

The 'Coal Miners Massacre Memorial Monument' at New Market Roundabout, Enugu, Enugu State, Nigeria.

REMEMBERING THE 21 COAL MINERS

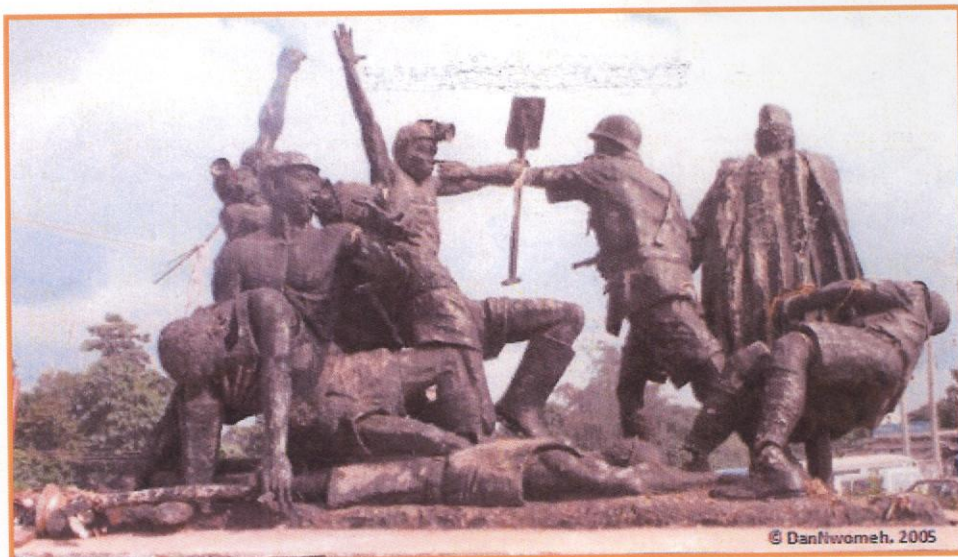
SHOT DEAD AT IVA VALLEY MINE

BY THE BRITISH POLICE ON NOVEMBER 18, 1949.

We have identified eight (8) victims so far — and the research continues!

1. Ani Nwangwu Onuigbo – foreman (Ngwo, Enugu)
2. Sunday - a hewer (Obazu, Mberi)
3. Levinus - a machine operator (Ohi, Owerri)
4. Moses - a machine operator (Umuohoho)
5. Simeon - a machine operator (Ubaha, Mbutu)
6. Nnaji - ...? (Ndibara, Amaimo)
7. Nwahu - an engine driver (Amuzi, Bende)
8. Thomas – a machine operator (Mbaha, Okigwe)

“ . . . Nigeria did not get its independence only on the oratorical gymnastics of Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe (Zik), the father of Nigerian nationalism. The fact is that Nigerian's independence from Britain was bloody, though not at the level of George Washington-led American struggle. No, it did not take a bloody war; but, nonetheless, it took blood – the blood of Enugu people (coal miners) – to trigger a national struggle.” - M.O. Ene. (2006)



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