

Eddie Moss

Wash. Post:

While driving down Hawthorne Ave., the car , containing Mr. and Mrs. Moss, Eddie, brothers, Clarence, 9, Michael, 6, and Jerry, 4, and James Cannon, brother of Mr. Moss, approached a roadblock patrolled by Nat. Guardsmen.

Moss thought it was st. repair.

"I was doing about 35 and when I saw the roadblock, I slowed down to about 10," said Moss. "A gun went off and I mashed down on the gas. I thought they were trying to kill everybody in the car."

Moss decided to run the roadblock. At the same time, Cannon frantically waved his hands at the Guardsmen in an attempt to stop the shooting.

The firing continued and the Moss car crashed through a second barricade about 10 yards away. Moss picked up tremendous speed at this point, perhaps traveling 90-100 miles per hour.

After driving several blocks to apparent safety, Clarence told the others that Eddie had been shot.

Cannon said there was a huge hole in the back of the boy's head and his brains were scattered all over the back seat where he was sitting.

Moss stopped and immediately lay his son on the sidewalk and called the fire dept. He felt him still breathing. The boy died at City Hospital