

M/NM FATAL

REPORT OF AN EXPLOSION AT GRANITE MOUNTAIN SHAFT
NORTH BUTTE MINING CO., BUTTE, MONTANA
OCTOBER 19, 1915 - 16 KILLED

Thirteen boxes of 40-percent gelatin dynamite exploded at the collar of the Granite Mountain shaft. Fourteen miners were killed instantly; two were fatally injured, dying within a few hours, and three others were more or less seriously injured.

The dynamite was loaded in a steel mine car preparatory to being lowered into the mine. The car was standing on the gallows-frame turnsheet, approximately 20 feet northwest of the collar of the shaft. Although the cause of the detonation of the explosives is unknown, one supposition is that it was caused by a rifle bullet.