

700-Man Force Continues Search For Lost Scouts

320 More Ft. Huachuca Soldiers Joining Crews; Hunt Will Be Called Off Sunday

By DON CARSON

Rugged Mt. Baldy yesterday continued to guard the terrible secret it has so jealously hidden since last Saturday.

But the old mountain, which towers 9,432 feet above the desert some 40 miles south of Tucson, is due for a rough battle today.

An estimated 700 men will comb its treacherous slopes in the largest manhunt Southern Arizona has ever seen enters its seventh day.

Three young Tucson Boy Scouts

—Michael Early, 16, Mike LaNoue, 13, and David Greenberg, 12—are the object of the intensive search. The three were lost last Saturday when a sudden snowstorm caught them on a hike to the mountain's summit. Three other boys with them returned to Madera Canyon before the storm.

The search is expected to be called off at dark Sunday night.

Yesterday an estimated 400 men traveled over Baldy's slopes. Also, a team of bloodhounds lost a hopeful scent it had raised Thursday.

Today the hunt has been boosted by 320 more soldiers from Ft. Huachuca's 72nd Signal Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. William C. Golladay.

Today, these fresh troops will be the center of a search which aims at one area—the steep bluffs which drop some 300 to 400 feet from Baldy Saddle, a range extending north from Mt. Baldy.

As clue after clue fell by the wayside yesterday only one hint to the boys' location remained. This seemed to point at the jagged bluff area.

Mike Knagge, who helps Sheriff James W. Clark and Range Deputy Guy Hill direct the hunt, reported what may be four trail markings on the sideswitch path which leads to the peak.

"Three of the markings," the
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