

about to jump himself when he heard a cry for help. Looking back, Mr. Hustler saw a boy lying on the floor with his coat on fire. The blaze, by this time, was at its height. Paint was bubbling with the heat and burning debris was falling from the roof. Despite suffering severe burn injuries, to hands, head and legs Mr. Hustler returned and took hold of the boy and pushed him over the perimeter wall. A number of spectators rushed forward and carried the boy to safety. Mr. Hustler then pulled himself over the wall and ran to the centre of the pitch.

Mr. Gough had vacated his position in the main grandstand and saw a woman in difficulty attempting to climb the perimeter wall. Her hair was on fire. Mr. Gough ran to the wall, climbed it, and reached the woman. He hit her head to extinguish the flames. Mr. Gough took hold of her under both arms and pulled her to the wall. The heat of her coat burned his hands. Mr. Gough persisted and pulled the woman over the wall. He was joined by other spectators. Together they carried the woman to the safety of the playing area.

Chief Inspector Mawson was the senior operative police officer on duty at the ground. He went to the location of the initial outbreak of fire. The heat was intense. Burning bitumen and flaming roof felt fell from the roof. Chief Inspector Mawson ran forward towards the blaze and pulled a man to safety. As the fire spread, the officer proceeded along the full length of the stand, assisting with the evacuation and the rescue of spectators. At one point he saw a man totally ablaze. Chief Inspector Mawson ran to this man, grabbed hold of him by the arm and pulled him away from the immediate vicinity of the fire. Other officers and spectators assisted Chief Inspector Mawson to douse the man's blazing clothing.

Inspector Slocombe's initial involvement in the evacuation continued until the heat caused his tunic to catch fire and it had to be removed. Shortly afterwards, he saw that spectators were still in great difficulty. Inspector Slocombe ran forward taking a police officer's coat to use as a shield against the ferocity of the fire. He managed to grab an elderly man who had collapsed near to a perimeter wall. With assistance from a spectator he was able to pull the man away from the fire.

Chief Inspector Mawson and Inspector Slocombe were aware that a number of people were trapped in a toilet adjacent to the blazing stand. The officers ran towards the inferno and entered the toilet. With assistance from another police officer they took hold of three people. The group then ran from the toilet to the pitch, and had to avoid large quantities of falling debris on the way.

These four police officers and two civilians displayed outstanding courage and bravery. Despite severe fire and extremely dangerous conditions they acted in a way which endangered their personal safety in order to save lives.

Cyril Fawcett DONALDSON, Reserve Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Thomas Nigel TAYLOR, Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

For gallantry in Northern Ireland.

*Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct*

Christopher Paul ALLEN, Detective Constable, Sussex Police.

Martin John SAPWELL, Constable, Sussex Police.

For services in saving a distraught man who was partly suspended over the edge of a 200 feet high cliff.

Peter Donald BARRETT, Constable, West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police.

Michael William BLAND, Asbestos Remover, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Timothy Peter LEIGH, School Teacher, Bingley, West Yorkshire.

David Charles MIDGLEY, Constable, West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police.

For services leading to the rescue of spectators trapped by a severe fire at the Valley Parade football ground, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Derek John BILLINGHAM, Site Engineer, Robert Marriott Ltd., Rushden, Northamptonshire.

Gerard HIGGINS, Groundworks Foreman, Robert Marriott Ltd., Rushden, Northamptonshire.

For services during an attack by three armed men on a security vehicle.

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