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I.R.A. BOMB ENGLAND

THE REPUBLICAN people feel the growing political power of resurgent IRA activity, given the recent raising of the struggle at home, and now the re-opening up of a war front in England. Whether the enemy likes it or not international attention is being focussed on the British occupation of Ireland, and hopefully this extension of the struggle will provoke debate on Ireland by the working-class of the colonial power.

The Brits certainly don't understand Irish patriotism or appreciate the often tacit nature of the IRA's support. Only a revolutionary nationalist organisation based on the support of the oppressed people can successfully perform the regroupings periodically necessary to combat Brit killings, arrests and jailings. Only a People's Army can fight a ten year war!

The IRA's recent declaration of continuous struggle and "no ceasefire" was immediately followed by commercial bombings which once again rocked

the six-county statelet to its foundation. (Traders in Armagh had the security-barriers re-erected after the car bomb explosion. It was the first serious reversal of Brit counter-insurgency "normalisation" policy.)

Then came the execution of the H-Block 'Commandant', Albert Miles; the attacks on screws, the bombings in England, and back in Belfast the killing of a soldier and the blowing up of an RUC sergeant last Tuesday.

The British state and the 'Northern Ireland Office' must feel totally demoral-

ised at this point in time.

And us?

We go into 1979 with a new feeling of prestige and future success!

In a supplied statement the Irish Republican Army declared:

"To the English people—
"We were responsible for the widespread bombing attacks in your country on Sunday and Monday morning. Don't remain complacent because of the nature of these attacks. We deliberately choose the time and the targets. Your intelligence will continue to give us, logistical problems which,

however, we believe we can overcome. We now give due warning to you, the English people, that in future both the targets and the timing might be changed.

"For 10 years our people have suffered under your Army and despite the propaganda misrepresentations of successive Governments, we have exercised considerable restraint. We now ask you: who are we to hold accountable for British murder in Ireland? And we warn you, almost certainly we will gear the severity of our future attacks to the performance of British soldiers and the British administration in occupied Ireland. Furthermore, any acts of brutality against defenceless prisoners of war would inevitably force us into considering inflicting heavy civilian casualties.

"Politicians who call for

GERMAN BOMBS CLAIMED

IN LAST Monday's statement to the English people, the I.R.A. pointed out that "Last August we bombed B.A.O.R. bases in West Germany to establish our ability to strike at British imperialism anywhere, at any time. That was a success, regrettable it did nothing to shake your complacency about Ireland, though it gave us the confidence we needed to carry out expeditionary attacks".

Last August eight bombs exploded in co-ordinated I.R.A. attacks on British Rhine Army bases in West Germany. The targets were Brit barracks, repair workshops and officers' clubs.

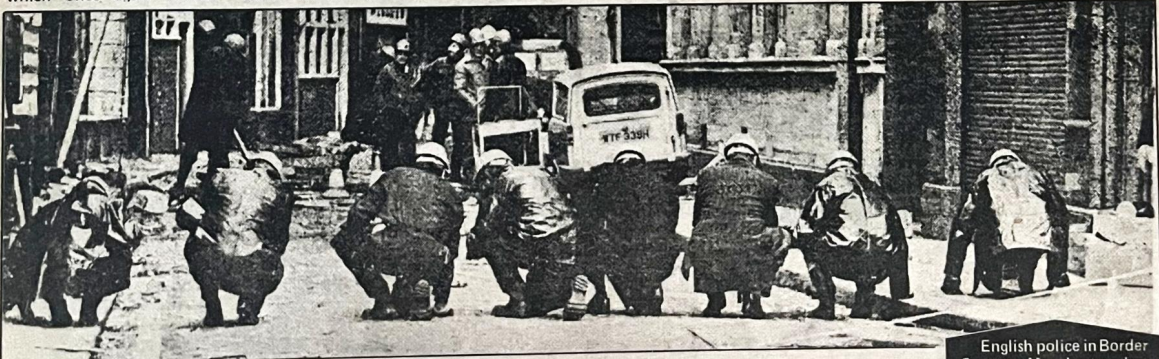
At just after 11 p.m. on Friday 18th August six bombs went off within six minutes of each other at barracks in Moenchengladbach and in nearby Dusseldorf.

An hour later two more bombs exploded at repair workshops in Minden and inside Moss Bank Barracks, Bielefeld, some 120 miles to the north-east of the first targets.

The surprised Brits were left scratching their heads, examining what they admitted to be "extensive damage" and wondering how their super-efficient "security" systems had been breached.

But then, there are plenty of I.R.A. targets in West Germany: There are 55,000 Brits stationed there.

increased repression as a counter-measure to our struggle for national liberation should be aware that they gamble with English lives. We want peace but there will be no end to violence until the English people exercise a bit of humanity and get their administration at all levels out of Ireland".



English police brought to their knees by I.R.A. bombs

English police in Border Square, Manchester, last Sunday.

LEADERSHIP STATEMENT TO THE PRISONERS

BELOW WE print the Christmas statement from the leadership of the Republican Movement to the prisoners held in jails, captured by the enemy. A special mention is made of the men held in England and a special message from the Blanket-men in H-Block is relayed to their comrades:

"THE LEADERSHIP of the Republican Movement extends Christmas greetings to our comrades held in the various jails by the enemy. Greetings especially to our members held in John Bull's prisons of shame: shame because of his hypocritical condemnation of the other prison systems under the equally repressive control of other authoritarian regimes. Let John Bull be aware that revenge can and will be the rock on which the last of his Empire will crumble.

