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WM. BAWDEN IS STILL MISSING FROM HOSPITAL

Ever since early last Saturday morning when William Bawden, aged about 70 years, wandered away from the Nevada County Hospital, clad only in a night gown and a pair of socks, diligent search has been made to find him.

The man, who was received at the hospital Friday afternoon passed a rather restless night, having left his bed in an upstairs ward twice during the night. At 4:30 Saturday morning the night nurse, going through the ward noted that he was in bed apparently asleep. A little after 5 o'clock he was gone.

Superintendent Rodda was notified and diligent search of the hospital and grounds failed to disclose his whereabouts.

Mrs. M. B. Hoge, who lives north of the hospital, saw him at a little after 5 o'clock at a point across the Tahoe Ukiah highway from her home. No one has since seen him.

Sunday morning nearly 20 members of the American Legion responded to an emergency call and made a thorough search of the brush covered country between the highway and the Manzanita Diggings bank without finding the slightest trace of the man. Deputy Sheriff Rickard also assisted during the afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon Legionaires and the sheriff office force made another search of the section both north and south of the highway.

It is believed that the elderly man has fallen exhausted in some inaccessible place and it may be several days before the body will be found.