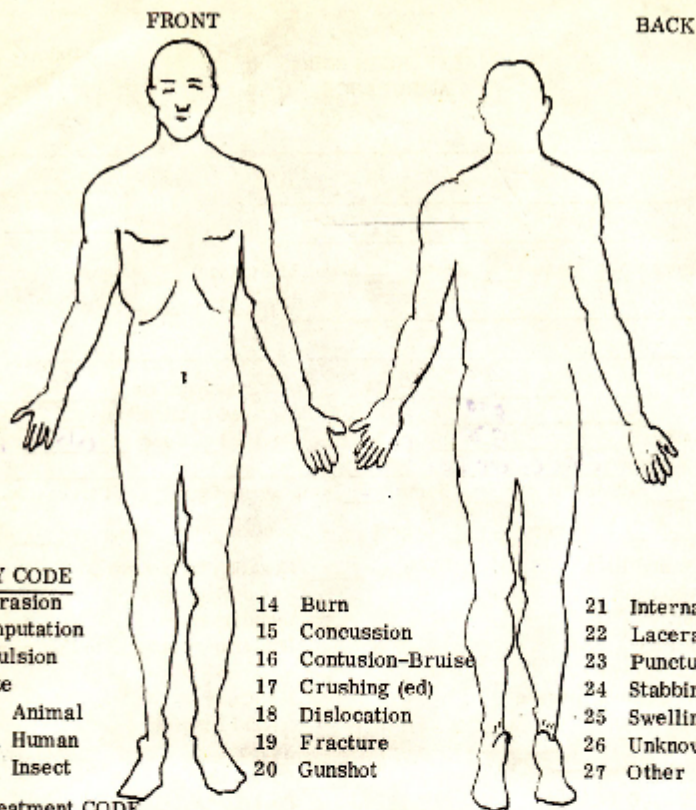
Mental Status: ☒ Awake ☒ Alert ☐ Drowsy ☒ Stuporous ☐ Unconscious

Vital Signs:	Pulse	Resp.	B/P	Skin Color	Skin Condition
Time: <u>4:40</u>	<u>TACHY</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>120/90</u>	<u>Pale</u>	<u>Moist</u>
Time: <u>4:45</u>	<u>TACHY</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>120/90</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
Time:					
Time:					

Comments: NO PALPITATIONS - MONITOR SHOWED V. TACHY 250 BPM 590 2/W
EKG STARTED. LIDOCAINE 100 mg IV PUSH GIVEN. RATE
CHANGED TO NSR. (WENT APTHEAL FOR APPROX.
10 SEC.)



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INJURY CODE

- 10 Abrasion
- 11 Amputation
- 12 Avulsion
- 13 Bite
 - A. Animal
 - B. Human
 - C. Insect

- 14 Burn
- 15 Concussion
- 16 Contusion-Bruise
- 17 Crushing (ed)
- 18 Dislocation
- 19 Fracture
- 20 Gunshot

- 21 Internal
- 22 Laceration
- 23 Puncture
- 24 Stabbing
- 25 Swelling
- 26 Unknown
- 27 Other

Aid/Treatment CODE

- 01 Cleaned/Bandaged
- 02 Pressure Dressing
- 03 Cold Compress
- 04 Elevated
- 05 Tourniquet

- 06 Sling
- 07 Splint
- 08 Traction
- 09 Sand Bag
- 10 Cervical Collar

- 11 Spine Board
- 12 Burn Sheet
- 13 Chest Sealer
- 14 Other
- 00 None

Other Aid/Treatment

- ☐ Oropharyngeal Airway
- ☒ Airway Control
- ☐ Mouth-Mouth Breathing
- ☐ C. P. R.
- ☐ Scoop Stretcher

- ☐ Demand Valve
- ☐ Esophageal Airway
- ☒ Psychological Aid
- ☐ Bag-Mask
- ☐ Extraction

- ☐ Suctioned
- ☒ Oxygen: 15 Liters
- ☐ Transport Only
- ☒ Other

Difficulties Enroute: ☐ Severe Traffic ☐ Adverse Weather
☐ Mechanical Trouble ☐ Tire Trouble ☐ Involved in Accident
☐ Unable to Locate ☐ Other (Explain) _____

Person filling out report: WM. MADDEN

Driver: TIM DODD

Attendant: RALPH L. TRAVIS

Attendant: AUA McCall

I certify that the above named party (patient) was transported by the Jefferson Boro Ambulance.

[Signature]
Patient or Family Member

BORO OF JEFFERSON AMBULANCE
E.M.T. II/PARAMEDIC REPORT

Trip # 163

NAME: [REDACTED] AGE: 92

PREVIOUS HX: Nothing Outstanding

MEDICATIONS: _____ ☒ None

ALLERGIES: _____ ☒ None

PRESENT HX: NO HEAVINESS IN CHEST & PALPITATIONS - STARTED 1/2 HOUR AGO
NO WEAKNESS - SEEMS CONFUSED + LOOKS CONSCIOUSNESS AT TIMES

HOSPITAL NOTIFIED: ☐ Columbia ☒ McKeesport ☐ Homestead ☐ _____

ORDERS:

Plan: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

I.V.: ☒ 5% D/W ☐ N.S.S. ☐ Lactated Ringers ☐ 5% D/1/2 N.S.S.
☐ 250 cc ☒ 500 cc ☐ 1000 cc

