

Miner Killed, 7 Gassed in Blast at Mine

LORDBURG, N. M. (UPI)—One miner was killed and seven other men gassed yesterday as the result of a dynamite blast at the Banner copper mine, five miles south of here.

Reports of other miners trapped were dispelled when rescue workers finally were allowed to enter the gas-filled tunnel 1,300 feet below ground.

Rescue workers reported about 7:30 p.m. that all victims were found.

Mine manager Frank Bowman was not available for comment, but other sources said the miners apparently set off a blast before noon, ate lunch while waiting for the tunnel to clear, but then were felled by the poisonous fumes as they re-entered.

1961 Seven miners rescued overcome by gas in Banner copper mine