"We salute all our brothers and sisters on the courageous spirit you have shown under the most repressive conditions. As you will all know by now the Irish Republican Army have issued a statement recently, stating that they are committed to, and geared to, a long war. There can never be a compromise from us on the aims and objects of the struggle — Brits Out and national liberation. This is a war of attrition. It will be long and hard. But it will be victorious!"

RESISTANCE

We reprint here part of a Christmas statement sent by the H-Block Blanket Men to all the other POW's.

We hold no illusion as to what the future may hold. The path ahead will be long and hard for everyone but we make our New Year's resolution as ever, Resistance! Resistance in the British Hell Holes, on the streets and throughout the countryside. We Blanketmen of the

H-Blocks of Long Kesh wish you, our revolutionary comrades, a bearable Christmas and we hope that the coming New Year may see an end to the perennial grief, torture and death that our nation has endured under British domination and oppression with the achievement of a sovereign, independent nation, an Irish Socialist Republic.

DONEGAL REPUBLICAN PRISONERS AID COMMITTEE

WE WISH to appeal to the people of Donegal for support for the Republican prisoners. There are 18 Donegal prisoners and there are 18 families to travel to see them. Especially now at Christmas financial support would be greatly appreciated and any donations will be acknowledged.

Donations can be sent to any of the following: Hugh McGee, Ballaghderg, Letterkenny; Phonsie McNamee, Drumahoe, Letterkenny; James Sweeney, Glack, Greeshough; Eddie Houston, Main St., Letterkenny; James Larkin, Lr. Main St., Letterkenny; Joe Gallagher, Main St., Letterkenny; Charlie O'Donnell, U.D.C., Letterkenny.

BELFAST SOCIAL EVENING

Irish Republican Welfare

"Transport"

Martin Forsythe Social Club

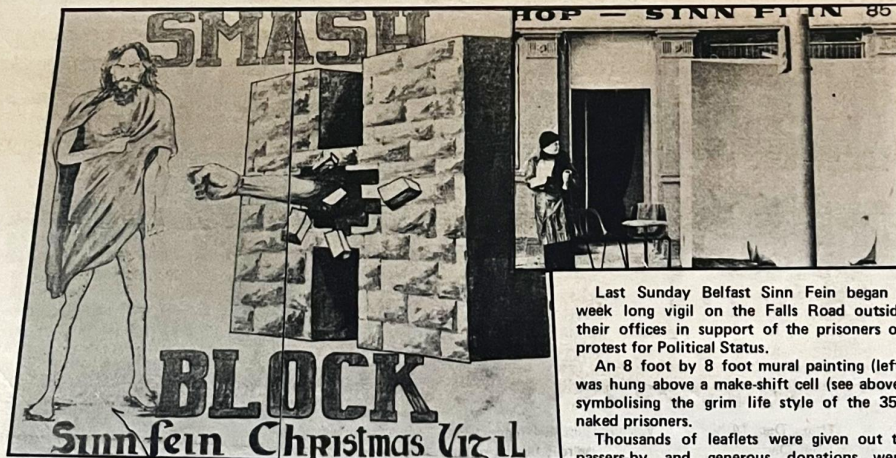
Music by the "Sun Burnt"

Friday December 22, 1978

Admission £1.00

Come Early

Note: Change of group



Last Sunday Belfast Sinn Fein began a week long vigil on the Falls Road outside their offices in support of the prisoners on protest for Political Status.

An 8 foot by 8 foot mural painting (left) was hung above a make-shift cell (see above) symbolising the grim life style of the 350 naked prisoners.

Thousands of leaflets were given out to passers-by and generous donations were collected.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

SINN FEIN
Monaghan Comhairle
Cheantair

BALLAD SESSION
Hope Arms Hotel
Castleblaney

CHRISTMAS NIGHT
25th December

Rinnce 10 — 1.30 Taille £1.50

Supper and Bar Extension

SOUTH DERRY
SINN FEIN
MARCH

A march from Hillhead, Castledawson, to Bellaghy on Sunday, 24th December at 2 p.m. for the Suffering Prisoners in English and Irish jails. A Rosary will be recited for a United Ireland and everlasting Peace in Ireland

26 COUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS

READERS IN the 26 Counties should check that their names are included in the new voting register so that they are eligible to vote in next year's Local Elections. Copies of the register are avail-

able in local libraries and post offices. Those not included should obtain a form from the post office and send it off completed, before 15th January.

Those eligible include young people who will be eighteen by April and all those born in the Six Counties who can prove that they have been resident in the Twenty Six Counties for the last six months.



BELFAST RAC CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

THERE WILL BE A CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION TO BELFAST'S CITY CENTRE. BELFAST R.A.C. CALLS ON PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THIS MARCH. SHOW YOUR CONCERN FOR THE 350 NAKED MEN IN THE H-BLOCKS AND 30 WOMEN IN ARMAGH GAOL SOME OF WHOM ARE NOW ENTERING THEIR THIRD CHRISTMAS IN BARBARIC CONDITIONS.

MARCH LEAVES DUNVILLE PARK AT 4.00 p.m. SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER.

Sinn Fein supports the RAC march on Christmas Eve in Belfast

NOT BAD APPLES— BUT A ROTTEN BARREL

AS OUR COLUMNIST, THE 'BRIGADIER', OFTEN WRITES: "The Security Forces had a bad week last week". On this occasion that sentence could be described as the understatement of the year. The RUC probably had the most embarrassing week in their 56 years sectarian history with eight of their members being arrested and held at their own torture headquarters at Castlereagh.

