Tornado Damage In Oelwein Estimated At $18 Million

NATIONAL GUARD UNITS ORDERED BY GOVERNOR—Oelwein and Maynard were declared disaster struck areas by Governor Harold Hughes hours after the tornado struck, but ordered guard posts to active duty within the hour. Guardsmen quarters were the command of Capt. Leslie Ohl included 170 men from B Co., 1st Battalion 133, as well as Headquarters Co., 1st Battalion, 133; Waterloo, and an MP Detachment from the 1st Battalion 133 from Dubuque. Men and officers were relieved and ordered to active duty within the hour for relief. Guardsmen worked day and night off duty through warm days and very cold nights. In all the distress, and through all periods of short tempers, the guardsmen remained courteous to one and all.

WARRANT OFFICER Robert Carpenter, from Charles City, was on duty as a helicopter pilot in Oelwein during the period National Guardsmen were on station in Oelwein. Carpenter and other guardsmen worked in the basement of his Charles City home when the tornado struck there.

TWO DIED HERE—Maynard: The above basement walls are the only remains of three homes south of Iowa 150 near the Maynard Co-op where three year old Glenda Kelly and Mrs. Louis Ponsar died as a result of injuries received from flying debris. The area between the two was the scene of my doings, the tornado struck there. Hundreds of others were injured in similar incidents throughout the area.

GUARDSMEN ASSIST MAYNARD—National Guard officers and enlisted men were treated as townspeople by hardworking Maynard women who assisted in and helped their friends and neighbors after the vicious tornado struck the town. Kids in from the towns and cities were praised by city officials and guardsmen alike for the way they worked throughout the past 48 hours since the twin storms hit.

AMBULANCES FROM EVERY TOWN and city within 100 miles, and a few from further away, rushed to Oelwein to assist during the first few critical hours. A continual stream of vehicles and guardsmen kept the city to take victims to Mercy Hospital, itself and from outlying towns to search for possible dead and the injured. People rushed to Oelwein to assist after the devstating struck their town. Townpeople continue to work night and day to get their town back in order.