

Rescued Miner In Good Condition After Roof Collapses, Traps Him

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (UPI) — William Nabors was resting in West Virginia University Hospital Friday after spending five chilling hours Thursday night trapped deep in a northern West Virginia coal mine.

Nabors, 60, of Cheat Creek in Monongalia county, and two other miners on a work shift of 125, were operating a continuous mining machine, when the roof collapsed Thursday evening in Christopher Coal Co.'s Arkwright No. 1 mine, which tunnels through Granville and Indian Creek, W. Va.

Robert Moss, 30, of Fairmont, and William Crigler, 40, of Mount Morris, Pa., escaped the massive slate fall with minor in-

juries, but Nabors was entombed beneath a maze of slate.

Work stopped at the mine, and rescue workers began a piece-by-piece task of tunneling to Nabors, who remained in contact with them and a physician, Dr. Jerome Johnson, throughout his ordeal.

Nabors was removed from the labyrinth, two miles from the mine's portal and 600 feet beneath the surface, shortly before midnight. Some coal mining equipment shielded Nabors from direct impact of the slate fall.

Nabors was in the University hospital early Friday for X-rays. His condition was described by a hospital spokesman as "good."

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