

On 7th July, Kevin Leech, trucker, Moore and Party's Colliery, was struck by a runaway truck and sustained fractured pelvis and right leg.

On 17th July, 1947, R. Wilkinson, rope-road worker, Denniston Colliery, sustained a simple fracture of the right forearm. He was pushing a full truck when another one came behind and jammed his arm between the two trucks.

On 17th July, 1947, F. J. Oakley, deputy, Liverpool Colliery, was struck by a fall of coal which fell off a face or slip in the roof and sustained a fractured leg, fractured ribs, and injuries to head.

On 30th July, 1947, B. Foster, miner, Liverpool Colliery, was struck by a small fall of coal which fell from the roof and he sustained slight injuries to head and dislocation of left hip.

On 1st August, 1947, H. Lindbom, shiftman, Dobson Colliery, was struck by a large piece of stone from the roof, sustaining slight fracture of the skull and scalp wounds.

On 6th August, 1947, Allan Coe, trucker, Millerton Colliery, slipped and fell on a haulage road, sustaining a fractured right fibula.

On 27th August, 1947, J. P. Magee, miner, and W. Whitfield, shot-firer, Dobson Colliery, sustained compound fracture of leg and fracture of collar-bone respectively. A shot had been fired in the miner's place, and when both men returned to the place a fall occurred, striking both men.

On 13th September, 1947, L. Heaphy, jun., Heaphy's Colliery, sustained a crushed left foot when the door of a railway wagon which he was loading fell on his foot.

On 24th September, 1947, A. Pattinson, miner, Dobson Colliery, slipped on a haulage road whilst walking into work and received a fractured fibula.

On 5th November, 1947, D. Blue, miner, Blackball Colliery, received a fractured left leg when a fall of side coal struck him on the leg.

On 24th November, 1947, F. Heslin, fitter, Strongman Colliery, whilst operating a power hammer in the workshops received a slight fracture of the skull when he was struck by a portion of a bolt.

On 28th November, 1947, T. Jackson, miner, Millerton Colliery, sustained a fractured left knee when a piece of coal weighing approximately 5 cwt. fell from the roof.

On 10th December, 1947, C. Parsonage, shot-firer, Strongman Colliery, was struck by approximately 2 cwt. of coal which fell from two concealed partings in the roof. X-ray examination revealed a minor fracture of the spine.

DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES IN COAL-MINES (Regulation 81, Coal-mines Regulations 1939)

Chandler's Opencast Mine, Murray Creek.—On 19th January, 1947, a fire broke out. Two pumps were installed and water was applied to extinguish the outbreak.

Liverpool Colliery, Rewanui.—On 19th February, 1947, a heating was discovered in No. 2 Bank, Morgan East. The section was later sealed off.

Central Mine, Reefton.—On 14th March, 1947, a fire occurred on fourth level. Stoppings were erected to isolate the area affected and the heating sealed off. On 10th April, 1947, a further heating occurred and was again sealed.

Glencrag Mine, Buller Gorge.—On 5th April, 1947, a fire was discovered along the outcrop in the opencast mine. A pump was installed and water applied to the seat of the fire.

Blackball Colliery, Blackball.—On 6th April, 1947, a heating was discovered in a fall of stone in the old workings to the left of the Sump Dip. Water was laid on and the heating extinguished. The area was later sealed.

Cascade Creek Mine, Cascade Creek, Denniston.—On 14th April, 1947, a fire broke out in the waste in Durkin's South Section. This outbreak was sealed by a series of stoppings after an attempt to sluice the heated material away proved abortive.

Morrisvale Mine, Reefton.—On 20th May, 1947, a heating was discovered in No. 2 Higrade Mine in the waste. The area was sealed by the erection of three stoppings.

Hillcrest Mine, Waitahu.—On 7th July, 1947, a heating was discovered to the rise of the main level. The affected area was sealed off by the erection of two stoppings.

Cascade Creek Mine, Denniston.—On 1st September, 1947, a fire broke out at top of No. 2 stopping which was erected to seal off a previous heating. Water was turned on and the outbreak was under control on 3rd September. An additional stopping was erected in front of No. 2 stopping.

Liverpool Colliery, Rewanui.—On 20th September, 1947, a heating was noted in No. 2 Section, Morgan East. The place was sealed immediately.

Alborn's Mine, Boatmans.—On 24th October, 1947, a heating occurred in the waste. Two stoppings were erected to deal with the outbreak.

Blackball State Colliery, Blackball.—On 25th November, 1947, a heating was discovered in the Crow's Nest Pillar Section. Stoppings were immediately erected after the discovery of the outbreak and the area closed off the same day.

Liverpool State Colliery, Rewanui.—On 4th December, 1947, an accumulation of 5,000 cubic feet of fire-damp was discovered in the Morgan West Dip Section. Men were withdrawn from the section and employed in the rearrangement of the ventilation. As a result of this rearrangement, the place was eventually cleared several hours later.