Preliminary Analysis of Fire Reports from Fire Brigades in Great Britain, 1958

The results of a preliminary analysis of reports show that during 1958 the Fire Brigades attended approximately 90,400 fires in England and Wales and approximately 10,400 in Scotland. The number of incidents attended by each Fire Brigade is given in Table 1.

In England and Wales, two firemen lost their lives and approximately 280 firemen were injured. The Fire Service assisted in the rescue of approximately 280 persons from dangerous situations. In Scotland no member of the Fire Service was killed and approximately 30 were injured. The Fire Service assisted in rescuing approximately 30 persons from dangerous situations. Further details are given in Tables 2 and 3.

The totals of fires quoted on this page have been rounded off to the nearest hundred, and the totals of non-fatal casualties and of persons rescued to the nearest 10: exact figures will be given in the detailed returns which will be prepared later in the year.
Table 1
FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1958

Note: The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 20th February, 1959; they are subject to slight revision as further information is received.

Column 1 shows the number of attendances at fires other than those confined to heathland or grassland.

Column 2 shows the number of attendances at fires confined to heathland or grassland.

Column 3 shows the total number of attendances.

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<td><strong>Total number of fires attended in Scotland</strong></td>
<td>8,640</td>
<td>1,710</td>
<td>10,350</td>
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Table 2

NATURE OF INJURIES OF CASUALTIES IN FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1958

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<th>Nature of injury</th>
<th>England and Wales</th>
<th>Scotland</th>
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<td>Fire Brigades</td>
<td>Other Casualties</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Fatal casualties</strong></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Burns and scalds</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>298</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overcome by gas or smoke</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>77</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other and undefined injuries</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>388</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Non-fatal casualties</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Burns and scalds</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bruises, cuts, abrasions</td>
<td>114</td>
<td>121</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dislocations, sprains, fractures</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>26</td>
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<tr>
<td>Overcome by gas or smoke</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>186</td>
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<td>More than one of above injuries</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>58</td>
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<tr>
<td><em>Shock</em></td>
<td>2</td>
<td>230</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other and undefined injuries</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>53</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>283</td>
<td>2,674</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total casualties</strong></td>
<td>285</td>
<td>3,062</td>
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Note: The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 20th February, 1959: they are subject to slight revision as further information is received.

* Casualties who suffered shock in addition to another injury have been classified according to the nature of the other injury.
### Table 3

**PERSONS RESCUED OR ESCAPED BY EMERGENCY MEANS FROM FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1958**

*Note:* The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 20th February, 1959; they are subject to slight revision as further information is received.

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<tr>
<th>Appliances or methods used</th>
<th>Number of persons</th>
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<td></td>
<td>England and Wales</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Rescue with Fire Brigade assistance from</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Aircraft</td>
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<td>Buildings</td>
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<td>Automatic escape line</td>
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<td>Escape (hand operated)</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Ladder, extension first floor</td>
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<td>hook</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>scaling</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Turntable (mechanical)</td>
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<td>other or undefined</td>
<td>24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ladder and line</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Oxycetylene cutting gear</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Without apparatus</td>
<td>131</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ships</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Caravans</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>276</td>
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<td><strong>Rescue without Fire Brigade assistance from</strong></td>
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<td>Aircraft</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buildings</td>
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<tr>
<td>Carried or assisted out</td>
<td>256</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jumping sheet</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ladder</td>
<td>60</td>
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<td>Lowered from windows, roof, etc.</td>
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<td>Other or undefined methods</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ships</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Road vehicles</td>
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<td>Caravans</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>417</td>
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<td><strong>Escape by emergency means from</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Aircraft</td>
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<tr>
<td>Baled out</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Through exits or from debris</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Buildings</td>
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<tr>
<td>Climbing over roof</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>Fixed fire escape</td>
<td>18</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jumping from upstairs window, roof</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ladder</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sliding down drainpipe, sheets, rope, etc.</td>
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<td>Through ground floor windows</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>316</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total persons rescued or escaped</strong></td>
<td>1,009</td>
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In addition, one man was rescued, without F.B. assistance, from a lime kiln and two men escaped from a temporary farm building.