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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
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ANY CATEGORY NOT SPECIFIED

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- ### COACHES
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MEDICAL

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- Pathologist
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SUPPORTERS

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RECOGNITION

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PUBLIC BODIES

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- Health & Safety
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- 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 1956
- Semi Final 1988
- Other State: _____

INVESTIGATION

- Forged Tickets
- Forcing Gates
- Unauthorised access
- Alcohol
- Disorder

South Yorkshire Chief Superintendent responsible for Policing 1988 Semi-Final
and who attended ground after tragedy to continue
supervisory duties instead of Chief Superintendent suchfield

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Dated 190589 B.L. Mole Signed

I am a Chief Superintendent in the South Yorkshire Police and am currently the Divisional Commander of the Barnsley Division of the Force.

I was appointed a Constable in the Sheffield City Police in October 1963 and served in Uniform and CID Duties as Constable and Detective Sergeant, until 1974 when I was promoted to the rank of Inspector. For a period of two years I served as Staff Officer to the then Chief Constables and during that time had responsibility for the planning of major events in the form of Royal visits, in liaison with the Lord Lieutenant of the County and had a particular responsibility for War Duties.

In 1976 I was promoted to Chief Inspector and posted as Deputy Sub Divisional Commander to the Sheffield Central Division (D1 Sub

Division) where I remained in post until 1979. During my time in the Sheffield Central Division, I was responsible for the policing of football matches at Sheffield United Football Ground and for the planning and arrangement of various marches and demonstrations associated with normal City life.

In 1979 I again transferred to the Research & Development Department with particular responsibility for planning public order training and policy.

In the October of that year I was promoted to Superintendent and appointed as head of the newly formed Operations Division.

Almost immediately upon appointment to Steel Strike commenced and I was responsible for Police operations and planning in connection with that matter. During that time I had particular involvement at the Hatfields Steel Works which was the scene of much disorder and heavy picketting.

In December 1981, I transferred from the Operations Division and returned to the Sheffield Central Sub Division as Sub Divisional Commander and again had some responsibility for football matches and marches and demonstrations in the City Centre.

In the March of 1982, I took up the post of Detective Superintendent in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department in the Sheffield North Division. However, within 3 months I was appointed the Deputy Divisional Commander of that Division.

I remained as the Deputy Divisional Commander until October 1985 when I was promoted to the rank of Chief Superintendent and appointed Divisional Commander of the Division where I remained until the 27 March 1989, when I was transferred as Divisional Commander to the Barnsley Division.

During my time in the Sheffield North Division, as Deputy Divisional Commander and Divisional Commander, I was deeply involved in the

planning and command of operations associated with Sheffield Wednesday Football club and in fact in 1987 was the Officer commanding the semi final between Coventry City and Leeds United and in 1988 the match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. In addition, in 1984 during the Miners dispute, I was involved in the policing of picket lines in Nottinghamshire, Orgreave, Doncaster and Barnsley and at times took control of the Force Control Room dealing with the deployment of personnel to picketting situations.

So far as both the 1987 and 1988 semi finals are concerned, I was directly responsible for the planning and liaison with the management of Sheffield Wednesday Football Club and the Football Association. On both occasions negotiations were entered into concerning the allocation of seating areas to opposing fans and the decision was taken that one team would be allocated the South Side and the Kop and the other team the North Side and the West Side and Leppings Ln Terraces. The decision was based on the geographical location of the Stadium and was in an effort to ensure complete segregation of supporters to prevent confrontation and public disorder.

Consideration was given to other methods of deployment, but on balance it was felt that this was the most appropriate separation.

In connection with both the semi final in 1987 and 1988, this policy as followed and the operations were successful.

