

MINERS DIE BY AN EXPLOSION

Tragedy Occurs Last Night At Wolf Run Mine In Ohio.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 6—(U.P.)—Four men were dead today after an explosion at the Wolf Run mine north of here.

Thirty-one others, trapped when the mine caved, were rescued.

The dead:

Isaiah Boone, 50, and his brother, Joe Boone, 47, of Amsterdam, O., Albert James, 50, Bergholz, O., and Robert Russell, 27, Amsterdam, O.

Rescue squads worked nine hours through the blasted properties before they reached the bodies.

The men were trapped late last night when the mine, owned by the Warner Collieries Company, caved in except the four were brought safely to the surface within two hours.

Fifty men were organized into rescue squads and worked all through the night before they came upon the bodies about a half mile from the mine entrance. They were aided by a crew from the Bureau of Mines in Pittsburgh and squads from Roseveill and Perry, nearby mining communities.

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Take Bodies Out

The bodies were taken out shortly after dawn.

Most of the rescued miners were partly overcome by gas and had to be given emergency treatment. Wives and families of the entombed miners crowded around the mine entrance all night as rescue efforts went forward; among them was the young wife of Russell who is expecting a baby.

Sidney Weals, fire boss, collapsed after he had gone into the mine alone and was carried out unconscious two hours later by Richard Woodcock, one of a searching party.

Blown Fifty Feet

Glenn Wilson, 29, a loader, told investigators that he was blown 50 feet by the blast, which felt like a "powerful wind." He said his head struck the side of the mine wall.

E. L. Thrower, of Cleveland, general manager of the Warner Collieries properties, arrived several hours after the explosion and took charge of the investigation.

The Wolf Run mine employs about 300 men, most of them on the day shift.

Wolf Run is an isolated community about fifteen miles north of here. Most of the miners who work there live in Bergholz and Amsterdam.