

## MINER BURIED AN HOUR IS RESCUED ALIVE

John Butcher, 42, of Kulpmont, had a miraculous escape from death Wednesday morning when he was trapped for three hours beneath a fall of top in the bootleg coal hole he was working three miles from Kulpmont.

A nearby miner heard the fall and investigated found the roof and side had fallen in.

The accident happened at 9:30 o'clock and at 10:30 o'clock the rescue workers were amazed when they found Butcher alive when they uncovered his head.

He was removed two hours later and carried on foot into Kulpmont because the drifts prevented trucks or ambulances from approaching.

He is a patient in the Shamokin hospital suffering from shock and contusions of the back and right arm.

Miners attribute the fact of his being rescued alive to the fact that he was covered with shelly coal, a light surface coal of porous texture through which air reached him.

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