

Geologists John W. Rogers and Matti Tavela

in Eritrea

Date

1974-1974

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Extract from TIME magazine September 16th 1974: They were geologists searching for oil when suddenly they became pawns in Ethiopia's guerrilla war. They fell into guerrilla hands on March 26 when their helicopter went down in Eritrea province. Ever since, the men—Powers W. Case, 36, John W. Rogers, 50, both Texans, and Canadian Clifford James, 27, all employees of Tenneco, Inc., along with U.N. Geologist Matti Tavela, 54, an American working in Ethiopia—have been held. Their captors are members of the Eritrean Liberation Front (E.L.F.), which is waging a bloody secessionist battle.

Dimensions

Overall: 34.1 x 27.1 cm (13 3/8 x 10 5/8 in.)