

## **December 7, 1923; Black Hawk Mine, Happy, Ky.; 9 Killed**

*(From Bureau of Mines report, by H, Cote)*

At the time of the explosion between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. most of the men had completed their work and gone home; 16 men were in the mine.

The explosion at the face of room 1, 5th right entry, passed out the main haulageway and instantly killed a miner standing at the drift mouth, blowing him 150 feet into a gulch.

Six others in the mine were found dead, and 7 were recovered or escaped after injury from flame and gases, two dying after removal. Three others escaped uninjured.

Little damage was done to the mine, and the fan was soon restored, and the bodies recovered. Misplaced, blown-out shots of black powder on the solid caused a dust explosion (fig. 59).

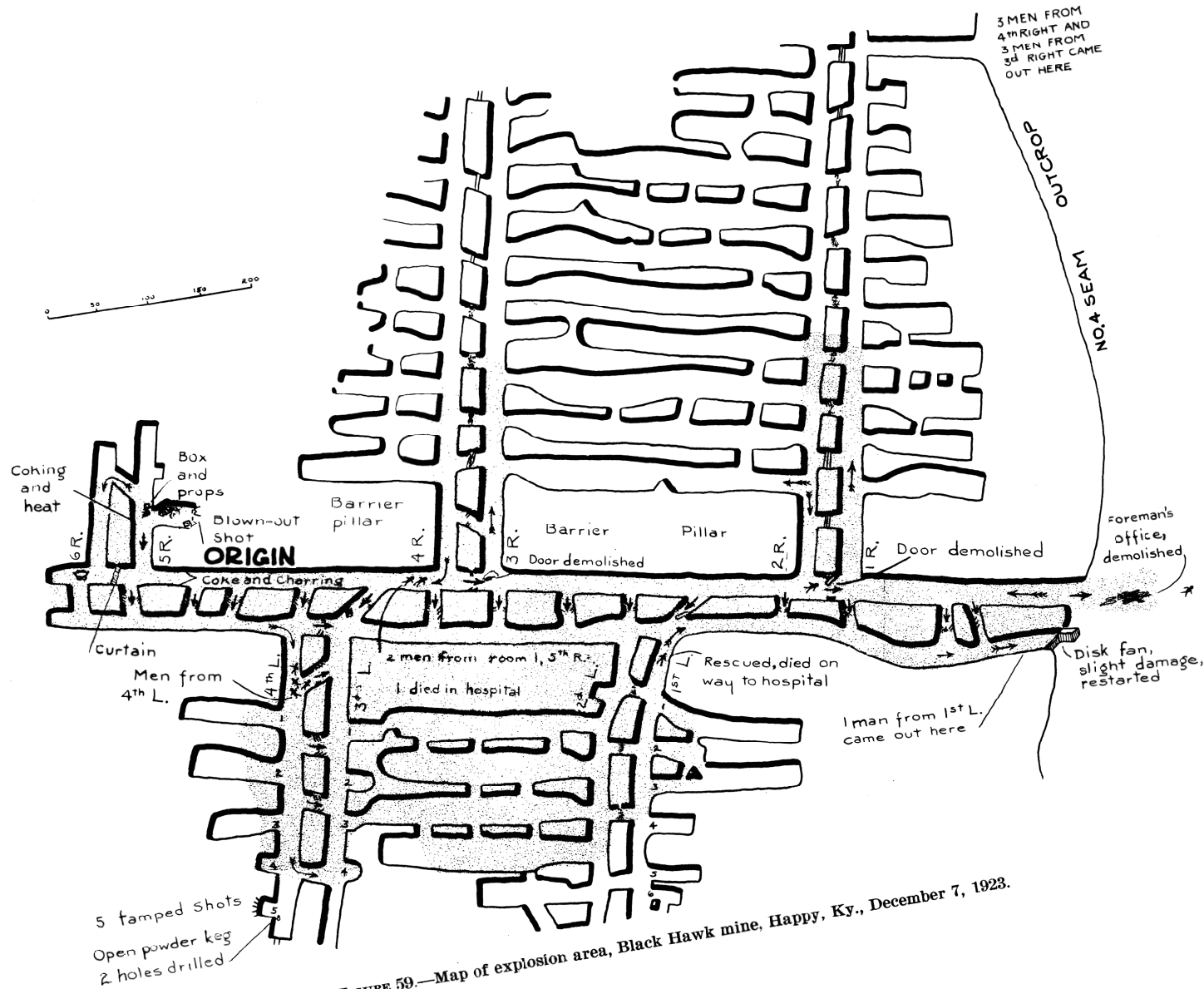


FIGURE 59.—Map of explosion area, Black Hawk mine, Happy, Ky., December 7, 1923.