

DAM WORKER IS MAIMED BY PRIMER BLAST

Gus Enberg Has Arm
Torn Off and Other In-
juries in Explosion

BULETIN

Gus Enberg, Boulder canyon project workman who was injured in an explosion in one of the tunnels on the graveyard shift this morning, died at the Boulder City hospital early this afternoon.

A primer explosion which actually threw several sticks of powder out of a nearby hole without exploding them early this morning critically injured Gus Enberg, miner, and slightly hurt two other workers in the construction adit off the lower end of diversion tunnel two.

Enberg's left arm was blown off at the elbow, his right arm was mangled and his left leg was shattered, rendering his condition serious.

ENBERG HAD loaded three sticks of powder into an 18 foot hole, then the primer, which he attempted to put into the hole, caught on a slip in the rock more than 15 feet inside the hole, and he was unable to get it past the irregularity.

After trying for some time to push the primer on through, he gave it an angry shove with the stick, according to workmen who were nearby at the time, and the primer exploded, powder and rock shooting out at him.

MIRACULOUSLY, the three sticks of powder in the end of the hole did not go off, avoiding a much more serious explosion.

And, even more miraculously sticks of powder in the next adjacent hole, two and one half feet away, were thrown out without exploding, due to the slip in the rock extending past both holes and on in both directions.

IN ADDITION to Enberg's injuries, two other men were hurt slightly.

H. Miller, 31, married, suffered bruising of both legs and Douglas Yates, 28, single, suffered cuts on the right arm and right leg.

Enberg is 36 and single.

The accident happened at 3:20 this morning, on the graveyard shift.