

South Yorkshire Police officer a member of Serial 39 who supervised arrival of coaches in Halifax Rd before going to Peas 39 & Leppings Lane where he assisted with dead and injured.

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INCIDENT AT HILLSBOROUGH FOOTBALL GROUND

SHEFFIELD ON SATURDAY 15TH APRIL 1989 (150489).

CLIVE WAIN POLICE CONSTABLE 535 C1, UNIFORM.

I am a Police Constable of the South Yorkshire Police, currently stationed at Main St Police Station, Rotherham.

At 0830 hours on Saturday 15th April 1989 (150489) I paraded on duty at Main St Police Station, Rotherham, for the FA cup Semi Final football match between Liverpool FC and Nottingham Forest FC, to be held that afternoon at the Hillsborough Football Ground, Sheffield.

I was informed that I would be working in Serial number 39, under the supervision of Inspector MEAK and Police Sergeant DOYLE, and shortly afterwards my Serial and others were conveyed to Hillsborough by coach.

Once at the football ground all Serials congregated in the North Stand and at approximately 1000 hours, were briefed by Senior Officers. Informed that Serial 39's duties before the match were to supervise the arrival, parking and off loading of Liverpool supporters coaches on Halifax Rd.

At 1115 hours, in company with POL PC578 ROWLEY, I assumed position on Halifax Rd outside the lower entrance to the 'Wadsley Bridge' Working Men's Club. Coaches slowly starting to arrive.

At 1415 hours, coaches arriving in profusion. Large number of fans making their way to the Working Men's Club, White Lion Public House and Threshers Off Licence. Many fans appear good humoured and abundance of canned beer carried by fans. Many empty beer cans left on coaches.

Large numbers of Liverpool fans appear to be under the influence of alcohol, a number of which are spoken to regarding their behaviour by myself and PC ROWLEY. Throwing cans and beer at each other, etc.

One youth who appears very drunk is advised by me for urinating in the middle of Halifax Rd. At 2.45 pm some fans are still making their way to the Wadsley Bridge Working Mens Club. News received from other officers that Threshers Off Licence has shut shop due to the behaviour of fans. 2.50 pm Liverpool fans escorted down Halifax Road towards

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the ground. Halifax Road is now a mass of beer cans and bottles which are strewn on the roadside, pavement and gardens. One youth advised by PC ^{N7318} 2560 Ball in the presence of myself and PC Rowley for urinating in a front garden. Fans at this time do not seem to be in a hurry to get to the ground as they continue to drink from cans and beer bottles. Slowly making their way down Halifax Road. 2.58 pm fight inside the gate public house on arrival two youths were outside the pub. One a Liverpool fan the other a local. Youths squaring up to each other. Separated and advised that they would be arrested should they continue, other officers present. Many fans enquire regarding the availability of match tickets, informed none available at the ground but they continue to make their slow journey to the ground. 3.00 pm at junction of Claywheels Lane liase with serials 39 and 40 in preparation for meal break. At 3.02 pm as a result of a radio message received that there was a disturbance at the Leppings Lane end of the ground serials 39 and 40 make their way to that location. On arrival large numbers of supporters are in the roadway completely blocking the road and the entrance to the ground. Ambulance seen to arrive and slowly make its way through a mass of fans. I made my way to the turnstile entrance in company with other officers where a cordon is formed in front of the turnstiles to relieve pressure on the gates. Supporters are urged to retreat and cease pushing forward to effect entry into the ground. Many fans are abusive and large numbers appear to be under the influence of intoxicants. Horses also in attendance. Order then given for serials 39 and 40 to enter the rear of the Leppings Lane Terrace through open gate and tunnel into the middle section of terracing behind the goal. At this time I saw bodies of Liverpool fans laid in the tunnel and also many scattered on the floor in the terracing section near to the front wall and fencing. I made my way through the tunnel down towards the fence behind the goal and

