

4 Killed In Mine Explosion

DAVID, KY. (UPI): Four men were killed Friday in a mine explosion that rocked an underground coal mine in the east Kentucky coalfields here.

Officials at the Princess Elkhorn Coal Division mine identified the victims as William B. Titlow, 56, West Van Lear; Ancil Turner, 37, Garrett; Shannon Turner, 46, also of Garrett, and George Cavins, 56, Sitka.

Shaft Ripped

The men were working in the No. 1 pit when the blast ripped through the shaft.

There were no other injuries, but other crews in the mine said they felt the concussion before fleeing the explosion.

The men were working to recover a drill which had been abandoned in an unused part of the mine.

Recovered Bodies

Mine foreman Jesse Webb and mine safety director Ray Spears headed a rescue crew that recovered the bodies.

The Princess Elkhorn mine is owned by Princess Coals, Inc., Huntington, W. Va. The Floyd County mine has been in operation since 1939 and has 340 employees.