RUHR MINE EXPLOSION TRAPS 550

The Monopol-Grimberg mine in Germany's Ruhr coalfield, where fire and underground explosions have claimed one of the biggest death rolls in mining history. 550 people, (among them three British officers) were trapped below ground when blast blocked the thousand-yard deep main shaft. British troops rushed to give assistance, and German rescue squads worked the clock round under our orders. Of 70 men brought to the surface, eleven were dead.

Last minute estimates say there is no chance of any of the people still trapped being found alive.