

# MINER BURIED 8 HOURS RESCUED AT COALDALE

Slides of Coal Twice Imprisoned  
Him With Rescue in  
Sight

Imprisoned eight hours beneath slides of coal and earth that buried him twice when rescue was in sight, Robert Parfitt, 25, Coaldale miner, was liberated alive from a shaft in Number 8 mine at Coaldale at 5 o'clock last night. He had been kept alive during the day by means of oxygen lines brought to him when the debris was first removed from about his head, shortly after the accident happened at 9 a. m.

Parfitt was taken to the Coaldale  
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hospital where last night he was reported as resting comfortably and was expected to recover.

The accident happened yesterday

morning about nine o'clock after Parfitt and his partner, Jim Boyle, of Coaldale, had worked for some time in putting a new set of timbers in a chute being driven about the third level of the mine.

Boyle went to the surface seeking supplies and the new set of timbers apparently broke, sending the earth and coal down on top of Parfitt. Workmen nearby heard the fall and a rescue squad immediately began digging the imprisoned man out.

The debris was cleared and an oxygen line placed at the nose of Parfitt

as the workers began clearing the remainder of his body. They had nearly liberated him when another fall buried Parfitt again. The work was resumed once more and was near completion during the afternoon when another fall imprisoned Parfitt.

The work was resumed a fourth time and the workers were able to bring Parfitt from under the debris. He was living, the oxygen having saved him from suffocation and timbers near his body breaking the fall of the slide each time and averted injury.

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