62/08/07

TORNADO REPORT

LOCATION: **Province:** Manitoba

Reference Town: Elgin, Fairfax, Minto, Elkhorn, Killarney, north of Ninga, north of Boisevain.

Lat. & Long.: (to long an area) see beginning + end

TIME: (Year/Month/Day/Time (Z)) 62/08/07/2230Z

LOCATION OF BEGINNING: Probably began in Sask.

Lat.: 50° 03'

Long.: 101° 25' (Sask border)

Location of End:

Lat.: 49° 10'

Long.: 99° 40'

ASSOCIATED WEATHER CONDITIONS: heavy rain, hail, + wind. (hail as large as baseballs.)

Length of Track: Cyclone of T.s travelled abt 30 mi.

Direction of Track: probably travelled in a South-Easterly direction from NW

Visual Description: "They (clouds) gradually funneled into a twister. It was very dark and grey with a pink sky on the horizon underneath. It looked terrible" "rolling black clouds"

Path Width:

Fatalities: NIL

Injuries: NIL

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: The New Era, Melita, Thurs. Aug 16/62
The Souris Plaindealer, Wed. Aug 15/62
The Boissevain Recorder, Thurs. Aug 16/62
Thurs. Aug 23/62

COMMENTS:

- hundreds of thousands of dollars damage.
- 4 mi. South of Elgin: leveled all buildings on a farm (1 house exploded)
- Elgin - tore three farmyard leveling barn + garage, and twisted house.
  - levelled 30' maple tree.
  - lifted a barn from foundation & scattered remains for miles.
  - lifted garage from footings but left car inside intact.
- then continued to Minto: leveled 2 granaries took chimney off house.
- then North of Ninga: barn destroyed trees uprooted. granary demolished.

Path: - from North into Elgin district, cutting south of Fairfax and Minto then east between Dunrea, Ninga, and on to the Killarney district. - missed Melita,

Moosomin → Elkhorn → Elgin → Kinnarney.

"The storm appeared to come from the west, dividing into two, one half taking a swath north of Louisana following No. 2 highway to Wawanesa, and the south storm, believed to be the most severe, hit between Hartney and Elgin going southeast to Killarney."

Also reported by Lowe Farm.