BULKY OXYGEN TANK HAMPERS RESCUERS

Two miners were rescued from the end of a 100-foot, almost perpendicular, slope yesterday at Pottsville after they had been overcome by "after damp," dread death-dealing mine gas.

Albert Galesky, 50, New Philadelphia, was rescued shortly after Kenneth Weikle, St. Clair, discovered the two unconscious miners.

But it was nearly four hours before Joseph Flannery, 48, also of New Philadelphia, was revived enough to be moved down the slope and the two and one-half miles to the mine entrance.

Rescue workers headed by William Brown, rescue instructor of the Philadelphia Reading Coal and Iron Co., pointed out there was not sufficient room in the slope to remove Flannery and the oxygen tank at the same time.

Nine tanks of oxygen were used before the rescuers decided it was safe to lower Flannery down the slope to a coal car. Flannery was taken to Warren Hospital in Pottsville and placed in an oxygen tent.

The Rev. Arthur Nugent, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Pottsville, and Dr. Mary Kingsbury donned miner's helmets and went into the mine to aid the rescue workers.

Al Clarkson, superintendent of the mine operation of the Lohb Coal Co., on Sharp mountain, said Flannery and Galesky apparently went into the area too soon after setting off a shot of dynamite.

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