

Gas Fumes Kill Twins In Mine

POTTSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Carbon monoxide gas killed twin brothers in an abandoned mine on Sharp Mountain, about 10 miles from this Schuylkill County Community.

The bodies of Ralph Studlack, of Millersville, Lancaster County, and his brother George, of Elizabethtown, also Lancaster County, were found this morning. Both were 28.

The brothers were trying to pump out the abandoned mine before attempting to dig out coal. Gordon Smith, deputy secretary of mines, said they were using a gasoline motor that created gas fumes in the pumping operation.

The father of the men, George Studlack, notified the department of mines when his sons did not return home Wednesday night.

Authorities said George was in the Army stationed at Olmsted Air Force base near Harrisburg and he would return home when off duty to help his brother clear the water out of the mine. Ralph was said to recently have lost his job and planned to return to coal mining.

Both brothers were married. Ralph has one son and George three.

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