

Archived: Tuesday, 6 August 2013 8:20:49 AM
From: [Brian Andrews](#)
To: [Mark Parcell](#)
Subject: Re: Brian Andrews Collection - West Wallsend Colliery Explosion
Importance: Normal

Hello Mark,

The explosion stopped about 50 feet beyond the water barrier - no damage done to the belt road from there towards the face, the belt was perfect whereas leading up to the water barriers, the belt was turned and twisted as per the photos. I would have liked to have taken more photos of the damage BUT wasn't allowed underground with a camera until the colliery was working again.

Regards,

Brian Andrews

----- Original Message -----

From: [Mark Parcell](#)
To: [Brian Andrews](#)
Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 4:03 PM
Subject: RE: Brian Andrews Collection - West Wallsend Colliery Explosion

Thank you Brian,

I am just looking at them now. These are extraordinary. This is the stuff people hear about but never see. Your photos are magnificent. You have done a great thing by sharing them via Cultural Collections.

Regards,

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From: Brian Andrews [mailto:n_andrews@bigpond.com]
Sent: Monday, 5 August 2013 3:36 PM
To: Mark Parcell
Subject: Re: Brian Andrews Collection - West Wallsend Colliery Explosion

Hello Mark,

I don't know whether you have seen the latest of my photos on the Uni site.

There are some photos of the damaged water barrier on the belt road from 1 West Section. As the explosion went along the belt road towards the face, the water barrier did its job and put the explosion out - the machines recovered from 1 West & 2 West are also on. 3 West section was abandoned and the machines are still there naturally. There is also the small remains of a water barrier recovered. It was taken on the surface.

After I took the damaged water barriers on the 1 West Belt Road, I wasn't allowed to take anymore photos underground regarding the explosion - they were taken at the request of the colliery and when it was found out by others that I had taken the photos, the colliery was informed that I was NOT to take any more photos. The colliery considered it would have been good to show miners that the water barrier worked.

Regards,

Brian Andrews

----- Original Message -----

From: [Mark Parcell](#)

To: [Lyn Keily](#)

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 9:34 AM

Subject: RE: Brian Andrews Collection - West Wallsend Colliery Explosion

Thank you Lyn,

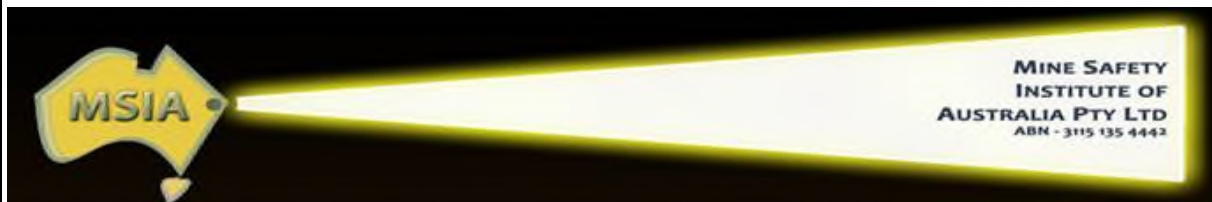
We run workshops and short courses to help people manage mines (some feedback attached). These photos are graphic examples of what we talk about. I will be pleased to reference Brian and the University of Newcastle, Cultural Collections as the source of the images.

Our presentations are workshops / small groups, rather than published manuals, so I don't think there is anything that is available for us to send you. When we talk about past events, it is important to show a graphic image to illustrate what we are talking about. There are none more graphic than these.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Regards,

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From: Lyn Keily [<mailto:Lyn.Keily@newcastle.edu.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2013 8:47 AM
To: Mark Parcell
Subject: Re: Brian Andrews Collection - West Wallsend Colliery Explosion

Hi Mark,

Brian and Cultural Collections are delighted for you to use the photos for this excellent project! Could you please acknowledge the photographer and the University in the credits? What kind of materials are in your training programs? If you are going to publish them, please send me the details and we'll order a copy. We hold the J & A Brown archives and this sort of material would sit very nicely with this collection as well as the other coal mining-related materials we hold.

I realise that you're in Brisbane, but if you happened to be down our way in the next fortnight or so you might like to have a look at the exhibition we've put together - People and Place | Coal and Community. We also have a website - <http://www.coalandcommunity.com/>

Cheers

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>>> On Monday, 29 July 2013 at 15:54, in message

<34829EE4F260ED4E8FD5DE21BF23EE350A3D3B72@MSISERVER.msi.local>, Mark Parcell

<mark@minesafetyinstitute.com.au> wrote:

HI Cultural Collections,

I would like to be able to make use of the photos of the West Wallsend coal mine explosion in training programs to prevent coal mine explosions. I have made reference to one photo, but would like to use all of them to give people understanding of the potential consequences of a coal mine explosion. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Regards,

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