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NOTEPAD TEMPLATE

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CATEGORY TEMPLATE. (Version IV) (170589)

Please tick those category boxes which are applicable for indexing.

STANDS

Spion Kop
North Stand
South Stand - Seated
 Standing

WEST STAND

Pen 1&2
Pen 5-7
PEN 3
PEN 4

POLICE OFFICER ON DUTY.

South Yorkshire
Merseyside
Nottinghamshire

POLICE OFFICER OFF DUTY

Merseyside
Nottinghamshire
South Yorkshire
Others

MEDIA

Press
TV
Radio

GROUND STAFF.

Steward
Turnstile Operator
Catering
Other

LOCAL RESIDENTS

House to House
Shopping
Other

PUBLIC

Letter
Telephone
Visit to Police Station

ANY CATEGORY NOT SPECIFIED

WITNESS CALLED TO INQUIRY

COACHES - Alcohol
 - Disorder
 - Police
 Check
 - Traffic
 Delay

LETTER REQUIRED Y/N

MEDICAL

Doctor
Police Surgeon
Surgeon
Pathologist
Nurse
St Johns Amb

SUPPORTERS

Liverpool
Notts Forest
Other

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire Brigade
Ambulance

RECOGNITION

Bravery Acts
Awards
Appreciation
Adverse Comments
Complaint

PUBLIC BODIES

Local Authority
Health & Safety
FA
Football Trust

CONSULTANTS & FIRMS

Safety
Construction
Other

SURGES IN GROUND

Team on Pitch
Hanson's Name
Kick Off
Ball hits X-Bar
Barrier breaks

CROWD SURGES O/S GROUND

Metal Gate forced
Gate 'C' to eject
Gate 'C' crowd in

PREVIOUS MATCHES

Semi Final 1981
Semi Final 1986
Semi Final 1988
Other State: _____

INVESTIGATION

Forged Tickets
Forcing Gates
Unauthorised access
Alcohol
Disorder

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*S. Yorks PC, duty Leake Rd. Station
Later assisted in the removal of bodies
from Per 3? 4413*

Surname TOMLINSON

Forenames

Age Date of birth

Address

Occupation POL DC40

Telephone

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Hair colour

Hair type

Eyes Complexion

Facial hair

Glasses Use Accent

Number of Pages

Dated 020589 Signed

I commenced duty on Saturday 15 April 1989 (150489) at 8.30 am (0830) engaged on uniform duties for the Liverpool/Nottingham Forest FA Cup Semi Final match at Hillsborough Football Ground, Sheffield. I was detailed to serial 28 i/c Police Sergeant Wilson from A1 Doncaster. We arrived at Hillsborough at 9.40 am (0940) and paraded in the North stand for briefing at 10 am (1000).

On completion of the briefing we remained in the North stand where we consumed a packed meal.

At 11 am (1100) I commenced duty at the junction of Leake Rd and Leppings Ln in company with DC2399 Wray. The purpose of our duty was to prevent non-residents from entering Leake Rd and non-residents cars from parking in this street. Barriers were placed across the junction to restrict access.

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For the first hour or so things were quiet but by about 12.30 pm (1230) fans mostly Liverpool were walking along Leppings Ln towards the ground. The fans were well behaved but a significant number were carrying cans of beer, bottles of wine or cider. Some were standing in small groups on Leppings Ln drinking.

It was also noticeable that many having reached the ground were walking back along Leppings Ln asking directions for the coach parks.

These fans were wanting tickets. They were also approaching other fans and asking for 'spares'.

By 2 o'clock (1400) the flow of fans along Leppings Ln was continuous and traffic was having difficulty making progress. I could see from the faces of the fans as they passed that many were the worse for drink. They weren't falling down drunk but had obviously been drinking. I thought to myself at the time it seemed that many of these supporters had tried to get 'as much ale' as possible down their necks before the start of the match.

Opposite the junction of Leake Rd and Leppings Ln is a small alleyway that leads to some bungalows and following a complaint that supporters were using the alleyway as a toilet, I positioned myself at the mouth of it to prevent further nuisance. Whilst I was standing here I saw one youth stop in Leppings Ln and he began to urinate openly in full view of everyone. I moved towards him but he ran off, his actions cheered by other supporters.

During my time at this location I was visited by my serial sergeant Police Sergeant Wilson and also my serial Inspector whose name I do not know except that he was based at Woodseats. He spent a fair amount of time in company with us.

I was not in possession of a radio and was surprised to see Special Constables who were patrolling in pairs each with the latest personal radio.

At 3 O'clock (1500) the crowd had dwindled to just a few but up to 3 pm (1500) the flow of supporters had remained continuous.

At 3.05 pm (1505) together with my ²⁶³⁰ serial Inspector I began to walk to Claywheels Ln for lunch leaving DC Wren on the junction.

As we walked along Leppings Ln I could hear messages on his Police radio but couldn't hear what was being said but it was obvious by the tone of what was being said that there were problems somewhere and we listened carefully. We then heard a message to the effect that everyone was required on the running track.

On hearing this we immediately turned round and began to walk quickly back to the Leppings Ln end of the ground. Whilst we were making our way back the Inspector attempted to contact Police control for instructions but could not get through. The messages that were being transmitted sounded to me to be very badly garbled. I saw that other officers were also hurrying along Leppings Ln on foot and in vans. On reaching the Leppings Ln end of the ground I saw a large number of officers waiting. Instructions were given to form a cordon across the Leppings Ln entrance.

There were very few supporters about at this time outside the ground. These supporters were ushered outside the cordon line. At this time no one knew what was happening or what had happened, some officers knew that the game had been stopped as I heard them tell supporters this.

Whilst I was standing on this cordon I overheard a conversation to the effect that there were casualties inside the ground and even people dead. As I seemed to be serving no useful purpose together with ⁷⁰²⁹ PC2127 Smart I made my way into Leppings Ln end of the ground by way of the turnstiles. On making my way across the open concrete area I saw people lying on the ground apparently unconscious being tended by others, also others who appeared to be injured sitting up.

It was my impression that there had been some sort of fight between rival fans.

I made my way onto the terracing by way of ~~the~~ tunnel under the West stand. This tunnel was clear. Together with PC Smart I cleared a way down the terracing to the fence, dividing paddock 41 from the pitch. I saw no casualties in this paddock but was subject to a certain amount of abuse from the crowd.

On reaching the area at the rear of the goalmouth in front of the West Stand, I saw that there were a number of bodies lying all over this area. I realised then that something of an extremely serious nature had happened.

There were a large number of civilians on the playing area, some attempting to resuscitate unconscious people, other evacuating people by using boards torn from the edge of pitch.

The situation was absolute chaos. I saw at this time approximately 15 bodies lying in the area at the rear of the goalmouth. I then went to

the gate that gives access from the pitch to paddock 31 where I could see bodies lying towards the bottom of the terracing. Together with

other officers I helped to remove these bodies through the gate onto the running track. This evacuation was done by officers carrying the body to the gate where myself and some other policemen took the body and manoeuvred it through the gate. The body was then removed by others away onto the pitch.

Whilst this was going on civilians were screaming abuse at some officers, others were just wandering about clearly distressed. There was no direction or control at this end of the ground, the whole thing was just out of control with people picking up bodies, putting them onto boards and carrying them away. We had no idea where the casualties were being taken to.

There was a point when the spectators in the West Stand began jeering

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and roaring and I feared that there would be a full scale pitch
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J TOMLINSON POL DC40 SIGNED

STATEMENT TAKEN
PLACE:

TIME: DATE: 020589

WITNESS TO SIGNATURE:

OFFICERS SIGNATURE:

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