

Miner Rescued After 27 Hours Underground

Collinsville (AP)

Lost for more than 27 hours 200 feet underground in the tunnels of a Bunker Hill Coal company mine, 62-year-old John Millett was rescued Saturday but not before he apparently gave up hope.

With chalk on a piece of slate he had scribbled the words "You're five minutes too late."

Millett, a veteran mine examiner, was found unconscious several hundred feet from the central shaft by two Collinsville miners, Gabriel Seaton and Oliver Hughes.

Arthur Fletcher, a brother-in-law and a coach with the New York Yankees baseball team, said Millett related enroute to a hospital how he wrote the message in despair after one searching crew passed without seeing him where he lay helpless. He was treated for shock and exposure.

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