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of McKrell*
In 1989 during the week prior to Monday 20 March 1989, I was approached by ^{N3144} Mr Graham McKRELL the Secretary of the Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, who indicated that once again he might be asked to stage the semi final, possibly between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. He asked if I would be able to confirm that we could Police such an event and I indicated that we would receive any proposal in a favourable manner should the situation arise. I again indicated that if we did stage that event, I would ask that the same

segregation procedures were utilised as in previous years and that Liverpool would be allocated the North Stand, West Stand and Leppings Ln Terrace and Nottingham Forest the Kop and South Stand as in the previous years.

On Monday 20 March 1989, I was again contacted by Mr McKRELL who ^{N 3144} confirmed that he had been asked by the Football Association to stage the semi final between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest. He did say that the Football Association had asked if the allocation of seats could be reversed in that they would like more facilities for Liverpool fans. I once again pointed out the reasons for the decision taken the previous years and after confirmation of the ACC (Operations) ^{N 2831} Mr W W JACKSON, I confirmed that there was no possibility of change and that that was the only manner in which I would be prepared to Police such an event. Mr McKRELL indicated that he would have to take the matter back to the Football Association before the final decision was reached.

I believe it was later that same day that Mr McKRELL contacted me and said that the Football Association had accepted the position and that we would be asked to Police the semi final on the 15 April 1989 (150489) and that the ticket allocations would be in accordance with our plans for the previous year.

As a consequence of this information I spoke to Superintendent MURRAY and Inspector SEWELL at Hammerton Rd Police Station and at 3pm (1500) that day made arrangements for a meeting to be called for Wednesday 22 March 1989 (220389) in order that early planning discussions for the event could take place. ^{N 6071}

Conscious of the fact that I was scheduled to take command of a new Division on the 27 March 1989 (210389), I called upon the proposed new Divisional Commander, Chief Superintendent D G DUCKENFIELD, to attend that meeting in order that continuity might remain and he could ^{N 1108}

continue with the planning which would be in his domain. The meeting took place at 10am (1000) on 22 March 1989 (220389) at Hammerton Rd Police Station and involved all interested parties, including the heads of Operations and Traffic Division, the Senior Officers would be involved in the operation, the Support Staff responsible for preparing the Operational Order and representatives of British Rail, Public Transport and the Highways Authority of the County Council.

At that meeting initial plans were made concerning action to be taken and in particular consideration was given to the mode of travel of supporters and representation was made by the British Rail representatives for Liverpool to be brought into the Midland Station in the City Centre and Nottinghamshire to the Wadsley Bridge Station in the North of Sheffield. Such action would defeat the segregation plans in that supporters would be crossing each other and I indicated that this would not be acceptable and asked the British Rail to reconsider the matter. The reasons for their request were based upon management difficulties in routing and time scheduling trains. It was further agreed at that meeting that the Operations and Traffic Division would take responsibilities for all traffic matters affecting the City and that 'D' Division, the Central Division, would be responsible for policing their own area leaving the match itself to be the responsibility of the Divisional Commander of the Sheffield North Division. The meeting closed at 11am (1100) and I took no further part in the planning meetings concerning this matter. Following upon the meetings I spoke to Superintendent MURRAY and Inspector SEWELL concerning the manpower levels used at the previous years's event and asked them to examine the position for this year to determine if any reductions or increases were appropriate, taking into account our findings the previous year. The

findings the previous year indicated that some officers were under employed and I was conscious of the need not to repeat such a situation if that was the case and if there were no other factor which might dictate their need for this future match. The only other action I took concerning this matter was to maintain liaison with Mr McKRELL during the next few days and in particular to make reference to the need for clear indications of tickets by colour coding and appropriate colour coded systems on turnstiles to ensure easily recognisable access to the stadium.

