

## MINERS RESCUED FROM TUNNEL

SUMMITVILLE, Colo., July 21.—  
(P)—Seven miners said today they sang songs and “swapped yarns,” while waiting nine hours to be rescued from a slide-closed tunnel in the Summitville gold mine a thousand feet below the surface.

Three of the men narrowly escaped being trapped beneath hundreds of tons of falling rock late yesterday. The slide broke through a chute paralleling the manway and closed the entrance to the tunnel.

James Mitchell, a hoist man, and Grover Bradley, a motorman, managed to dodge the avalanche of “much” rock and climb to safety up the shaft.

Travers McAte, foreman, also worked his way out as the slide descended.

The other four miners were working in the upper portion of the shaft and were not endangered by the slide.

The trapped men signalled to their fellow workers outside they were safe by tapping on an airline. Compressed air was pumped to them during rescue operations and they were equipped with carbide lamps.

Crews directed by Edward Thornton, general superintendent, finally broke through the loose rock and delivered the imprisoned men.

The mine is in the San Luis valley in southwestern Colorado, not far from Alamosa.

## 1937 Seven miners rescued from Summitville gold mine in Colorado

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