



Mae Watts and Mrs Bill Humphries were delighted to have their granddaughter Cindy Humphries serve them at the annual Guide, Brownie, Pathfinder and Sparks tea.

Renfrew man seriously injured in Saturday night Hwy. 60 accident

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A 64-year-old Renfrew man is in serious condition in the Ottawa General Hospital following an accident Saturday night on Highway 60, three miles east of Eganville.

John Ferguson sustained major injuries when he was ejected onto the highway from the Jeep in which he was a passenger.

The vehicle, driven by Gary Cooper, of White Lake, rolled over several times before settling in the south ditch.

Both men were taken by ambulance to Renfrew Victoria Hospital. Mr. Ferguson was immediately transferred to Ottawa.

Four young people from Renfrew were among those who stopped at the scene of the accident.

Two of them rendered particular help with first aid to Mr. Ferguson, who is well-known in Toronto as a long-time employee of the Royal York Hotel.

Trevor Ambroziac, a young private in the army home on leave, stopped, along with three others -- Chris Lesevoy, Kerri DeGrandpre and Jo-Anne Butler.

Pvt. Ambroziac and Kerri DeGrandpre both have first-aid training.

"Trevor did most of the first-aid," said Kerri. "He's more advanced than I am."

Pvt. Ambroziac said he found Mr. Ferguson on the highway, suffering from major injuries.



John Ferguson

"He had two broken legs," he said. "A compound fracture in one and a fracture of the femur in the other. He also had head injuries and was in a lot of pain, but he didn't complain. We did all we could for him."

The accident happened at 9:07 p.m. and Pvt. Ambroziac and others arrived on the scene at 9:18 p.m.

"I know the time because I looked at my watch," he said, adding that the ambulance was along at about

9:35 p.m.

Andy and Cathy Boudens, of Eganville, were among the very first on the scene.

Mr. Boudens described how one car nearly drove over the injured man on the highway.

He and his wife both directed traffic until the police arrived.

Earl and Marlene Hein, of Eganville, were along a few minutes later.

Both pitched in, along with the rest, to help.

Earl Hein assisted with traffic control. His wife, Marlene, got several push brooms, which the two young ladies from Renfrew, Kerri DeGrandpre and Jo-Anne Butler, used to sweep up the glass on the highway.

"You don't see young people being so helpful," observed Mr. Hein, who thanked both of them for their kindness and consideration.

The investigating officer, Const. Gordon Schultz, of the Renfrew OPP, also thanked them and others for their help.