In the knowledge that Mr DUCKENFIELD would be commanding this event, I personally selected the Sector Commanders who would be working to him and as in the previous year utilised the system of using three sectors, those being the Ground, the Liverpool supporters outside the ground the Nottingham supporters outside the ground. In this connection I selected Superintendent ^{N 1110} GREENWOOD as the Ground Controller, Superintendent ^{N 1109} MARSHALL to be responsible for the Liverpool supporters and Superintendent ^{N 1113} CHAPMAN to be responsible for the Nottingham supporters. All three officers had a wide experience in policing football matches and in fact had been Sector Commanders at the Semi final the previous year. The only difference was that Mr MARSHALL and Mr GREENWOOD reversed roles and this was because Mr MARSHALL, having been my Deputy for some time, had a better knowledge of the visiting supporters end of the ground, ie Leppings Ln, than Mr Greenwood, who had been away from the Division for some time all be it for many years he had policed matches at Hillsborough. In addition, Superintendent ^{N 1112} MURRAY was identified as the Officer in charge of the ground control communications and this Officer was in fact the man who regularly took up that position at First Division matches throughout the season.

Prior to my departure from 'F' Division I met with Chief

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Superintendent DUCKENFIELD and discussed with him in general the problems on Division. During that discussion the semi final was touched upon and I appraised him of the staff selected and the fact that Mr MURRAY was examining the manpower situation.

On the day of the semi final, Saturday 15 April 1989 (150489), I had no role to play in the operation and was policing my own Division at Barnsley.

At approximately 3.30pm (1530) that day I was en route on the M1 motorway from Barnsley to Sheffield when, on local radio, I heard of difficulties at Sheffield Wednesday Football Ground. The reporter did not seem unduly concerned and spoke of a delay in the match due to a pitch invasion. As my journey progressed, it became clear from the radio reports that the incident was more serious and there was some indication of possible fatalities. Calls were being made for doctors to attend at the Stadium and a short time later I heard an appeal for Police Officers to respond to Hammerton Rd Police Station. It was approximately 4pm (1600) at this time and I immediately responded to Hammerton Rd Police Station, arriving at approximately 4.20pm (1640).

On arrival, I saw numerous uniformed Police Officers in the Station area, including chief Inspector McROBBIE. I immediately went to the Control Room and contacted Chief Superintendent DUCKENFIELD in the Police Control Room at Sheffield Wednesday Football Club via the internal telephone system. I asked Mr DUCKENFIELD if I could be of any assistance to him and he asked if I could deploy uniformed Officers into the Leppings Ln area on foot and in an effort to calm supporters leaving the ground and show compassion for their apparent feelings of distress.

I immediately went to the Canteen at Hammerton Rd Police Station with Chief Inspector McROBBIE and organised units of men in serials under

the command of Sergeants and briefed them as to the information in my possession concerning the current situation. I then deployed units to locations in and around Sheffield Wednesday Football Ground and Chief Inspector McROBBIE dealt with the notation of deployment. At this time also present was Superintendent MORDEW and after deployment I obtained transport and together with Superintendent MORDEW attended at Sheffield Wednesday Football Ground, approaching from Middlewood Rd into Leppings Ln. On reaching Parkside Rd I saw that Leppings Ln was heavily congested by football supporters and a large number of fire engines. I alighted from the car and began on foot towards the stadium and there met Chief Inspector WARING. The crowd was dense and I would generally describe the attitude of supporters as hostile towards the Police.

I spoke briefly to Chief Inspector WARING and he confirmed that he had little or no difficulty at that location and the crowds were gradually dispersing.

Together with Superintendent MORDEW, I then turned into the private road leading to the back of the South Stand and on entering that area through the gates I saw an area of sheeted rails adjacent to the riverside and noted a number of bodies laid out in that location. I was approached by Detective Inspector WEBSTER who informed me in fact that there were eleven bodies at that location and he further informed me that there were a further 74 in the Gymnasium.

Prior to this point the magnitude of the situation had not been known to me and I immediately made my way through 'C' Gate into the West stand enclosure and into the Police Control Room where, on arrival, I found Assistant Chief Constable (Operations) Mr JACKSON, Chief Superintendent DUCKENFIELD, Superintendent MARSHALL, Superintendent MURRAY, Police Sergeant GODDARD, Police Constable RYAN and Police Constable BISHARD. At this point I noted that the ground was

relatively empty, with the exception of a few supporters in and around the Leppings Ln end, Press in the Press Box and officials on the playing area.

