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STATE OF KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERALS

FATAL ACCIDENT REPORT

JAN 4 1949

DEPT. OF MINERALS
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

1. Name of person killed Albert C. Campbell
2. Age 34
3. Married or Single Married
4. Dependents 7
5. Nationality White American
6. Occupation Assistant Foreman
7. Length of time in service 13 yrs
8. Total Mining Experience 15 yrs
9. Date of accident 12/25/1948
10. Date of death 12/25/1948
11. Witnesses There was no eye witnesses, how ever Burnett Boggs was the first man to him.
12. Statement of injured person & Mr. Albert C. Campbell said (Quote) I did not have anything to do for a while so I sat down on the bench and lit a cigarette and fell asleep I must have dropped the cigarette when I woke my cloths were on fire, Unquote.
13. Location and how accident occurred This accident happened in the NO 30 mine office at Lynch, when Albert C. Campbell, went to sleep on a bench with a lighted cigarette in his hand and dropped the cigarette and set his clothing on fire Campbell was burned so severely that he died in the Lynch Hospital 7 hrs later.
14. Name of hospital sent to, if any, Lynch
15. Name of Company United States Coal and Coke Company
16. Mine NO 30
17. Post Office Lynch
18. County Harlan

Cause, in Detail, of accident

Campbell
This accident was caused by asst foreman going to sleep with a lighted cigarette in his hand which caught his clothing on fire, causing him to suffer 1st and 2nd degree burns that caused his death 7hrs later. The investigation reveled that Albert C. Campbell, asst foreman third shift at Lynch, NO 30 mine. Worked on the night of the 23 coming off shift at 7:00 A.M the morning of the 24. After coming off shift Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hicks, went to Big Stone Gap, Va, and according to Hicks, they were out all day until 9:30 P.M. Campbell was suppose to be at the mine office for work at 11:00 P.M. but did not check in untill 11:45 P.M. Arnold Prewitt, checked Campbell in and checked him self out and went home leaving every thing to Campbell, Prewitt was the second shift asst foreman. There was no men in the mine on the third shift and Campbell, didn't have any thing to do except stay in the office and make a fire run before going off shift. It is the opinon of the investigator that had this man had the proper amount of sleep before going to work he would have ~~been~~ not been asleep on the job and this accident would not have happened.

Dr. L. E. Payton, said (Quote) No evidence of intoxication, unquote.

Recommendations:

(NO 1) That workmen not attempt to sleep on the job regardless of thier position.

(NO 2) That if the official in charge of a shift has reason to belive that a workman coming on shift has not had the proper amount of sleep and rest to enable him to be alert and stay awake not permit him to work.

Date of Investigation 12-31/1948

Sam Bates
District Inspector