Rowley

as I was doing so one supporter grabbed hold of me by the front of my coat shouting, "You black cunts. Look at this, this is your fucking fault." I do not make a reply to the youth but pushed him aside in order to get to the front of the terracing where the bodies were laid. At this time myself and ^{N7325} PC 14 Quayum were split up from the rest of the serials 39 and 40 and I began to assist the human chain of Police officers which had formed passing the bodies of supporters to the back of the terraces and through the tunnel. I assisted to pass several bodies none of which I could describe except to say that they were all male and aged between 20 and 30 years. The perimeter fence was shortly afterwards forced open and I went on to the football pitch to assist with the many bodies and injured supporters that had been removed from the terraces. Many fans at this time were very aggressive towards the Police shouting, "Murderers." Most of which appeared to be under the influence of intoxicants. A large number of supporters were also helping the Police in their attempts to resuscitate bodies and render first aid. I saw a youth aged approximately 18 yrs laid on his back with vomit around his mouth and face. I placed this youth into the recovery position noticing that his breathing was in order, I also noticed that this youth smelled strongly of intoxicants. Many of the bodies that were beyond help were covered with coats and I assisted with other officers and supporters to convey these bodies across the length of the pitch to the rear of the North Stand. Advertising boards from the sides of the perimeter area of the pitch were used as makeshift stretchers. I made four journeys to the rear of the North Stand with bodies placing them on the ground alongside the many that already lay there. Injured supporters I could see had been moved to an area of the pitch near to the players tunnel. Two ambulances arrived and travelled the full length of the pitch to get to the scene. Police officers form a

cordon on the half way line of the pitch and a small number of Liverpool fans rushed at the cordon in an attempt to get to the Nottingham Forest end of the ground. The Fire Service also attend at the ground. A section of the crowd run and attack a photographer that is present in the goalmouth at the Leppings Lane End and shortly afterwards Kenny Dalglish the Liverpool FC Manager makes an announcement over the public address system urging Liverpool supporters to calm down and assist the Police and other emergency services. The victims of this incident by now appear to have been removed from the terracing and football pitch. At 4.20 pm an announcement was made to the effect that the game would be postponed until further notice at a later date. Supporters were asked to remain seated and in their respective standing positions for the time being. On hearing this the supporters cheered and started to disperse from the ground, large numbers of Police Officers also left the ground to supervise the large numbers of fans outside. A short time later serials 39 and 40 liaised on the pitch and made their way to the (North Stand where at 5.45 pm a de brief took place conducted by various senior officers where the majority of the serials were stood down. Along with other officers I was conveyed by bus from Claywheels Lane back to Main Street Police Station, Rotherham, arriving at 6.55 pm. 7.00 pm off duty. Only sergeants and Inspectors and above had a personal radio during and before this incident.

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South Yorkshire Police (Office) who entered Pen 3 via tunnel where he assisted with dead/injured before going on to pitch where he carried deceased person one of which is believed to be McAllister Body 26.

STATEMENT NUMBER S2729A

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Surname WAIN

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Age 23 Date of birth

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Occupation POL PC535

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Dated 240190 C WAIN POL PC535 Signed

I make this statement further to my recollection dated 25/6/89 (250689).

On entering the ground at just after 3 pm (1500) on Saturday 15th April 1989 (150489), I went across the concourse at the rear of the Leppings Lane stands and directly down the tunnel that leads to the terracing behind the goals.

SOE

The tunnel was full of people but I was aware of bodies on the left-hand side of the tunnel. There were police officers dealing with them. I carried on down onto the terracing and went to the right-hand side which I am now aware of being Pen 3.

Entered Pen 3

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The pen itself was still quite crowded but I could see a pile of people lying at the front, near to the fencing.

There were quite a number of officers and fans getting involved and we became engaged in passing bodies over our head towards the tunnel. It is impossible to say if they were dead or alive, except that they were, in the majority, unconscious.

It is not possible for me to describe any of those persons that I passed back.

The flow of bodies being passed back stopped but I could see that assistance was still required at the front so I made my way towards there and saw a hole had been forced in the fence.

Whilst making my way to the front I saw a barrier had been pushed forward and there were still bodies around it.

I made my way out onto the pitch through the hole in the fence as I could see a large number of bodies lying on the pitch that obviously needed help.

I assisted one injured fan who was apparently recovering. I then assisted to carry four bodies from the pitch to the area behind the North Stand.

The only one I can remember anything about was the last body I helped carry. This man was lying in the six-yard box of the goal area, almost on the six-yard line, to the left-hand side of the goal as you look at it.

As far as I remember, I was the only officer to help carry this body on a hoarding. I ran at the front with the body lying with its feet at my end of the board.

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action to
show videos
& photographs
This could
be McAllister
N 546
Body 26
copy file
of deceased
N/A*

I would describe this man as 25-30 years old, 5'10", and of a plumpish build. His face was covered with a coat, I can't remember what type it was. He was wearing a buttoned-up shirt which had been pulled up. He had dark, collar length hair and was clean shaven. He was wearing jeans

As far as I remember, he was wearing cowboy boots but I may be mistaken.

This body was placed with others at the rear of the North Stand.

I had no further contact with this deceased or any others.

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