I noted that messages were being received on the radio and were being dealt with by the Control Sergeant and PC and in general they related to outbreaks of disorder and sporadic fighting in and around the Stadium. My attention was particularly drawn to Superintendent ^{N1109} MARSHALL and Superintendent ^{N1112} MURRAY, who both seemed to be extremely distressed. ACC Mr JACKSON was attempting to speak to Chief Superintendent DUCKENFIELD and Superintendent MARSHALL and at some point a telephone call was received and was answered by Mr JACKSON. From the nature of the conversation, I formed the opinion that it was a call from the Chief Constable. Mr JACKSON was attempting to ask questions of Mr DUCKENFIELD and Mr MARSHALL and related them down the telephone. I remained in the Control Room and listened to what was taking place through the messages and noted that the main communications handset was not being utilised, but that personal radios were being used on talk-through facility. At about 5.15pm (17.15) ^{N2831} Mr JACKSON indicated he was to go to Headquarters with Mr ^{N1108} DUCKENFIELD and Mr ^{N1109} MARSHALL and informed me that he had made arrangements for ^{N8269} Det Chief Superintendent ADDIS to deal with mortuary arrangements in the Gymnasium and had given certain instructions to ^{N3367} Chief Superintendent NESBIT concerning the welfare of Officers and their stand-down arrangements. He asked that I remain at the Ground with a view to finalising any outstanding matters and to eventually close down the operation. Throughout this time we were visited by Fire and Ambulance Senior Officers and I recall ^{N1033} Mr Don PAGE, the Chief Ambulance Officer, and Mr ^{N3065} Harry WRIGHT and Chief Fire Officer, both calling at the Control Box.

I noticed that a Fire Officer was infact standing at the top of the

steps leading to the Control Room overseeing the Leppings Ln Terraces. Mr JACKSON and Mr DUCKENFIELD and Mr MARSHALL then left the Control Room and I immediately asked for an update from the Sector Commanders in the form of Superintendent CHAPMAN at the Nottingham side of the stadium and Chief Inspector WARING at the Leppings Ln area of the Stadium. It was clear that there was some disorder and no doubt as a consequence of the attitude of supporters and I instructed that all personnel remain on duty and that the mobile units, named Tango Units, remain ready and available.

Responses were given to numerous incidents of fighting, but in the fullness of time calm was restored.

I recall that trains had left the area, as had coaches which were released from their coach parks and whilst I have no real recollection of time, I recall that when the situation was calm I made my way to the Gymnasium, leaving Sergeant ^{N6032} GODDARD in the Control Room and there examined the temporary Mortuary facilities accommodating some 85 bodies. There was some natural confusion, but in general things were in order and Detective Chief ^{N8269} superintendent ADDIS was controlling the Mortuary aspect. I spoke to a number of Officers who were clearly in shock and were distressed by event which they had experienced. I noted that the temporary Mortuary was located in the Gymnasium, which was separated into three sections, the first section containing the bodies, the second section being a relative sterile area where Police Officers were accommodated and the third section had been set up for identification purposes and statement taking by CID Officers. A separate section had been created for identification purposes and this was adjacent to a separate office where relatives could view bodies in relative privacy.

I formed the opinion that arrangements were well organised and that temporary Mortuary facilities were well in hand. During this time I

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did meet Det Superintendent McKAY and noted that he too was in some way distressed by the events.

Following the visit to the Gymnasium, I checked the remainder of the Stadium and made my way to the Directors area of the Sheffield Wednesday Club situate in the underside of the South Stand, and there saw Graham McKRELL the Club Secretary. Some members of the staff were clearly distressed and I advised Mr McKRELL regarding counselling facilities for junior members and the need to ensure that medical facilities were available.

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During these conversations Mr McKRELL informed me that he had details of the computer print-outs regarding turnstiles figures at 3pm (1500) and that he had seized them and placed them in his safe (drawer).

