

avalanche but was overwhelmed and knocked off his skis. He remembered being "real scared" when the snow from above began pouring over him, but still had the presence of mind to pull both arms up in front of his face. This action formed an airspace which, without a doubt, saved his life. The pressure on his

chest was great enough to make breathing very difficult.

Nye also related that he could easily hear the rescuers working over him, but his own shouts for help went unheard. Another example of this oneway propagation of sound through snow is given on No. 69-7.