

# 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 Tucson Boy Scouts, last since Nov. 15 in the jagged wilderness of the Santa Rita Mountains, were found yesterday on the last day of a 15-day search.

At 10:30 a.m., Patagonian rancher Mike Kinagge fired two shots into the air as the first of a series of three signals to indicate that the boys had been found.

Six hours and forty-five minutes later at 5:15 p.m., Kinagge and 16 Ft. Huachuca soldiers walked out of the mountains with the lifeless, almost unrecognizable bodies of Mike Early, 18, Steven Labove, 13, and David Greenberg, 12.

The youngsters were found on the 16th day and what was scheduled to be the last day of a hunt that at one time involved an estimated 700 men.

The three bodies were discovered roughly three-quarters of a mile from Josephine Saddle, about two hours' walking time from the Santa Rita Lodge in Madera Canyon.

This same area had been searched by an estimated 40 to 50 men on previous days. Always before the bodies had been hidden by at least two feet of snow.

Sheriff's Sgt. Guy Hill, who directed the hunt from its inception Nov. 16, said he had been through the general area at least twice.

And early Wednesday two searchers ate their lunch on a point above yesterday's discovery.

The remains of a small fire mound which the boys had huddled during their battle against blinding snow and freezing temperatures marked their death spot.

A still-operative flashlight was found near the fire and an unburned hatchet was discovered in its center.

It was approximately two miles from where the boys were last seen that Saturday by Lou Baragans, 17, a hiking partner, who turned back.

Site of the fire was about 500 yards from Tempered Trail and 226 feet from a telephone line the boys were believed to be following. It was on a steep ledge leading into the head of Josephine Canyon. Above was only the angled face of a rock slide. Below was an approximate 50-foot dropoff.

Kinagge said he believed the boys arrived there sometime Saturday and had frozen to death Sunday

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