Having satisfied myself that things were in order in the Stadium, I resumed duty the Control Box and then sought security of the terrace subject of the disaster.

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Through Superintendent MORDEW I arranged for Officers to be deployed to security of the central pens with the intention of 1) preserving evidence and 2) recovering property subject of those who had been injured or who were deceased.

I noted that numerous Officers were assembling in the North Stand ready for debrief and because of their general condition authorised Superintendent MORDEW and Superintendent BROOKFIELD, who had also attended the scene, to debrief Officers and ensure that Serial Sergeants could confirm that all their Officers were accounted for and to note their whereabouts during the events. In addition, some Officers who had responded to Operation Support were in the locality and having consulted with 'D' Division, the Central Division of the Force, I arranged for two Sergeants and 20 Constables to be organised for deployment to 'D' Division who were suffering some potential disorder scenes.

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Once debrief facilities had been dealt with, I instructed Superintendent MORDEW to stand down those Officers who were no longer required.

Having yet again assessed the situation in the vicinity of the ground, I instructed that Tango Units, the mobile units on public order duties, should remain on patrol and also liaise with Inspector HAND-DAVIS, ^{N1114} the Mounted Inspector, that his Officers should remain on patrol in pairs in an around the Ground.

I was informed that relative were in the vicinity of the Ground with a view to identification and was advised that accommodation and planning had been put into being for identification of the deceased.

Having experienced the stress placed upon Officers and families in and around the temporary Mortuary, I was conscious of the considerable stress placed upon Officers and arranged for the Force Welfare Officer, to be called out for counselling reasons.

I was conscious of the fact that Social Workers and members of the Church and Salvation Army had been requested to attend at the scene to assist with the counselling of relatives.

I was of the opinion that there would be some considerable delay in the identification of bodies and in the retention on duty of Officers who were allocated to each body for identification purposes. In view of this, I caused feeding arrangements to be put in hand for those Officers who were to be retained, pending identification of individual deceased persons.

At approximately 9.30pm (2130) the Chief Constable, Mr Peter WRIGHT, ^{N9001} attended at the scene and I met him and toured the area of the disaster with him. I was informed that at approximately 10.15pm (2215) that night ^{N9003} Mr Colin MONAGHAN, the Minister of State for Sport, was scheduled to arrived by helicopter at the Stadium and arrangements were being made for him to be met.

My recollection is that at approximately 10.30pm (2230) the Minister arrived, accompanied by Chief Superintendent DUCKENFIELD. Together with the Chief Constable and other Officers, I showed Mr MONAGHAN the scene and described to him the facilities at Sheffield Wednesday Football Club.

Shortly after this, an impromptu press conference took place on the pitch with television and other media representatives and Mr MOYNAGHAN was then taken to the Gymnasium where he spoke to Officers concerning their involvement in the day's event. He later left the scene.

At approximately midnight the staff of the Sheffield Wednesday Football Club departed from the stadium and I arranged for Security of the Gymnasium area to protect the temporary Mortuary facilities. Arrangements were made for the reception of relatives for identification purposes and social workers and members of the Church were briefed to expect relatives attending in distressed situations. These representatives were readily available throughout the night and in fact met numerous relatives and remained with them throughout the identification procedures.

I remained in the vicinity of the Gymnasium throughout the night and was present through many identifications of deceased persons and noted many extremely harrowing situations regarding grieving relatives and the effects upon Police involved. Throughout these procedures Inspector John CHARLES, Detective Policewoman Sandra LEWYN, Police Constable John SHELTON, maintained records of the deceased persons and liaised constantly with Superintendent TORR in charge of the casualty bureau arrangements.

Throughout these events I noted that the Ambulance Liaison Officer was present in the temporary Mortuary and at one stage I asked if he could increase the number of mobile stretchers available to speed up the identification process. The Ambulance Liaison Officer was most helpful

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in this connection and was extremely professional in his duties. The process of identification continued until approximately 5am (0500), when arrangements were made for the remainder of the bodies to be removed to the City Mortuary where the process would be continued later in the day.

