

7 INJURED IN HEAD-ON AUTO CRASH

CARS COLLIDE NEAR WOLF ST. UNDERPASS IN STORM

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Seven persons were injured, including five Jamaican laborers housed at the Army Air Base, when two autos crashed head-on during a rain storm about 7 A.M. today just north of the Wolf St. underpass.

The crash occurred when a car going north, driven by William S. Edick, Jr., 46, of 218 Molloy rd., skidded in the path of a southbound car, operated by Henry C. Badgley, 41, of R.D. 1, North Syracuse.

Badgley, employed by the Syracuse Chill Plow Co., was driving to work with the five Jamaicans as passengers. The seven men

were taken to University Hospital of the Good Shepherd by ambulance.

Those treated at the hospital for lacerations of the head and face and possible internal injuries, beside Edick and Badgley, were: Alfaro Dixon, 26; Edgar Findlater, 21; Methusalah Shaw, 32; Herbert Williams, 32, and Septimus Dilbert, 24.

Trooper W. R. Spelman of the North Syracuse patrol, state police investigated.

And so here are the names of five of the Jamaican workers who were being housed at the Mattydale Army Air Base near the end of World War II. The Jamaican workers are only mentioned a couple times in the Syracuse papers and never by name. If these Jamaican gentlemen had not been in an accident then none of their names would have been known, except perhaps in some long forgotten government records.