

TANKER FIRES VILLAGE

Many shops and homes in the little village of Lambourn in Berkshire were wrecked and burned when a tanker lorry carrying 3,600 gallons of high grade paraffin crashed and burst into flames, killing its driver.

At about 60 miles-an-hour the lorry careered out of control down the mile long hill into Lambourn. On a bend in the main street, it struck a group of shops. None of the villagers was killed, but the driver Reg Bungay (who stayed in his cab to the end trying desperately to save the village from an overwhelming disaster) was burned to death.

At Stratford, East London, two tube trains collided, trapping many passengers in a tunnel. Electric fans were quickly prepared to clear the air in the smashed coaches, and cylinders of oxygen were rushed to help those who lay trapped. One train was quickly freed from the tunnel. In this coach, many city workers returning homewards were severely injured.

Then the dead were brought from the wreckage inside the tunnel. Rescue teams worked day and night in the telescoped coaches. Eight adults and one child had been killed. Forty-nine other passengers were injured.

Widespread gratitude goes out to the rescue teams who came so readily to help at this moment of tragedy.