

Thirteen Miners Killed In Blast

Dust Explosion Spreads Death In
Irvona Mine—Three Others
Rescued

Coalport, Pa., Aug. 15 (AP).—Thirteen bodies were removed late tonight from the No. 3 mine of the Irvona Coal and Coke Company, in which workings a blast occurred this afternoon. One miner was brought out alive and rescue workers stated that all men were now accounted for.

There were 150 men in the workings at the time of the blast, and officials of the company stated that had the explosion happened 15 minutes later the mine would have been clear of men.

Most of the bodies brought out were badly mangled and practically all were without clothing, denoting rescue workers, said, that the explosion was of terrific force. The explosion was confined to No. 3 south section, which is located about three miles from the mouth of the mine.

Mine rescue crews from several nearby mines were sent to the No. 3 mine after the blast, and rescue efforts were started at once. The United States Bureau of Mines at Pittsburgh also was notified and a safety car was dispatched to Irvona.

A dust explosion occurred in the third south section of the mine, according to officials, just as the day shift was leaving the mine. The cause of the explosion was not known.

Two of the men who escaped were unhurt, while the third was reported as probably fatally burned. Coalport is in the southern part of Clearfield county, and Irvona is an adjoining mining town.