

Two are killed in mine rock fall

BESSEMER, Ala., July 21—Two Republic Steel Corporation coal miners were killed and two were injured, one seriously, in a rock fall at the Virginia Mine, seven miles west of Bessemer, Saturday.

The dead were identified as Joe Bosch, 52, of Brookwood, a loading machine helper, and Isaac Brown, 41, Negro, of Route 8, Bessemer.

Claude Tillery, 42, of 1820 Sixth Avenue, Bessemer, suffered a crushed pelvis in the accident. He was admitted to Bessemer General Hospital.

Clifford Smith, 40, of 9 Fourth Avenue, Southwest, Birmingham, was slightly injured. He was treated at Bessemer General Hospital and dismissed.

W. J. Bailey, superintendent of industrial relations for Republic Steel, said the rock fall occurred while the men were loading coal with a Joy loading machine.

1951 Virginia mine fatalities



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Mr. Joe Bosch died underground in a fall of roof accident at 5:35 A.M. He is survived by a wife. Isaac Brown and Claude Tillery were also killed. Claude Lee Tillery died on July 22, 1951. He is survived by a wife and 1 orphan. Isaac Brown died on July 21, 1951. He is also survived by a wife and 1 orphan.

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