

UTILITY TRUCK OVERTURNS ON MANGOPLAH ROAD

When a utility truck struck a culvert post and overturned on the Mangoplah road yesterday afternoon, only one of the five occupants was seriously injured.

The driver lost control of the vehicle when the nearside wheels skidded on the greasy surface as he was making room for an oncoming truck.

The men were returning from Mangoplah. Four of them were taken to the Wagga Base Hospital, two being admitted. The others were treated and allowed to go home.

A 17-year-old youth, sitting in the back of the utility, escaped uninjured, when he was thrown clear as the truck crashed.

The Occupants

Occupants of the truck were:

WILLIAM LOWE, 54, Docker Street, Wagga, driver of the utility. Admitted for observation and treated for shock.

JAMES JOSEPH HANRAHAN, 31, Jarick Avenue, Wagga. Fractured pelvis and shock; admitted.

SYDNEY ROOKE, 29 Murray Street, Wagga. Bruised hip and shock; treated.

ROBERT HUDSON, 17, Murray Street, Wagga. Uninjured, but treated for shock.

JOHN GRAY, 32, of Cartwright's Hill, scratches to face.

The driver of the oncoming truck, **J. T. Doughty**, of Burrandana, told the police that he first noticed something was wrong with the utility when it began skidding on the wet roadway.

The utility struck a culvert post and crashed over a five-foot culvert.

He extricated the men from the utility, and a passenger in his truck called the Wagga Ambulance.

Police stated last night the truck was not badly damaged.

Constable **M. Yates** is investigating.