

**Stanley Pushka, 45, Schuylkill Co., Rescued Alive; Suffers From Shock and Bruises**

**ANTHONY GRISTITUS IS STILL ENTOMBED**

**Fear Man Is Dead; Believed To Have Fallen Into Water-Filled Workings**

Working under the glare of hastily stung and powerful lights, a crew of rescue workers were still digging this afternoon toward the body of Anthony Gristitus, 50-year-old New Philadelphia independent miner who was entombed in his independent operation at Eagle Hill Saturday morning.

While rescue workers, laboring in cramped positions, dug and timbered their way ever nearer the spot where Gristitus' body is believed to be, those who were directing their efforts expressed the opinion that the dead miner would not be reached for a while.

Meanwhile Stanley Pushka, 45, who boarded with Gristitus and worked with him in the independent hole, was recovering in the Pottsville Hospital from the harrowing experience of being entombed. He was covered by the same fall that killed Gristitus but was removed alive and suffering only from shock and bruises by rescue workers shortly before 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

Pulled to the surface, Pushka walked away from the hole and said he "didn't want to go to a hospital." Friends persuaded him to enter the Pottsville Hospital ambulance which had been on the scene since early Saturday evening.

Working on opposite sides of their shaft, 40 feet from the surface, the two men had plunged into openings on either side when they heard the roar of the fall.

Gristitus, it is believed, fell into water-filled workings of an old mine vein below the surface of his own shaft.

The fifty miners who took their turns in the digging descended nearby holes and began to drive two tunnels toward the filled-in working. One was to reach Pushka, the other to recover the body of Gristitus. The narrow confines of the tunnel permitted only a few workmen at a time to enter. Frequent falls handicapped the rescuers and they had to timber every foot of the way. With sixty feet to drive to reach Gristitus' place of entombment, their progress was painful and slow.

Up on the surface hundreds of residents of New Philadelphia and nearby towns watched the rescue efforts. Gristitus' grief-stricken wife was there, still not quite sure her husband was dead.

## 1937 04 Stanley Pushka rescued from independent mine at Eagle Hill

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