

**SOUVENIR  
PROGRAMME**

**ALL STAR FOOTBALL**

**IN AID OF  
DEPENDENTS OF THE**

**DOCKS FIRE  
DISASTER**



**Ex Spurs All Stars XI**

versus

**International All Stars XI**

at

**VICARAGE FIELD, BARKING F. C.**

**SUNDAY, 12th OCTOBER, 1969**

**Kick Off 3.00 p.m.**

**PRICE 5/-**

## DOCKS FIRE DISASTER

On Thursday morning, July 17, the London Fire Brigade received a call to the London Oil Storage Company, Dudgeon's Wharf, Manchester Road, Millwall.

It appeared to be a very routine matter: a fire had broken out in a disused 20,000 gallon oil storage tank which was being demolished.

But "Dudgeon's Wharf" was to become a black name in fire service history as the scene of heart-rending tragedy.

A violent explosion shattered the disused tank, and five firemen, and one civilian demolition workman, were blasted to death.

Not since the wartime blitz had so many London firemen died at a fire at the one time.

In that terrible moment of catastrophe six wives became widows, and nine young children became fatherless orphans.

Three of the mothers each have three young children.

The five firemen who died were representative of the London Brigade. Two of them, Firemen John Appleby and Trevor Carvosso, were both only 23 years of age, and in their fifth year as firemen.

John Appleby served at Brunswick Road fire station. He liked football, was an ardent West Ham supporter; and his other special enjoyment was listening to Elvis Presley discs. His wife, Linda, is left with 4 year old Karen, and twin boys, John and Paul, 15 months old.

Trevor Carvosso was serving at Cannon Street fire station but lived with his young wife, Maureen, in the firemen's flats at Millwall. They were married last September. On the fatal July 17 he volunteered to stand in at Millwall fire station because a colleague was unwell.

Fireman Terence Breen, who was 38, also served at Brunswick Road. Twelve years ago he gave up being a draughtsman to join the fire service. His wife, Kitty, is left with three young boys, Stephen 9, Peter 7, and Terry 5.

Fireman Alfred Smee, and Temporary Sub Officer Michael Gamble, were both serving at Millwall fire station.

Alfred Smee, at 47 years of age, had been in the fire service for 23 years after spending 5 years in the wartime Royal Artillery. He was a man who was concerned about others and among his voluntary activities collected funds for organisations giving aid to spastics. He leaves a wife, and a 24 year old son.

Michael Gamble, 28, was a man marked by many as one who would "go places." He was a keen student, constantly improving his knowledge. From 1967 he had been studying for a degree, with Brigade sponsorship. And he was learning Spanish, having married a Spanish girl, Maria. He was also an enthusiastic swimmer and walker. Until June 30 he had served at Stratford fire station, and had been transferred to Millwall on the first day of July.

Reginald Adams, aged 29, was employed by the demolition firm breaking up the oil storage tanks at Dudgeon's Wharf. He leaves a wife, Kathleen, and three children, Danny 5, Tracey 3, and Ricky 2.

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## TEAMS

### EX SPURS

#### ALL STARS XI

from

PINNER (Orient & England)  
CAREY (Orient & Q.P.R.)  
HENRY (Spurs & England)  
RYDEN (Spurs)  
LYALL (West Ham)  
MARCHI (Spurs & England)  
ALLAN (Spurs & England)  
MEDWIN (Spurs & Wales)  
HARMER (Spurs & England)  
STOKES (Spurs & England)  
BROOKS (Spurs & England)  
DULIN (Spurs)  
TEECE (Spurs)  
GIBBINS (Spurs)

### INTERNATIONAL

#### ALL STARS XI

from

SPRINGETT (Q.P.R. & England)  
HOWE (Arsenal & England)  
LANGLEY (Fulham & England)  
SHILLETTO (Chelsea & England)  
GRAY (Millwall & Fulham)  
DODGIN (Man. Fulham F.C.)  
CHARLES (Wales & Italy)  
FURPHY (Man. Watford F.C.)  
TARBUCK (Tarbuck's Here)  
O'CONNOR (London Palladium)  
BLOOMFIELD (Man. Orient F.C.)  
SPECTOR (Chelsea & England)  
LORENZO (Sun & I.T.V.)  
GREENWOOD (Man. West Ham F.C.)  
FIRMANI (Man. Charlton F.C.)

### OFFICIALS :

**Referee :** BOBBY MOORE (West Ham & England)

**Linesmen :** Littlestone, S. (Maccabi)  
Urban, D. (Maccabi)

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## MY SINCEREST THANKS GO OUT TO :

**The London Fire Brigade** for their active co-operation especially Mr. Wood.

**To Barking F.C.** for their generous gesture in allowing this game to be played here today, to all the officials especially the Club Secretary Mr. Allan Weatherall.

**To the Players** of both teams today for so generously giving up their time to play.

**To Independent Newspapers** for their exceptional help.

**To Messrs :** Austin Reed, Butlins, Bravingtons, Bass Charrington; Belling; D. H. Evans; Hoover; Parker Pen Co.; Parker Tex; Rothmans; Phillips; Pontins; Harrods; etc. etc.

For their very generous support in providing outstanding Raffle Prizes.

**To Arsenal F.C.      Q.P.R. F.C.      Charlton F.C,**  
**Fulham F.C.      and      West Ham F.C.**

**To Micky Dulin** for his help in arranging this match.

And lastly but certainly no means least to you the public in supporting this game and making certain that the dependants are helped in the future.

For it is unfortunate that only when tragic events such as this occur, that makes us fully realize what a brave body of men are always on call, day and night, to provide protection for us all.

Frank Silver  
Match Organiser  
Sec. Ex Spurs XI.