News broke of the first arrests (after the media slavishly agreed to a 24 hour embargo on reporting the arrests). On Thursday December 14th an RUC Sergeant, his parents and an RUC Constable were reported to be being questioned about the kidnapping in June of Amoghill Parish Priest, Father Murphy, and the murder of William Strathearn, a Catholic greengrocer, also from Amoghill, in October 1972.

Further arrests followed during the week and by the weekend eight RUC men were being held by their comrades in Castle-reagh.

Last Monday two RUC sergeants and one constable appeared in a Belfast court charged with murder and kidnapping. Before the court was John Weir (sergeant) Gary Armstrong (sergeant) and William McCaughy (constable). The five other RUC men were still in custody being questioned about other sectarian outrages.

These attacks include the attempted assassination of leading Belfast Republican,

Kevin Hannaway, earlier this year. At the time 'Republican News' pointed to the likely involvement of members of Her Majesty's 'security forces'.

BRITS ALSO

Last week wasn't a very good week for the Brits either. Shortly after the news broke of the RUC men being arrested it was announced that ten Brits based in the Grand Central Barracks in Belfast's city centre were expected to be charged with theft from postal workers in Belfast's Churchill House. Apparently the RUC had installed hidden cameras in the building because of earlier thefts and had caught their fellow 'law and order' men red-handed.

Before the weekend was over reports about two more Brits being arrested and questioned in Scotland in connection with a double murder of two Catholic County Fermanagh farmers were confirmed after the story appeared in the Scottish 'Sunday Mail'.

The 'Mail' reported that a

former member of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders walked into an Edinburgh police station and volunteered a statement of admitting involvement in the murders.

The murders occurred in October 1972 near Newtown-butler, County Fermanagh. Those murdered were two farmers, Michael Naan aged 31 and Andrew Murray, 24, a leading member of the local area branch of the Civil Rights Association. The victims' bodies were so badly mutilated that the murders became known locally as the 'pitch-fork' murders.

At the moment the question uppermost in the minds of most of the Nationalist people is why are the Brits engaged in seemingly purging the ranks of the RUC.

TORTURE TRIO

One argument put is that the RUC's boss Newman is vigorously pursuing his plan of reforming the RUC and these arrests are examples of his sincerity.

No doubt the torture trio Mason, Newman and Creasy would like the Nationalist people to believe the RUC is reformable and thus accept the RUC back into their areas.

But the recent charging of RUC men and Brits will do little to enhance the normalisation programme the Brits are engaged in. The charges especially against the RUC men will further alienate the Nationalist community by confirming their long held suspicions that there is little significant difference between the sectarian murderers of the U.V.F. and the RUC.

A FINE BUNCH

The recent claims by Newman that his men are a "fine bunch of officers" and that they wouldn't engage in any untoward activity like torturing people, will ring hollow against the latest background of murder and kidnapping; as will the denials made by the RUC over the killing of Brian Maguire in Castlereagh and the kidnapping of IRA Volunteer Jackie McMahon (Jackie McMahon of Short Strand was arrested by the RUC in January of this year and was found drowned in the River Lagan three months later.).

The practical explanation for these recent charges is simple. In each case it would have been more difficult to cover-up the involvement of the RUC and Brits because their actions had already become public knowledge (on at least a limited scale).

In the case of the RUC men; they were only arrested when their sectarian activities became public knowledge locally in Fermanagh. One of the RUC men's wives had apparently spread the word that her husband was involved in the murder of Strathearn and the kidnapping of Murphy. The RUC had no option but to act against their own, and thus expose the tip of an iceberg of RUC corruption and sectarian gangsterism.

Similarly in the case of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Brits couldn't possibly draw a veil of silence over the circumstances surrounding the murders of the farmers because one Brit admitted his part.

Likewise with the arrest of the ten light fingered 'Grand Central' Brits, the RUC have their activities on film, and have little option but to pursue the case.

IN SUPPLIED statements the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility for the following operations:

Towards the end of last week further I.R.A. letter bombs exploded in the greater Belfast area en route to screws homes. The screw machine-gunned by the IRA on Monday 11th December at the corner of Carlisle Circus on the Crumlin Road, Belfast, died on Thursday 14th. Meanwhile Ian Paisley complained bitterly about the need to bolster the screws flagging morale by providing them with additional 'security'. He said that already two senior screws had resigned and that others would follow. An IRA spokesman pointed out that any screws who do resign should not hesitate in forwarding on to them news of their resignation to ensure their future safety.

WAR NEWS

Thurs. Dec. 14th DUNGANNON

Dungannon Golf Club was badly damaged yet again in a fire started by three explosions. This is the third time the club was successfully bombed. In claiming responsibility for the attack the IRA warned: "This is Mason's Christmas box, and it's still a long time to Christmas!"

COOKSTOWN

A bomb exploded in the Tavern Bar, Carvanagh, singeing nearby Brit bomb 'experts'. An adequate

warning had been given and there were no civilian casualties.

Fri. Dec. 15th BALLYKELLY

A hoax bomb was planted during the evening in the town's business centre, causing serious traffic disruption.

OMAGH

A bomb placed on an earth-remover the previous night caused the main Omagh-Cookstown road to be closed for several hours. During the morning.

Sat. Dec. 16th Newry

A bomb exploded in O'Hares builders yard causing widespread damage.

