

Q. What is it like in the mine?

A. About the same, same temperature, dark gotta have light where ever you go.

Q. Where there any strikes?

A. There were no strikes well I was working at the mine.

Q. How did you get there?

A. (oh) I traveled, I traveled back + forth in a car 12 miles roundtrip.

Q. Where there any lay offs?

A. There were no lay offs, six days a week.

Q. What did you eat?

A. A sandwich + an orange

Q. Where there any accidents?

A. There was one accident in the mine well I was there. A fellow by the name of John Solka was killed in an explosion.

Q. What tools were used for safety?

A. Safety equipment contained of a hat and goggles safety belts

Q. How long were your breaks?

A. (well) We had lunch break that lasted 1/2 to 15 minutes had to wait for smoke to clear before you went back in.

Q. Were there any rules stating that Finns had to work with Finns

A. You worked with everyone not just certain nationalities. You worked with the guys that needed a partner and that's the way it was till I quit working, I had to quit on a count of my health.

My name is Dennis Aho and I am interviewing Mr. John Aho on his experience in the mine.