

made at the same time also by the army headquarters at Kingman and so the army had sent an expedition to help us start in to try to go down, and at noon the next day we met the expedition up there. There were about ten cars in the expedition. There were two or three big trucks, there was a big ambulance, there was a jeep, there were a couple of staff cars; there were two majors in the party, five captains, a dozen lieutenants---I don't know whether there were any privates in the party or not, but we met them and Ranger and I got into the jeep with Major and we started to ride out the thirty-five miles out there to commence the climb, and we rode along we said to Major , "There is one thing we wish we knew. What condition are those fellows in now? To make our way down and bring them up may be possible; it may not. We don't know, but if we had to carry people up it would be far harder and we would need more equipment." "Well," he said, "we have a plan that we may be able to find out." He said, "Today a plane flew over the canyon and it dropped a big parachute and dangling at the end of it was a package. We had taken a very fine two-way radio. They call it a walkie-talkie but it is really too good to call a walkie-talkie." It is a very fine two-way radio they had brought down into the canyon there. Now it is one thing to drop something that just drops like a stone and another thing to drop a parachute. It is pretty hard to be sure where the wind may blow it. They hoped that might land somewhere near the boys. Well, if it did, then how were they going to put it up? Well, there was an instruction book^{with it}/. It was about as big as a Philadelphia telephone book. It was a revelation if you can understand that kind of a revelation. I'm glad I didn't have to try to figure out how to do it, but Enbank was an engineer, maybe he could---. was in the dropping, which of course you couldn't count on. They said, " where we can directly to the parachute. We'll put up a similar one here." They said, "If there is nothing between you can talk back and forth between the two and find out exactly what the situation is." Well we got there, and we put this up on on the end, and we stood there, and we looked down and we could see the parachute down there. We could see it very plainly down there,