

Four Perish In Explosion At Coal Mine

DAVID, Ky. (UPI) — Four men perished Friday when an explosion ripped an underground coal mine in the eastern Kentucky coal fields here.

The blast hit the Number 1 mine of the Princess Elkhorn coal division at 6 a.m. Its cause was undetermined.

Two other work crews were in the shaft at the time but escaped injury.

The victims were trying to recover a drill which had been abandoned in an unused part of the pit when the blast occurred. They were identified as William B. Titlow, 56, of West Van Lear, Ky.; Shannon Turner, 46, of Garrett, Ky.; Ancil Turner, 37, also of Garrett, and George Cavins, 56, of Sitka, Ky.

The Princess Elkhorn mine is owned by Princess Coals, Inc., of Huntington, W. Va., and has been in operation since 1939. It employs 340 men and produces 850,000 tons annually.