

Comments by Napier MED Staff. who were working at the time of the quake.

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(Clerk at Faraday St Office adjacent to Powerhouse)

Most vivid memory was when the battery room collapsed & roof fell in the glass battery cases smashed & there was a river of acid across the yard.

(It was large capacity 500V battery used to supply power at night (11pm-7am) when the generating plant shut down. It also balanced the town load during day time hours).

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(Electrical Inspector)

Says he was in town on his way to the dentist (Browning St). when he was about to go up the stairs the quake struck & bricks fell all over the stairway. The skylight over the patient in the chair fell on him. leaving the frame over his body. but was only badly bruised.

His job was to provide the wiring for lighting & power supply at the Hastings St School to be used as a communications centre. The linesmen were 'tidying up' the feeder so that nearest transformer could be licensed to give supply to the school.

Later the linesmen pulled the pole bases on every installation. When the consumers requested supply Jack was among the team that inspected every installation before supply was re-issued.

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Has been in hospital & has only been able to