

# Download The Malbone Street Wreck

The Malbone Street Wreck, also known as the Brighton Beach Line Accident, was a rapid transit railroad accident that occurred November 1, 1918, on the Brighton Beach Line beneath the intersection of Flatbush Avenue, Ocean Avenue, and Malbone Street (now known as Empire Boulevard), in the community of Flatbush, Brooklyn. A street or road name or toponym is an identifying name given to a street. The street name usually forms part of the address (though addresses in some parts of the world, notably most of Japan, make no reference to street names). The switchman at the 53rd Street junction, Cornelius Jackson, and Motorman Paul Kelly were blamed for the accident. After Jackson was taken into custody he swore that colored disk he had put up to alert the motorman that the switch was set to divert the train to Sixth Avenue. The worst subway accident in NYC history resulted in 13 deaths when an above-ground subway train headed uptown took a turn at unsafe speed and careened down onto Ninth Avenue.