During the course of events during the evening, the Coroner, Mr Stefan POPPER, attended the scene together with Professor Alan USHER, who both viewed arrangements and confirmed the location of bodies at the Sheffield City Mortuary.

At approximately 5.30am (0530) I left the Sheffield Wednesday Football Club and returned to Hammerton Rd Police Station, where I confirmed that all Officers involved in the operation other than those connected with the deceased persons, had been stood down and were accounted for.

I retired from duty at approximately 6am (0600) and resumed duty at 8am (0800) that same day at Police Headquarters.

I wish to place on record my considerable appreciation of the efforts of all individuals involved in this matter, and in particular the efforts of the Officers involved in dealing with the traumatic events of dealing with identification of families of deceased persons, the Social Services and Church representatives and the Ambulance Service who maintained a presence throughout the night.

I am satisfied that every effort was made to project the professionalism of all the Emergency Services and from my experiences have no reservation in confirming their dedication to service to the Community.

Chief Superintendent.

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In 1981 (000081) I was a Police Superintendent in charge of Uniform Operations for South Yorkshire Police. This entailed knowledge of all Operational aspects for the force with particular emphasis on major football and public order events.

As a result I was well aware of the 1981 (000081) crushing problem at Hillsborough at the FA Cup Semi final. My deputy attended the de-brief which followed the event because I was at the Police Staff College. As a result I was well aware of the action taken by South Yorkshire Police and other agencies resulting in the introduction of the radial fences.

The de-brief minutes were placed onto a Headquarters Police file specifically relating to football.

From June 1982 (000682) I was posted to F Division and involved in the

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Policing of matches at Hillsborough. It was the policy of that Division to retain a Divisional football working file which I have today shown to Det Chief Supt FOSTER. This file commenced in December 1979 (001279) and in Volume II which suggests a previous file is in existence.

This file contains a copy of the de-brief minutes from the 1981 (000081) incident and was thus available for any Divisional, Deputy or Sub Divisional Commander to view. The file is actually retained by the Divisional football liaison officer.

Because of my knowledge of the 1981 (000081) incident by the time of the 1987 (000087) and 1988 (000088) semi finals when I was Chief Superintendent of the Division, the 1981 (000081) incident did not feature in my planning. The reason was that I was aware the problem had been addressed by the addition of the radial fences creating the then three separate pens. It was also therefore not a subject I would have passed on to any new match Commander coming to my Division.

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Following the semi finals in 1987 (000087) and 1988 (000088) de-briefs were held.

The de-brief system is as follows, firstly once a serial is stood down the serial sergeant is required to complete a de-brief document. This document known as a sheet contains information as to any incidents that have occurred during the operation such as arrests, persons injured, use of truncheon by Police Officers or any course of conduct outside the normal scope of the Operation.

The de-brief sheet is then immediately passed by the Sergeant to the logistics team who review each de-brief sheet before releasing the serial.

My own supervisory officer de-brief then took place some three to four days after each semi final. It is right to say this de-brief extended to include representatives of every Division or Department involved.

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I can state that in both 1987 (000087) and in 1988 (000088) the de-
briefs did not disclose any suggestion that supporters had been
injured due to overcrowding or crushing. In addition, I cannot recall
any other agency reporting to me such a problem.

As regards the tunnel being closed in 1988 (000088) by Police Officers
that is the sort of incident I would have expected to have been on a
de-brief sheet. I was not made aware of the problem in 1988 (000088)
and as a result my planning for 1989 (000089) was not influenced.
Other aspects of my planning did change because of the result of the
1988 (000088) de-brief including the removal of Air cover and the
removal of one serial from Hillsborough precinct.

It was this that resulted in my view that 1988 (000088) was a success
and formed a sound base for the 1989 (000089) match.

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