

February 6, 1915; Carlisle Mine, Carlisle, W. Va.; 21 Killed

Narrative: At 7:50 a.m. on Saturday, February 6, 1915 an explosion occurred in what is known as the Fifth Left Entry off the Main Third Right Entry of the Carlisle Mine.

This mine is operated by the New River Company at Carlisle, West Virginia. The section of the mine affected by the explosion is over one mile from the shaft. At the time the explosion occurred one hundred and seventy three men were at work in the mine. Only a small percentage of these, however, were in the affected area. Of this number 20 were killed, 4 were injured and one of the injured men died later in the hospital.

Cause of Explosion: Probably line brattice deranged allowing methane to accumulate at face and be ignited by miners open light.