

NELSON CREEK MINE BLAST ENDS 8 LIVES

Explosion Tuesday Proved Disastrous In Loss Of Life

A mine gas explosion in the Nelson Creek Coal Company's mine at Nelson Creek, Muhlenburg County, Tuesday afternoon, was the direct cause of the death of 7 men and one has since died from the effects of being overcome by gas while attempting to perform rescue work.

The list of dead is as follows: Peter Huter, 55, loader; Matthews King, 50, loader; Carl Brandon, 18, loader; Archie Huter, 29, driver; George Boren, 55, loader; Thomas Richardson, 42, laborer; Gabe Woodruff, 38, machine operator. Leonard Huter, died early yesterday morning, as a result of being overcome by gas fumes in rescue work.

Cecil Fulkerson, 36, mine foreman; Harlan Alford, 32, assistant electrician were reported as being in a serious condition. They were also injured in rescue work, while Len Richardson, 43, a timber man, also sustaining injuries in rescue efforts was reported as being out of danger.

The body of Tom Richardson was buried Wednesday at Nelson. The other six who died as a direct result of the blast were buried yesterday.