

10 DIE IN ARMS FACTORY BLAST

Bodies of 4 Victims in Iowa Explosion May Never Be Recovered.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Dec. 13 (U.P.).—Deaths from an explosion at the Burlington Ordnance Plant appeared fixed at 10 today by an announcement that the bodies of five victims never may be recovered.

Five workmen died instantly in the blast which demolished one building and shook the \$50,000,000 plant five miles west of here yesterday afternoon. A sixth died at a hospital today. Of 53 working in the building, 28 were injured.

Blast Force Terrific

Lieut. Col. K. F. Adamson, commanding officer, said four men died "as a result of being killed because of the force of the explosion." He said the names of the missing would be announced after further check of the 7000 workmen.

The victims were among a crew of 500 working on the 10-story structure building. The structure was used to melt TNT before it was mixed with other ingredients for 81-millimeter trench mortar shells.

Lieut. Col. Adamson said he had no way of knowing the exact number of victims.

plation but he expressed doubt that it resulted from sabotage.

Extra Guard Set Up

A three-man board of inquiry from the War Department in Washington was expected to arrive this afternoon. Meanwhile, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents inspected the plant. State patrolmen guarded nearby highways while regular guards policed the plant.

Although the explosion was heard 10 miles away, it failed to damage other buildings on the 20,000-acre tract.

The plant was incomplete, but three of its four production lines were in operation and work continued on two of the lines. The explosion halted work on the third for an indefinite time.

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headquarters of the America First Committee has been announced by Merle H. Miller, chairman, following a statement from Chicago by national directors declaring that the organization will be disbanded.

Mr. Miller said, however, that several activities of the committee will be continued by its members. An American Red Cross unit organized by the group will continue to operate and will continue within the body which have been supplied in g Sunday night dinners at the Army, Navy and Marine Service Club, and recreational programs at Ft. Harrison.

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