Sun. Dec. 17th Britain

In a co-ordinated bombing offensive IRA active service units planted bombs in six major English cities, including London.

In a 24 hour period from Sunday nine bombs went off in London, Bristol, Manchester, Liverpool, Coventry and Southampton.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage was caused to commercial property. The further damage to Mason's sinking morale and to his standing amongst his colleagues was not recorded.

Mon. Dec. 18th Coalisland

A part-time member of the UDR unfortunately narrowly escaped injury when he came under gun attack on the Coalisland to Stewartstown Road.



ALTHOUGH THE present troubles began in 1968 my own involvement began in 1971. Ten to four on the morning of 7th December 1971 was the first time British soldiers raided our home, in Andersonstown. The door was banged and in came the Brits and arrested my husband and two friends. They were taken to Palace Barracks, Holywood and held for three days.

ESCAPE

They were then interned on the prison ship "Maidstone" in Belfast Lough. Only 13 days later the three of them together with four other men escaped by swimming across the lough.

At this time I was expecting my fourth child who was born on the 3rd March 1972. My husband, who had been in Dublin until a week before our child was born, was again arrested.

On the 28th August he was charged by the RUC with escaping from 'legal custody'.

After 10 months on remand he was brought to court and given a seven month sentence. He walked free from the court, having served 10 months, straight into the arms of the RUC Special Branch who arrested him yet again. After three days interrogation at Castlereagh he was interned on the 23rd June 1973. He was held at Long Kesh, until his release on December 5th over two years later.

He was one of the last interned to be released.

DISRUPTED LIFE

All the time my husband was in gaol I had the task of looking after our four children. After being released from internment he was at home for two years, but was unable to live a normal life because of continual harassment by the British army and RUC. They took him to Castlereagh numerous times and held him for either 3 or 7 days.

All this had a very bad effect on us.

Our nerves were wrecked wondering when the Brits/RUC would come again for him. I felt every time he was arrested, this time he won't be coming back. The last time they came, was 4th February of this year.

By now, I was expecting our fifth baby. The house was raided by the Brits/RUC, they held him for three days and then charged him with Possessing Ammunition in January 1977, one year before his arrest.

DEPRIVED

I was wrecked, I thought I would not be able to go on having our baby on my own again. I felt it was all too much; going to visit him in Crumlin Gaol, coping at home with the other children. It's very hard to divide one's attention between four and then between five children when the new baby was born.

I know our children are missing out a lot of loving that their daddy would take the greatest

THE WAITING YEARS

THIS ARTICLE is based on an interview with Ann Gorman, a 29 year old mother of five from Anderstonstown, Belfast.

In early November her husband Tommy was sentenced to three years imprisonment on a fabricated charge of possessing ammunition. He is now "on the blanket" in H4 Block, Long Kesh.

Prior to his present imprisonment he was in gaol on three separate occasions, interned twice and 'on remand' once.

Anne talks about her life on the outside of the wire. It is a moving account of personal hardship which she, like many hundreds of other wives and mothers, has courageously endured in the fight for Irish independence. Her story is of interest, not because it is unique but because it is so typical.



A picture showing the five young children of Ann and Tommy Gorman

delight in giving them. He loves all his children very much. It's not the easiest thing to display on a half hour visit to a prison, how much you care for them all and I know that it bothers him very much. He doesn't want our children growing up thinking their daddy doesn't love them.

While husbands are in prison wives and children live on 'Supplementary Benefits'. We are giv-

en what the state thinks we should be living on for a family of six. From this amount I am expected to clothe and feed myself, my children, pay my rates, rent, electricity and gas bills. It's quite a problem to stretch the money to cover these expenses. For instance, new clothes, shoes, records and other similar things are a luxury our children would get only at Christmas time.

What bothers me a lot is the attitude of the 'visitor' from 'Supplementary Benefits' who calls to see if there is any change in my circumstances. I feel belittled, like a beggar, yet it's hardly my or my husband's fault that he cannot work to keep our family.

HOPES DASHED

Since my husband's trial when he was found guilty on the perjured evidence of two British soldiers and sentenced to three years, I can't really explain how I feel, not even to myself.

When he was on remand I had hopes that when he came to trial he would be released, as the evidence was so flimsy. I should've

realised that this is Ireland, an invaded island. You just shouldn't expect justice.

ON THE BLANKET

Tommy went on the blanket protest, the day he was sentenced. Although that was only several weeks ago his appearance is frightening but his spirits are very high. I am behind by husband in this step he has taken.

I would never expect him to recognise himself as a criminal. Wearing prison clothes is only one aspect of it all. It's really the principle behind the "Garb". Once a political prisoner wears a "monkey-suit", as my husband calls it, there is no point in the war that is going on.

No Republican in H-Block did anything that would benefit themselves materially. Their actions are designed to bring about a situation whereby a better society can be built for us and our children. I firmly believe in political status for political offences.

Visiting Long Kesh is a nightmare. The effects before a visit, during the visit and after it are traumatic. My husband receives



Tommy 'on the blanket' in H-Block

one visit per month. He is allowed three adults and two children on this visit.

CRIED TO SLEEP

We have five children, but the screws regard my two eldest as adults. That leaves three children; I am allowed two on the visit. This means that one of my children must stay at home. How do I choose which child has to remain at home? My husband wants to see the youngest baby, monthly, to keep track on his progress. My fourth girl who was the baby for six years is very close to her daddy. Laura, who is close to me had to be the one to stay at home this month.

