

MINER RESCUED AFTER CAVE-IN

Conscious When Taken From 'Bootleg' Shaft After Sev- eral Hours' Work

Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 20.—(UP) — Edward Hartley, 23-year-old independent miner, was rescued safely tonight from a "bootleg" coal hole, several hours after he was trapped by a cave-in.

He was taken to the Pottsville hospital, where physicians said his condition was "fair."

Hartley was conscious when taken from the rudely-constructed shaft and talked with rescuers while being taken to the hospital. He was unable to walk. However, due to the pressure of the rock and dirt that covered him up to his neck after the slide.

The rescue was accomplished by a group of experienced miners from Salem Hill Colliery, on whose grounds Harley, his two brothers, James and Morris, and Arline Kriner was digging coal.

Rescuers succeeded in removing about half the debris from the man's body about an hour after the accident occurred. But as they labored tediously in the dangerous pit, its sides studded with loose rock, a second cave-in again piled dirt around the victim's body.

The sides then were timbered to prevent further slides. With most of the danger removed, rescuers, working two at a time in the narrow shaft, dug feverishly into the debris.

Within several hours, their efforts were successful. As they removed the last bit of earth from Harley's body, a rope was lowered into the pit and the man was pulled up. An ambulance, stationed at the surface, rushed him to the hospital.