

Tragic Point Hope Fire Claims Lives of Two Young Eskimo Men

Two Eskimo young men died in a tragic fire at the village of Point Hope last Saturday October 18.

Dead are Andrew Frankson, Jr., 25, and Michael Howarth, 19, in a home belonging to Joseph Frankson, brother of Andrew Frankson. Up until press time, the cause of the fire was not known.

Claire Fejes, Fairbanks, who was at Point Hope at the time of the fire, said that as the rapid fire blazed some whaling bombs that were stored somewhere in the house exploded as well as the propane tank for the home.

"The blaze was so terribly fast that no one could do anything," said Mrs. Fejes.

Andrew Frankson was recent-

ly discharged from the Army after serving his tour of duty in Germany. Michael Howarth joined the Navy over a year ago. He was reportedly wounded somewhere around the Vietnamese waters.

Mrs. Fejes said that Mrs. Aggie Frankson's small hotel was endangered by the fire and almost burned. Mrs. Frankson is the mother of Andrew Frankson.

Both young fire victims came from large families at Point Hope.