The night before the visit she cried herself to sleep. She was thinking about her daddy and how cold he was with only a blanket around him. Needless to say this upset me very much. The monthly visits are terrible. The small waiting room is always packed, smoke everywhere, because people are so upset they smoke twice as much; the degrading searches you have to endure to get your visit are horrendous. This search procedure also applies to my children.

HEARTBREAKING

While in the visiting area where my husband is brought in, looking like someone found in a desert, lost for years, the atmosphere is very cold and impersonal. You enjoy absolutely no privacy during your visit. A screw stands beside us looking at us and listening to our conversation.

The visit is our only communication because the men are not allowed letters. You try to pack into half an hour's visit how you feel but trying to hide your shock and revulsion of the whole thing is difficult. Saying goodbye and watching the children kissing their daddy is heartbreaking.

CHRISTMAS

With Christmas coming up and knowing we won't see him until after the New Year is more than I can endure. For the children you have to put up a Christmas tree and decorations and try to go on as if everything is alright but it's very hard when you feel so bad. You wouldn't care if you never had another Christmas again until their Daddy was home.

What more can I say, only that my husband will see the end of it all in 3 years?

What of the young men doing life and longer sentences, some 30 years? How must they and their families feel?

**Support the
POWs**



Anne and Tommy together in 1976.

Evenin' all!

Fun for all the family this week, so get your pencils and paper out and see how your memory is standing up to the present troubles.

THE BRIGADIER'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

as bodyguards to which Unionist politician whom they claimed was "drunk as a skunk and a perjurer and liar."

1. Trooper Robert Arthur Davis of the Royal Hussars was recently sentenced to six months and discharged from the army for shooting up the American Consulate in Queen St, Belfast on August 19th. Did he do it because:-
 - a. He didn't like Americans?
 - b. He thought Roy Mason was inside?
 - c. He wanted out of the Army because he was worried about becoming seriously dead?
 - d. The RUC man to whom he confided his intentions said 'Go ahead'?

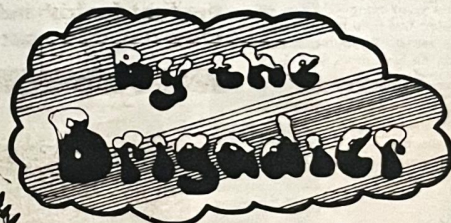
2. L/Cpl Michael Parkinson (no relation) of the 3rd Light Infantry deserted twice and carried out a series of robberies. Why?
 - a. The army taught him to?
 - b. He couldn't face going to the north of Ireland?
 - c. He couldn't buy himself out because the Army are desperately short of bodies?

3. John Joseph Gordon Parry of the KOSBs, stationed at the Grand Central, Belfast has been charged with stealing a Walther from a screw. Why would he do this?
 - a. To get out of the Army?
 - b. To commit robberies?
 - c. To assassinate Paddies?

4. From the previous cases, would you assess that Army morale is:-
 - a. High?
 - b. Low?
 - c. Rock Bottom?

5. Two RUC men have been accused of stealing a table from the lovely lady Mayoress of Lisburn. What is her name?

6. In relation to the above theft, the RUC men were at the party



10. Why was 'Flasher' Waterson sacked after two convictions from 5 UDR?
11. What height is our little friend from Barnsley?

ANSWERS

1. c. 5 marks if you got this. 2 marks if you said b.
2. b. 5 marks. a. 5 marks. c. 5 marks. That was an easy one, wasn't it!
3. a. 5 marks, although both b and c are plausible.
4. c. 1 mark. Too easy. If you said a, you obviously work in the Lisburn press office and are too stupid to continue this quiz. (Or you are Joe Horrod of the Daily Mirror.)
4. Eusey Kelsey. 10 marks and a signed photo.
6. John Taylor, the arse transplant hero. 6 marks.
7. c. is the correct answer for 5 marks.
8. d. (I swear it!) 10 marks.
9. c. (True!), 6 marks.
10. Indecent exposure. 1 Mark, bit easy that one.
11. The answer to this has been censored under the official ritual humiliation of the murderous and the miniscule Act. Any complaints should be sent to the DLF, Barnsley.

SCORES

Right, there you had it, pretty easy, I thought. Out of a total mark of 54 how many did you get?
 45-54: Excellent. Join the UDR.
 30-44: Not so good. Join the RUC.
 10-29: Wretched. Join the Brits.
 0-9: Pathetic. You must already be an Army I.O.

Bye for now, and a happy new year from your old chum
THE BRIGADIER

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

to all Republican P.O.W's





THE H-BLOCK CONVEYOR BELT

BIRDS' SONG
EARLY MORN
FEET ON STAIR
PULLING HAIR
LIFTED!

FAST CARS
IRON BARS
WEAK TEA
BEATING ME
INTERROGATED!

BIG MEN
INK AND PEN
SIGN ON LINE
NOT THIS TIME
NOT ME!

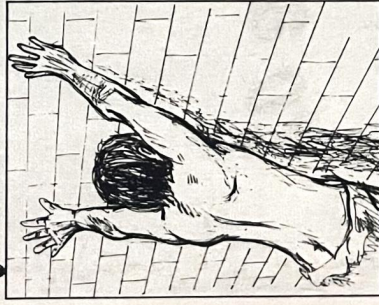
SEVEN DAYS
IN A DAZE
WHO CARES?
THEY SMILE
CHARGED!

