

2 Marines Presumed Dead In Abandoned Gold Mine

WINTERHAVEN (UPI) — High temperatures and poisonous gas Sunday stalled efforts to rescue two Marines missing and presumed dead in a maze of tunnels in an abandoned gold mine near this desert community.

Officials said the missing men and two other Marines, all stationed at the nearby Yuma Marine Corps Air Station in Arizona, climbed down into the mine Saturday.

Imperial County sheriff's deputies said temperatures at the bottom of the 600-foot shaft the men entered reached more than 150 degrees Sunday. The surface temperature stood at 115. Deputies said the mine was full of carbon monoxide gas from a fire in the shaft last week.

The missing Marines were identified as Cpl. Robert Knight, 20, of Buffalo, N.Y., and Lance Cpl. Jorge Lopez, 20, Omaha, Neb.

One of the survivors, Julian Fontana, 22, W. Monroe, La., said Knight, Lopez and Cpl. Edwin Montgomery, 21, Yuma, had been in the mine the previous weekend.

"They were taking me to a level where they had been before," he said. "We started getting dizzy and all messed up; Lopez passed out on us. All I remember after that is patches of getting up."

Fontana, Montgomery and Knight made it out of the mine and Knight went for help. He returned later with deputies and oxygen and re-entered the shaft, but without an oxygen tank.

Deputies said the officer who entered the shaft with Knight turned back when his air supply ran low, but Knight continued into the shaft and disappeared.

Authorities said Los Angeles Sheriff's deputies were called in because they had had previous experience with underground rescue while local deputies, despite the fact there are several abandoned mines in the

area, had a "lack of knowledge" in dealing with this type of rescue.

The mine is the Senator Gold Mine, 18 miles from Yuma on the California side of the border. Deputies said the mine is a series of galleries and vertical and horizontal shafts.

A spokesman for the Navy said the missing men were presumed dead.

Stocks Close On Firm Note

NEW YORK (UPI)—The stock market closed on a firm note today in an extension of last week's late surge. Turnover, however, slowed considerably.

The UPI indicator was up 0.25 per cent with advances ahead of declines 706 to 524.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 1.64 at 701.74.

A volume of around 7½-million shares compared with 10,160,000 shares Friday.

Mississippi River traded an early block of 75,600 shares at 7¾, off ¼.

Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 701.74, up 1.64; 20 transportation 124.05, up 0.25; 15 utilities 103.18, off 0.35, and 65 stocks 220.69, up 0.26.

Sales today were 7.45 million shares compared with 10.16 million shares Friday.

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