

area at this time was congested. I also saw that people stood waiting near the turnstiles were being lifted over the fencing to avoid what appeared to be a crushing situation. There were also several youngsters climbing over the wall into the ground.

It would be shortly after 3pm (1500) when I heard a loud cheer from inside the ground, which I assumed was the kick-off. There were still hundreds of supporters outside the ground pushing towards the entrances.

Several minutes elapsed when I heard a message over the radio. I am not certain but I believe the message to be similar to "All available officers attend immediately inside the ground". On hearing this I ran towards the turnstiles. Following me was PC 451 Cooper, whom for the rest of this incident I was in company with. We both jumped over a turnstile ran to the rear of the South stand down through the seating area onto the playing area, at which point I could see there was a large crowd problem at the rear of the Leppings Lane end goalposts.

I went immediately to this area and I saw that people were being crushed on the perimeter fencing, also on the side-fencing, together with PC Cooper I stood on the small wall near the perimeter fencing and began lifting people over the fencing. I lost count of how many we got out but they mainly consisted of younger people, all of which had either climbed near to the top of the fence, or had been lifted up by fellow supporters, we carried on doing this for what seemed hours, although I realise it wasn't, when it seemed that the majority of supporters were out of any further crushing problems. Myself and PC Cooper, together with some other people, carried a teenage boy to the gym on a makeshift stretcher, in my opinion this boy was dead. I don't know who we handed the body to, but a police officer told me where to put the body.