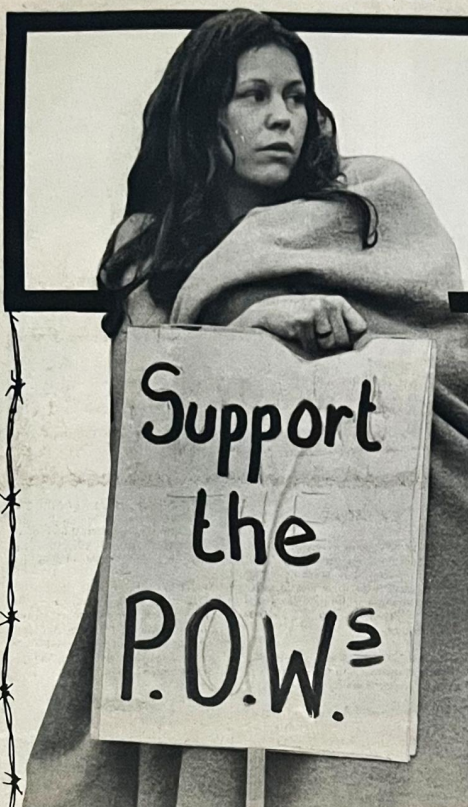
BRIEF SLEEP
PEELER'S JEEP
PRISON CELL
WHO'S TO TELL?
CUSTODY!

EIGHTEEN MONTHS
LONG ENOUGH
BIG DAY
WALK THIS WAY
TRIED!

NO JURY
JUDGE'S FURY
SMILES AGAIN
NO MORE PAIN
GUILTY!

FREEZING COLD
FEEL SO OLD
"PUT IT ON"
"GET STUFFED"
H-BLOCK!





Christmas

ARMSTRONG, Anthony. Merry Christmas to you and all the East Tyrone POW's. From Marie.

BANNON, Tom, Portlaoise. Christmas greetings to you Tom. It's well for some who can afford a six months holiday every other year! All our love, Peadar, Imelda and Grainne.

BANNON, Tom, Portlaoise. Merry Christmas to yourself, Kevin and all the "lads" from Vera and the children.

BANNON, John H-6 Block. Christmas greetings and God bless you and your comrades. Love from Mum and Dad and all the family.

BOWE, Peter, H-Block. Happy Christmas, Peter. It won't be long now. The O'Donnell Family.

BOWE, Peter, H-Block. Greetings to you and all your comrades in Mason's Hell Hole. Love Mum, Dad, Maurice and Patricia.

BATESON, Anne (Armagh Jail), Peter (Long Kesh), Finbar (H-Block) Christmas greetings from the Sheridan, Lee & Bateson Sinn Fein Cumann, Ballymaguigan.

BLACK, Joe, H3, Merry Christmas son. God bless you from Mum, Dad and Martin. Also Margaret, Peter and Geraldine. All our love xx.

BLACK, Joseph, H3. Happy Christmas Joe and congratulations on your 7 months on the blanket. All our love, from Arthur, Dorothy, Brendan xxx.

BRADLEY, J.J., H-4. Christmas greetings to my dear brother John. It makes us really proud to have a brother like you. Your loving sisters Maria and Patsy.

BRADLEY, J.J., H4. Christmas greetings to our dear brother John. Wear your blanket with pride my son. Your loving Mother, Father, sisters and brothers.

BRADLEY, J.J., H4. Nollaig shona duit. Go dtuag Dia neart duit fein agus do chomradalthe uilig. Go mbain libh celmiocht prionsnach coglaigh amach, tar eis bhur n-agoide fada crua. O do dheirliur Aingeal is do chara Geardul.

BROWNLEE, Breige (Armagh Gaol). Christmas greetings Breige from Mary and Sean. U.T.P.

CALLAGHAN, Rosemary, Armagh and **CRANE, Raymond,** H3 Block. Christmas greetings to my husband Raymond, sister Rosemary and brother-in-law Teddy (H5) and all your comrades from the Short Strand. We salute your courage in the face of British torture. All our love Geraldine and Claran.

CALLAGHAN, Rosemary, Armagh and **CRANE, Raymond,** H3-Block. Greetings to my daughter Rosemary (Armagh) and son-in-law Raymond (H3) and all their comrades. Our thoughts are with you always. From Mum and Malachy, Marion, Jackie and Sinead. Also from Joe and Jacqueline.

CALLAGHAN, Rosemary, Armagh. Christmas greetings to my niece Rosemary, Silie Derragh (Armagh), Teddy Craine (H5), Raymond Craine (H3) and all the men from the Short Strand. Also to all the friends I left behind in the cages of Long Kesh. From Daithi de Paor.

CARLISLE, Tony, H6 Remand. Happy Christmas day birthday to my son Tony (20). Lots of love from your Ma and sisters Lisa and Karen.

CASSIDY, Dermot (Portlaoise). Best wishes for the New Year. Hope you have a good Christmas. From all in No 2 Monaghan.

CASSIDY, Noel, H6 Block, Long Kesh. Merry Christmas to our wonderful son and brother Noel. All our love from Dad, Tina and Sheelagh.

CARLISLE, Tony, H6 Remand. Happy Christmas day birthday Tony. May your next one be spent in freedom. All my love Bernice; Love from your Grannie & Granda Higgins and Teresa, Luton; Love from your big sister and brother-in-law Marie and Eamon; Love from Maureen and Pete, Paula, Samantha, Peter, Willie, Rea and Damon, Ned, Dymna and baby Sean, Maureen, Fiona and Jarlath and your uncles, Frankie, C Wing, Crumlin Rd., and John Higgins POW Parkhurst; Venceremos, Rita and Terry; Best wishes from your mates Bear, Eric and Eugene, UTP.

