

Miner Is Rescued After Trapped in Pit for 14 Hours

Pottsville, Pa. -(AP)- Entombed 14 hours in a small independent coal mine where he was trapped by a rock fall, George Selva, 26, was rescued yesterday by emergency crews that worked feverishly all night to reach him.

At Pottsville Hospital, where he was taken for treatment for shock and minor bruises, his condition was described as good.

Selva, a resident of St. Clair, four miles north of here, told rescuers he could hear them digging for him, and was worried only by the possibility a machine he could hear at work might cause a further cavein that might crush him.

A message he tapped out on a rail of the mine track warned workers of his fears and operation of the bulldozer, which Selva thought was a shovel, were halted. The crews, composed mostly of miners from the St. Clair Coal Company, under guidance of local and State Police, completed the digging by hand.

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