

## Miner Rescued; Trapped Six Hours by Iron Ore Cave-in

**DOVER, Aug. 21 (AP)**—Emergency crews early today rescued a miner who was trapped six hours by a cave-in at an iron ore mine.

The miner, 51-year-old John Fortner of Rt. 46, Mine Hill, was brought to the surface shortly after 2 a.m., and taken to Dover General Hospital.

Another miner, Robert Allen, 47, Hamburg, was hurt in the cave-in last night, but managed to scramble out of the path of the falling muck, which consists of bits of iron ore. He was treated for minor cuts and released.

During the rescue operation, the crews were able to keep a running conversation with Mr. Fortner. When they reached him, he was found pinned by the ore.

Of the workers in the mine at the time of the cave-in, only Mr. Fortner and Mr. Allen were in the vicinity of the falling ore.

Police said the cave-in at the Scrub Oak Mine of the Alan Wood Steel Co. apparently was caused by previous blasting.

The rescue workers dug a pathway to Mr. Fortner and found him on the fifth slope of the lower level, about 1,800 feet below the ground.

The local Salvation Army unit—headed by Lt. Thomas Smith—was at the scene to supply the rescuers with hot coffee. Late in the night, Lieutenant Smith hurried to the hospital, where his wife gave birth to a son. After visiting his wife, the new father came back to the rescue scene.

### 1953 Iron ore miner rescued after 6 hours

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