DRUGS: ☐ Adrenalin (Epinephrine)
☐ I.V. ☐ Subcutaneous _____ cc
☐ Atropine
☐ 0.5 mgm ☐ 1.0 mgm
☐ Benadryl
☐ 25 mgm ☐ 50 mgm
☐ Bicarbonate, Sodium
☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
☐ Calcium Chloride
☐ Dextrose
☐ Intropin
☐ Isuprel
☐ Lasix _____ mgm
☒ Lidocaine (Xylocaine)
☐ 50 mgm ☒ 100 mgm ☐ 1 gm. piggyback
☐ Morphine
☐ 5 mgm ☐ 10 mgm
☐ I.M. ☐ I.V.
☐ Narcan
☐ Valium

OTHERS: ☐ Esophageal Airway
☐ Transport Only & Observe

DEFIBRILLATE:

Watts: ☐ 400 ☐ 300 ☐ 200 ☐ 100 ☐ 50

No. Times: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

From: ☐ Vent. Tachy ☐ Vent. Fib. ☐ Other _____

To: ☐ Asystole ☐ Vent. Fib. ☐ No Change ☐ Other _____



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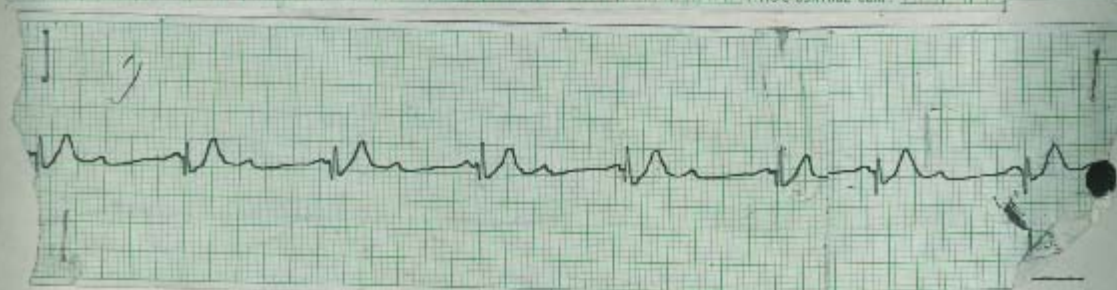
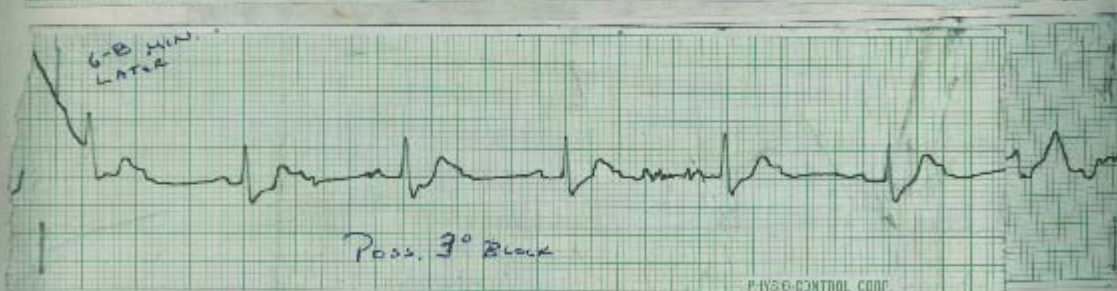
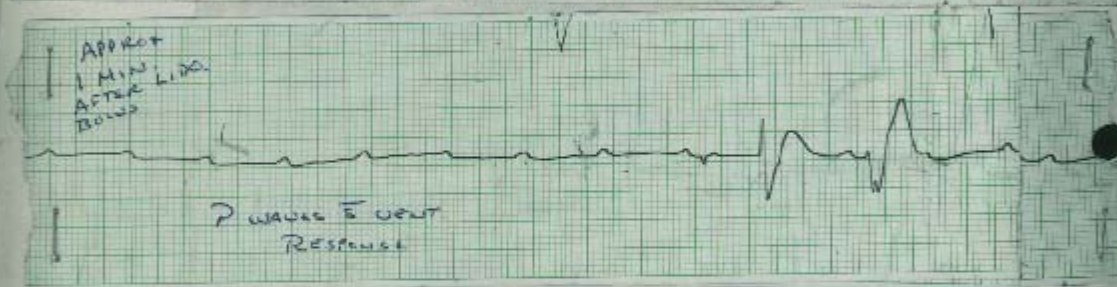
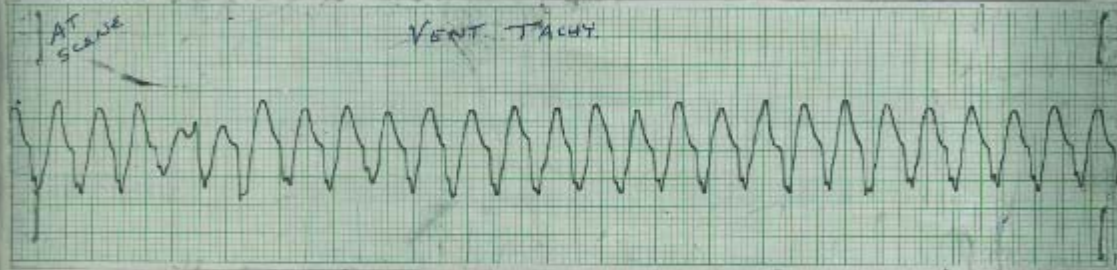


I.V.'s:

Attempts: ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3
 Size: ☐ 20 ☒ 18 ☐ 16 ☐ 14
 Type: ☒ Intracath ☐ Butterfly
 Location: ☒ Hand ☐ Wrist ☐ Arm ☐ Anacubital
 Were all orders followed: ☒ Yes ☐ No...If so explain under comments.

COMMENTS!!

STRIPS:



Director's Signature



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