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## LOST GOLD HUNT KILLS VICTIM 23

A vacation prospecting trip in the area of the fabulous Lost Creek gold mine ended in death for an American visitor.

Lewis Earl Hagbo, 49, of Bremerton, Wash., collapsed and died on a trail in the rugged country six miles north of Pitt Lake.

His body was carried out of the mountainous area Friday afternoon by an eight-man party headed by Sgt. Jack Payne, head of the Port Coquitlam RCMP detachment.

Over the years 22 other prospectors have lost their lives searching for the Lost Creek mine. According to a mixture of fact and legend the mine first came to light in 1890 when an Indian named Slumach appeared in the boom town of New Westminster carrying a fortune in gold.

Slumach was hanged for murder the following year without in the following year without revealing the location of the mine.

Hagbo was accompanied on his trip by his brother-in-law, Frank U. Mattson of Bainbridge Island, Wash., who hiked back to the nearest farm and called police.

He travelled six miles over mountainous country, once described by an RCMP search party as fit only for bears and goats, and six miles down a jeep trail.

Sgt. Paine led a four-man party into the area Thursday and hiked four miles back with the body before they were forced to stop. [article does not tell what stopped them]

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