CLYDESDALE COLLIERY DISASTER

Five Unanswered questions

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Memorial plaque

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Newspapers no longer in print
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Adjunk-kommissaris van Polisie in d'nbesoeck aan die ramptonveel by bring het, het 'n dringende beroep o geteelste mine te besoek nie. Reg voral met die oog op die naawond as verlede naawond, duisende mense en mense kan gerus tuisly, aange- in die gebied toegelaat sal word nie. I dat die werkers in die gebied — is doen om die vasgekeerde myn- gehinder word nie. Die gebied is geen picknickplek of ges"
56ft 6ins – Soil & Shale
19ft – Shale
42ft 6ins – Sandstone
117 ft 8 ins – Dolerite
20 ft – Sandstone
111 ft – Shale
31ft 9 ins – Sandstone & Shale
10 ft 13 ins – Shale and Coal
15 ft 2 ins – Sandstone & Coal
31 ft 5 ins – Sandstone
32ft 6 ins – Shale
11ft 4ins – Coal
Tunnel in which men were trapped.
1) Why was Colebrook required to step up coal production?

2) Why were miners prevented from leaving the mine?

3) Why was such poor compensation paid to black miners?

4) Why were Special Branch members at the mine?

5) Why did Unions and Government agencies not commemorate the event after 50 years?