


On 12 January 1918 one hundred and fifty-five miners were killed following an explosion at the Minnie Pit in Halmerend. It was the worst disaster in the history of coal mining in North Staffordshire, a tragedy that moved the whole nation and inspired Wilfred Owen to write his poem 'Miners'.

It was also a most controversial disaster, with the official version of events being challenged during and beyond the inquest that was held in 1919. In this book for the first time the miners' own voices are heard, speaking to us directly from over a century ago.

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