

Trapped Miners Rescued After 12-Hour Wait

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. — (P) — Two miners, trapped while working at the bottom of an anthracite mine 1,500 feet underground were rescued Monday night after a perilous 12-hour wait.

Walter Olshefski, 41, of Inman Park, a section boss, and Earl Hill, 33, of Hunlock Creek, were examined by a company physician and reported in good condition.

The miners were working at the bottom of an anthracite vein at the Buttonwood colliery of the Glen Alden Corp., when an explosion and fire broke out.

A rescue party penetrated an auxiliary shaft to the 200-foot level and heard the trapped men about 800 feet further down in the mine. The rescuers then dropped bucket seats down, and the two miners were hauled to safety.

1957 Buttonwood Colliery miners rescued after 12 hours

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