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PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF FIRE REPORTS FROM FIRE BRIGADES IN CREAT BRITAIN, 1952.

The results of a preliminary analysis of reports show that during 195? the Fire Brigades attended approximately 82,400² fires in England and Wales and approximately 8,200 in Scotland. The number of incidents attended by each Fire Brigade is given in Table 1.

In England and wales, no Fire Service personnel lost their lives but approximately 1,250 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 150 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.

Table 1

FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1952

Note: The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 10th March 1953: they are subject to slight revision as further information is received.

	Number
Fire Brigade	of
	fires
England and Wales - County Fire Brigades	
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Anglesey Bedfordshire	76 652
Berks. and Reading	909
Brecon Co. and Radnor	108
Buckinghamshire	801
Caernarvonshire	198
Cambridgeshire	418
Carmarthenshire and Cardiganshire	. 288
Cheshire	1,277
Cornwall	543
Cumberland Denbigh and Montgomery	259 363
Derbyshire	781
Devonshire	804
Dorsetshire	911
Durham Co.	1,389
Ely, Isle of	240
Essex	3,998
Flintshire	232
Glamorgan	898 607
Gloucestershire Hampshire	627 1,994
Herefordshire	215
Hertfordshire	1,646
Huntingdonshire	206
Kent and Canterbury	3,946
Lancashire	2,782
Leicestershire and Rutland	400
Lines. (Holland)	210
Lincs. (Kesteven)	,210 504
Lincs. (Lindsey) London C.C.	7,760
Merioneth	· 46
Middlesex	4,250
Monmouthshire	322
Norfolk	833
Northamptonshire	401
Northumberland	679
Nottinghamshire	1,043
Oxfordshire Pembrokeshire	302 125
Peterborough, Soke of	148
Salop	544
Scilly, Isles of	2
Somersetshire	673
Staffordshire	1,028
Suffolk, East, Suffolk, West and	607
Ipswich	983 2,£18
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Sussex, East Sussex, West	633
Warwickshire	653 963
Westmorland	119
Wight, Isle of	180
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FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1952

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Number
Fire Brigade	of
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England and Wales - County Borough Fire	1
Brigades (Contd.)	1
Oldhem	187
Oxford	144
Mymouth	353
Portsmouth	402
Preston	241
Rochdale	159.
Rotherham	157
St. Helens	114
Salford	338
Sheffield	859
Smethwick and West Bromwich	246
Southampton	240 242
Southend	265
Southport	144
South Shields	229
Stockport	237
Stoke on Trent	298
Sunderland	336
Swansea	240
Tynemouth	197
Wakefield	95
Wallasey	202
Walsall	184
Warrington	143
West Ham	- 245
West Hartlepcol	117
Wigan	117
Wolverhampton	264
.York	192
Total number of fires attended in	
England and Wales	82,443
Scotland	
Glasgow	2,013
Lanark	756
Central .	581
Western	706
South Western	569
South Eastern	1,384
Fife	398
Perth and Kinross	196
Angus	704
North Eastern	659
Northern	241
Total number of fires attended in	_
Scotland	8,207

Table 2

NATURE OF INJURIES OF CASUALTIES IN FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1952.

Note: The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 10th March 1931: they are subject to slight revision as further information is received.

m (lasualties who suffered shock in addition to another injury have been classified according to the nature of the other injury.

	England and Wales			Scotland		
Nature of injury	Fire Brig- ades		Total	Fire Brig- ades	Other casual- ties	Total
Fatal casualties Burns and scalds Overcome by gas or smoke Other and undefined injuries	1	334 61 185	334 61 185	- - -	31 15 3	31 15 3
Total		580	580	-	49	49
Non-fatal casualties Burns and scalds Bruises, cuts, abrasions Dislocations, sprains, fractures Overcome by gas or smoke More than one of the above injuries	275 592 95 51		3,Q16 961 137 138 126	79 10 16	172 29 5 22	197 108 15 38
Shock Heart and undefined injuries	2 202	282 8 6	284 288	19	30 3	30 22
Total	1,250	3,700	4,950	152	267	419
Total casualties	1,250	4,280	5,530	152	316	468

Table 3

PERSONS RESCUED OR ESCAPED BY EMERGENCY MEANS FROM FIRES ATTENDED BY FIRE BRIGADES IN GREAT BRITAIN, 1952.

Note: The figures in this table are based on reports received up to 10th March 1951: they are subject to slight revision as further information is received.

Appliances or methods used	Number of	persons
Appliances or methods used	England Scotland	
Rescue with Fire Brigade assistance from		
Aircraft	1	-
Buildings	_	i
Escape (hand operated)	36	
Ladder, extension	43	7
first floor turntable (mechanical)	13 3	-,
other or undefined	24	
Line	1 1	-
Oxyacetylene cutting gear	1	- .
Other apparatus	6	6
Without apparatus	88	29 -
Other locations	1	- .
Ships	22	11
Total	219	45
Rescue without Fire Brigade assistance from	•	
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Aircraft	· 6	_ ()
Buildings		_
Carried or assisted out	149	38
Jumping shoet	9 .	2.
Ladder ^H	118 .:-	3 5
Lowered from windows, roof, etc. Other or undefined methods	55 52	i 11
Caravans	10	-
Other locations	4	_
Road vehicles	2	_
Total	405	59
Escape by Amergency means from		3 40
Aircraft		
Baled out	20 11	<u>-</u>
Through exits or from debris Method not stated	3	_
Buildings	1	
Climbing over roof	3	-
Fixed fire escape	20	1
Jumping from upstairs window,		_
roof	70	5
Ladder Sliding down drainpipe, sheets, rope, etc.	· 1 22	
Through ground floor windows	17	4
Other or undefined methods	25	2
Caravans	25 2 3	-
Road vehicles	3	_
Ships		3
Total	197	15
Total persons rescued or escaped	821	119

M Police officers with ladder assisted an unknown number of persons to escape in one other incident.