

# Anaktuvuk Children-

## *Accidental Fire Burns Three Children*

An accidental fire injured three children and two soldiers at Anaktuvuk Pass Wednesday night when a five gallon gas can ignited.

Five year old Richard Hugo was rushed to the Army Burn Center at Brooke Army Hospital, Ft. San Houston, Texas. A team of doctors have been contacted, and are treating the burned victim.

The two other children, whose names were not available,

were treated at Tanana. The soldiers, Private Jacob Adams and Specialist 4 Ellis W. Fretwell of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion were reported in satisfactory condition at Bassett Army Hospital.

The accident occurred about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in a vacant mud hut at Anaktuvuk Pass. With temperatures hovering at 11 degrees, the two

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soldiers, surrounded by a group of curious children, were attempting to rekindle a wood fire in their Yukon stove when the fire broke out.

The injured were airlifted to Tanana by Bettles Aviation for immediate treatment. Richard Hugo was then flown by Harold's Air Service to Fort Wainwright. The child arrived at Bassett at about 12:15 Thursday morning.

The two soldiers arrived at about 2:15 a.m.

PVT Adams and SP4 Fretwell were at Anaktuvuk pass in support of C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 172 Brigade which was conducting an exercise in the area.