

Four Killed When Mine Hoist Falls

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 17 (AP)—A mine hoist crowded with 14 men broke from its hillside moorings in the Cabin Creek mining section Wednesday and rolled to the foot of the slope, killing four men and injuring 10 others.

The men were leaving the early morning shift at the Wyatt Coal company's mine at Laing and had stepped into the car to make the steep descent to the road below.

Five injured miners were



'Wild Man' From Michigan—Described as a "wild man" at the front and credited with killing 30 to 40 Japs in New Guinea fighting, Private First Class Orin Sutton (left) of Charlevoix, Mich., has his leg bandaged after stopping a Jap machine-gun bullet. Bandaging him is Private First Class Allie Poole of Petersburg, Mich. Sutton was back in action in 24 hours. (Associated Press.)

brought to the Kanawha Valley hospital in Charleston and another was taken to Laird Memorial hospital in Montgomery.

First reports were that the cable controlling the car broke.

The dead were Arthur Fannin, Charles Childers, negro, and

James Boswell, negro, all residents of Laing. Fannin and Rufus Childers died before reaching the hospital. James Boswell died a few hours later.

A witness said the men were "thrown all over the side of the mountain."

1942 Laing mine hoisting disaster

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