

Milton E. Davis

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Two Men Are Killed and 18 Injured in Long Beach Explosion

Long Beach, Jan. 12 – Two men were killed, one possibly fatally hurt and 18 seriously injured in an explosion at the new local plant of the Southern California Edison company today.

The dead, unofficially identified. Wayne L. Craemer and W.J. Polk, both of Long Beach. The dead men were mangled and their faces torn so that positive identification was difficult.

Milton Davis was the workman most seriously hurt. He suffered a fractured skull which may cause his death. All of the injured were brought to the Seaside Hospital here.

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Blast Victims Now Total 4

Long Beach, Jan. 14 – Death toll in the Southern California Edison company explosion of Monday was brought to four with the death late last night of Milton Davis, assistant chief engineer, who succumbed to burns sustained in the blast.

Davis was the only employe of the Edison company injured or killed in the explosion, the others being workmen for the construction company completing the new plant.

The coroner's jury which conducted an investigation of the accident late yesterday returned a verdict that it was caused "by leaving open certain valves into the fire box by some person unknown to this jury."

Two others of the 16 injured men being treated at the Seaside hospital may die, physicians stated.