

4 Miners Die In Explosion In Ohio Mine

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 in, were rescued.

The dead:

Isalah 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 wrecked mine before they reached the bodies.

The men were trapped last night when the mine, owned by the Warner Collieries Company caved in after a mysterious explosion. All except the four dead 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 Roseville and Perry, nearby mining communities.

The bodies were taken out shortly after dawn.

Most of the rescued miners were partially overcome by gas and had to be given emergency treatment. Wives and families of the entombed mine 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.

Glenn Wilson, 29, a loader, told investigators that he was blown 50 feet. The blast 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.

It was the scene of an explosion in 1930.

Wolf Run is an isolated community about 15 miles north of here. Most of the miners who work there live in Bergholz and Amsterdam.