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Youth Killed In Coal Mine

SILVERTON, Oct. 4 (Special)—A sudden cave-in in the Waldo Hills coal mine, seven miles south of here on Cemetery road, cost the life Wednesday of Vernon Tegland, 18, of Silverton, and sent two fellow workers to the hospital with painful, if not serious, injuries.

Hospitalized here were Claude Geer and Ray Gitch, both of whom were reported to have suffered severe bruises. Both men, rescued by digging crews before Tegland's body was recovered, aided rescue workers despite their injuries.

An attempt was being made to block off a soapstone formation 150 feet down in the shaft at the time of the cave-in, according to Frank Hobson, mine engineer. The mass slipped unexpectedly, trapping the three men. J. B. Miner, owner of the mine, was also on the scene and aided in rescue work. The mishap occurred about 2 P. M., and Tegland's body was recovered about three hours later.

Tegland was believed to have smothered. He was born here, and was registered for military service only last week. His parents, Silverton residents, are Mr. and Mrs. Sewart Tegland.