DAYLOR, Noel (Cage 9). Birthday and Christmas greetings to Noel. From all at Number 7.

DELANEY, Clare, Armagh Gaol. Christmas greetings to you Clare. Hope your next one is spent in freedom. From Mother, Father and family.

DOHERTY, Kay, Armagh Gaol. Season's greetings. Please God, this will be your only Christmas away from home. The O'Donnell family.



AN CUMANN CABHRACH, ENGLAND, send Christmas Greetings to all Political Prisoners in Irish and English jails.

ARMAGH R.A.C., send Christmas greetings to Freddie Toal, Seamus Hart, Paddy Murphy, John O'Neill, Colum O'Neill, Malachy Trainor, Tony Duncan, John Nixon.

BELFAST COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR, SINN FEIN, send revolutionary greetings to the Republican prisoners of war incarcerated in enemy gaols. While the imperialist enemy attempts to defend a state built for the few, your struggle is for the people - A Socialist Republic.

CASSIDY, Noel, H6, Long Kesh. Thinking of you and all your brave comrades at Christmas Noel. Hope your next is spent in freedom. Nollaig shona duit. Love from Jean, Jim and Christina; also love from Peadar, Imelda and Grainne.

CLARKE, Joseph (H5). Christmas greetings dear brother. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice for they shall have their fill. From your sister Mary Christine. Also Tony and Mary and the McGuigan family.

CLARKE, Joseph (H5). Greetings Joseph at Christmas. Thinking of you always. Love from Mum, Dad, Michael Paul and Phil.

CLARKE, Joseph (H5). Greetings to my fiancée Joe. We may have brave men but we never had better. God bless you. All my love Kate xxx.

CLARKE, Terry, H4 Block. Wishing you lots of love and luck for Christmas and the new year. Love Marie.

CLARKE, Tony, Wakefield. Christmas greetings to my brother Tony. Although you are far away you are always in our thoughts. From Joe Phyllis and family, also from your young nephew Michael (H4), and Theresa.

CORRY, Martin (Cage 9). Here's wishing you and all your comrades as happy a Christmas as possible in that Hell Hole. From all at Number 3. U.T.P.

COYLE, Patrick (H-Block). Happy Christmas to all the family at Duncreggan Rd.

DEVLIN, Patrick, H3-Block. Thinking of you at Christmas. All our love Mum, Dad and all the family: Letty and son Patrick.

DOHERTY, Don Bosco, H-Block. Christmas greetings. Determined, dedicated and true. We owe a lot to lads like you. God bless from Nell, Dymna, Julie and Declan. Also from Bernard, Delia, Darren and Nicol (London). Also with love and best wishes from Jean, Billy and all at 14 Central.

DOHERTY, Don Bosco, H-Block. Christmas greetings. Thinking of you always. All our love. From Mum and Dad, Vivian, Deirdre and Paula.

DOHERTY, Don Bosco, H-Block. Christmas greetings. We stand by you all the way. From Nana and Grandad. Also with love and best wishes from Jean, Billy and all at 14 Central.

DOHERTY, Paddy (Doc), (Crumlin Rd.), Merry Christmas 'Doc' and God Bless. From the O'Donnell family.

DONNELLY, Gerry, H-4. Happy Christmas Gerry. We'll probably see you when we go up to see O'D. The O'Donnell family.

DOONEY, Paul, H4 Block. Christmas greetings Paul. Praying for you. God bless you. From the McQuillan family.

FITZSIMMONS, Michael (H4). Christmas greetings and may God bless you and all your comrades Micky. All my love Theresa xxx.

FITZSIMMONS, Micky, H4. Greeting Micky and all your gallant comrades. We're behind you. From Sean, Michael, Ann Marie and Seamus's Mum.

FITZSIMMONS, Michael (H4). We wish you all the best, especially at Christmas. From Uncle Joe, Phyllis and your cousins.

FITZSIMMONS, Sean (H4). Bobby (A Wing Crumlin Rd), Hugh, Crumlin Rd, Alex McCrory, Remand, St. Pats, Richard O'Rawe (H6), Michael O'Rawe (Long Kesh), and all their gallant comrades in prison in British Hell Holes. From Alex, Maureen and all the Fitzsimmons family

FITZSIMMONS / McCrory. Seasons greetings to our son Bobby, Grandsons Sean, Alex and Hugh. God bless you and all your comrades. Grannie and Granda.

FITZSIMMONS / McCrory. Seasons greetings to my son Hugh and Brother Bobby (remand), Nephews Sean (H-Block) and Alex (remand). God bless you and all your comrades. H. Fitzsimmons.

FLYNN, Joseph, 'C' Wing, Crumlin Road, and Brendan H4-Block. Christmas greetings to you sons. We are all thinking of you both. With love from your Mum, Dad and family.

FLYNN, Joseph, 'C' Wing, Crumlin Road and Brendan, H4-Block. Greetings to you Jokey and Brendan at this Christmas time. With love from Martin, Margaret, Michael, Rosheen and family also from Patricia, Gerard and family, Frankie and Deirdre and family.

FRIEL, Seamus, Long Kesh. Happy Christmas & God bless, Seamus. We hope to see you home soon. The O'Donnell's, Circular Rd.

GALLAGHER, Gerard, H3, Long Kesh. Seasons greetings to our dear Son Gerard, may God bless and protect you and all your brave comrades. From your loving Mum, Dad, brother and sister and grandmother.

