BODIES OF LOST BOYS FOUND

X Marks Location Where Tragedy Trapped Scouts

Ft. Huachuca Soldiers Act As Bearers For Victims

Santa Rita Range Yields Victims Of Nov. 15 Tragedy

Remains Of Fire Show Where Trio Fought Desperate Battle With Snow And Cold

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The bodies of three Rangers, aged 18 to 21, were found Nov. 15 in the rugged wilderness of the Santa Rita Mountains. They were trapped just five days before they were scheduled to leave for home.

At 2:30 a.m., Patagonia Ranger Mike Strang's radio relayed the news of the search to the field officers. The bodies of Richard Rice, 18; David Greenberg, 19; and Burt Lillis, 21, were recovered.

The three bodies were discovered four days after the Trio had fled the Santa Rita Range. They were found at an elevation of 9,500 feet.

The Trio was cut off by a fierce snowstorm on Nov. 11. They had been trekking across the range, hoping to reach the Santa Rita Range in Arizona. The snowstorm turned fatal.

The Trio's leader, Burt Lillis, died in the snowstorm. The other two, Mike Strang and David Greenberg, struggled on until they were rescued.

Rice, Lillis, and Greenberg were part of a group of 10 who had left Patagonia, Arizona, on Nov. 11. They planned to trek across the Santa Rita Range and reach the La Sals in Utah.

The Trio was cut off by a fierce snowstorm that blew in while they were still in the mountains. They were forced to take shelter in a small cave.

On Nov. 14, the Trio was found by a search party. They were too weak to continue their journey. They were rescued and brought back to Patagonia.

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