BURIED 6 DAYS, FOUND ALIVE

Negro Coal Loader in Mather Mine Explosion is Found by Rescue Party

Mather, Pa., May 26. (AP)—Entombed for more than six days in the ruins of Mather Mine, after an explosion there last Saturday afternoon, John Wade, 38, a negro coal loader, today was re-united with his wife and three children, after having been mourned as dead.

He was found sitting about two miles back in the mine, by rescue teams seeking the remaining dead, last night.

Seemingly none the worse for his experience, he was taken to an emergency hospital. Physicians said that barring danger of pneumonia, he was practically sound. He said he had wandered about the workings and had lived on contents of miners' food buckets he found in various sections of the mine.

Wade's only complaint today was that his feet hurt. His mind was no clear as to what happened in the darkened tunnels after the explosion He had "walked and walked" until so weakened that he was forced to sit down, and in this position he was found by the rescuers. Wade said he knew he would be saved because "I prayed all the time and had faith in God".

Asked by mine officials if he knew of any other living in the workings, Wade said he could not remember. The man was exhausted by his long entombment, and frequently fell asleep while being questioned.

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