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PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF FIRE REPORTS FROM FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1953

The results of a preliminary analysis of reports show that during 1953 the Fire Brigades attended approximately 77,700^H fires in England and Wales and approximately 8,100 in Scotland. The number of incidents attended by each Fire Brigade is given in Table 1.

In England and Wales, three Fire Service personnel lost their lives and approximately 1,150 were injured: the Fire Service assisted in the rescue of approximately 200 persons from dangerous situations. In Scotland, no Fire Service personnel were killed but approximately 100 were injured: the Fire Service assisted in rescuing approximately 50 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 50: exact figures will be given in the detailed returns which will be prepared later in the year.

FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1953

Note: The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 6th March, 1954: they are subject to slight revision as further information is received.

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Sussex, West 639		
Warwickshire 905		
Westmorland 109		
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FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1953

Fire Brigade	. Number of fires
	Tires
England and Wales - County Fire Brigades	
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Wiltshire	626
Worcester Co. and Worcs. C.B.	701
Yorks. (East Riding)	268
Yorks. (North Riding)	654
Yorks. (West Riding)	2,521
England and Wales County Borough Fire Brigades	
Banacley	105
Barrow in Furness	129
Bath	154
Birkenhead	383
Birmingham	2,097
Blackburn	188
Blackpool	334
Bolton	286
Bootle	213
Bournemouth Bradford	305
Brighton	581
Bristol	292 870
Burnley	170
Burton on Trent	53
Bury	145
Cardiff	466
Carlisle	148
Chester	136
Coventry	494
Croydon	349
Darlington	150
Derby	179
Dewsbury Doncaster	108
Dudley	154 126
Eastbourne	108
East Ham	176
Exeter	153
Gloucester	128
Great Yarmouth	100
Grimsby	166
Halifax	147
Hastings	108
Huddersfield	182
Kingston upon Hull	593
Leeds Leicester	745 400
Lincoln	197
Liverpool	1,611
Manchester	1,519
Merthyr Tydfil	87
Middlesbrough	196
Newcastle on Tyne and Gateshead	589
Newport (Mon.)	207
Northampton	121
Norwich	233
Nottingham	576

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Total number of fires attended in England and Wales	77,653
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Total number of fires attended in Scotland	8,057

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Table 2

NATURE OF INJURIES OF CASUALTIES IN FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1953 $^{\sim}$

Note: The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 6th March, 1954: 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.

···,	Engla	nd and	Wales		Scotland	1
Nature of injury		Other casual- ties		Fire Brig- ades	Other casual- ties	Total
Fatal casualties Burns and scalds Overcome by gas or smoke Other and undefined injuries	- 2 1	271 31 75	271 33 76	11	36 9 1	36 9 1
Total	3	377	380	-	46	46
Non-fatal casualties Burns and scalds Bruises, cuts, abrasions Dislocations, sprains, fractures	232 522 92	309	2,873 831 129	43	170 31 1	185 74 4
Overcome by gas or smoke More than one of the above injuries	48 52		135 113	4 3	6 8	10 11
Shock [#] Other and undefined injuries	5 175	288 159	293 334		26 6	26 16
Total	1,126	3,582	4,708	78	248	326
Total casualties	1,129	3,959	5,088	78	294	372

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PERSONS RESCUED OR ESCAPED BY EMERGENCY MEANS FROM FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1953.

Note: The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 6th March, 1954: they are subject to slight revision as further information is received.

	Number of persons			
Appliances or methods used	England and Wales	Scotland		
lescue with Fire Brigade assistance from				
Buildings				
Escape (hand operated)	14	3		
Ladder, extension	38	37		
first floor	10	-		
turntable (mechanical)	9	9		
other or undefined	58] –		
Ladder and line	3	-		
Line	3			
Other apparatus Without apparatus	9 58 3 5 43	8 23		
Total	183	50		
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Rescue without Fire Brigade assistance from	Ļ			
Aircraft	1	-		
Buildings	· ·			
Carried or assisted out	119	32		
Jumping sheet	2	3 5 5		
Lødder	58	5		
Lowered from windows, roof, etc.	55 23	5		
Other or undefined methods		1		
Shipa	4	-		
Caravans	4	- 3		
Road vehicles	0	,		
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Total	270	49		
Escape by emergency means from	• • • · ·			
Aircraft				
Baled out	8	-		
Through emits or from debrie	6	-		
Buildings	_			
Climbing over roof	18	-		
Fixed fire escape	1 1			
Jumping from upstairs window, roof	131	8		
Ladder Sliding down drainning sheats none ato	9 31	-		
Sliding down drainpipe, sheets, rope, etc. Through ground floor windows	8	1 7		
Other or undefined methods	14	1		
. Caravans	1			
Road vehicles	2	-		
Ships	1	-		
Total	230	13		
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Total persons rescued or escaped	683	¹¹²		

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