GORMAN, Tommy, H4-Block. Christmas greetings to our son-in-law Tommy. From Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.

GORMAN, Tommy, H4 Block. Christmas greetings to my husband Tommy. With love from your wife Anne and all the children.

HAMILTON, Paul, H6. Christmas greetings to my dear Son-in-law and all your comrades. From Kate xxx.

HANKIN, Danny (H3). Christmas greetings. Love from Mum and Dad and all the family.

HANKIN, Danny (H3). All our thoughts at Christmas. Love and best wishes. The Robson family.

HARKIN, E.T., (H3). Greetings and good wishes for Christmas. From the Harkin family, Derry, London, Coventry, N/Midlands, Canada and Australia. Also from sister Sara Clarke, London.

HARVEY, John (A. Wing, Crumlin Rd.). Have a happy Christmas and a happy new year. All my love Clare xxx. God bless; also love from the Kirby family.

HIGGINS, Frankie, Crumlin Road, C. Wing. Happy Christmas Frankie, all my love Mairead; Viva la Revolution from the Bo Revolutionaries; keep your chin up, love from Eilish, Rita, Terry, Marie, Eamon, Karen and Lisa.

CLONARD MARTYRS SINN FEIN CUMANN, BELFAST send Christmas greetings to all the prisoners from the Clonard area, especially the gallant men and women in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh and B Wing, Armagh.

DERRY RAC send Christmas greetings and solidarity to all Derry political prisoners in Long Kesh, Crumlin Road, Armagh, Millisle, Magilligan, Portlaoise, Limerick and English gaols. We promise you our continuing and unrelenting support.

Greetings



HARKIN, Eddie, (H3). Christmas greetings. Held in inhuman captivity. All my love from Marlene xxx.

HARKIN, Eddie, H-Block. Happy Christmas Eddie and God bless you. The O'Donnell Family, Circular Rd.

HIGGINS, John, Parkhurst. Christmas greetings and best wishes from Eilish, Frankie (Crumlin Rd.), Tony (H6), Rita and Terry, Ned, Dympha and Sean, Lisa and Karen, Marie and Eamon.

HIGGINS, John., Parkhurst; Higgins, Frankie, Crumlin Rd.; Carlisle, Tony, H6-Block; Rooney, Phillip, H6-Block; Rooney, Hughie H3-Block. Happy Christmas and love and solidarity from Willie and Mansie Higgins and family, Luton; Best wishes from Jackie O'Malley and Marie Mella.

HIGGINS, John, Parkhurst. Christmas greetings to my husband John, our third Christmas apart but our love will endure. Thinking of you always. Greetings also to Frankie (Crumlin Rd.) and Tony (H6). We will all be together soon. Maureen Higgins and Fiona & Jarlath, Luton.

THE CARTY/CROWLEY/LOUGHRAN SINN FEIN CUMANN, DUNGANNON send Christmas greetings to Peter Kean, John Arthur, Joe McNulty, Felix Connelly, Lou McNally, Jimmy McGivern, Paul Toner, Mickey Morgan, Bobby Lavery, Adrian McKiernan, Brian Cawley.

DUNGANNON R.A.C. salute the POW's and send them Christmas greetings.

DUFFY DOWNEY SINN FEIN CUMANN sends Christmas greetings to all Irish political prisoners at home and abroad.

HOLDEN, Michael, H5 Block. Christmas greetings to our dear nephew and all your brave comrades. From your loving aunt Mary, uncle Billy, cousin Collette, Barney and your loving friends Kathleen Quinn and family.

HOLDEN, Michael, (H5). To my son Michael I wish a happy and holy Christmas. Your 3rd Christmas on the blanket; God bless and protect you and all your comrades, Kathleen Holden and family.

HOLDEN, Michael (H5). Greetings dear brother. We are proud to have a brother like you. From your loving sisters, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, Michael and Karen.

KAVANGH, Martin. Christmas greetings to my dear friend Martin and his comrades from Mairead.

KAVANAGH, Peter (H3). Christmas greetings to you Peter. May your struggle end in victory. All my love Roseleen, xxx. U.T.P.

KEARNEY, Seamus, (H4). Happy Christmas to you and all your comrades. Love from Mum, Michael, Sean, Ann Marie.

KELLY, Eddie, (H3). Thinking of you at Christmas. Hope to see you soon. Mum, Dad and all the family.

KELLY, Tom, H-Block. Christmas greetings. We salute your steadfast courage and may St. Oliver Plunkett sustain you. Uncle John, Aunt Rosaleen and cousins.

KIRBY, Terry (H3). Christmas greetings. You are not forgotten. Lots of love and God bless you from Clare and John; from Joe, Linda and Siobhan xxx; also Aunt Bridget and Maureen; also Uncle Tony, Aunt Eileen and Family; also Love from Frances and Marcelle; also much love from your Granda.

KIRBY, Terry (H3). Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Especially now at Christmas. God bless you dear son. From your Mum and Dad xxx.

KIRBY, Terry, H3. Greetings Terry. Your fight has not gone unnoticed and your day will come. From the McDonnell family, Mickey and Josie, Eilish, Tommy and family, Paul, Margaret and family, Goretti, Joseph (H5) Bernadette and Joseph, Terry H3, and Maura.

LOUGHLIN, Denis, P.O.W., Long Kesh. Happy Christmas and best wishes for a Free New Year Danny. With love from Anne-Maree (Sydney, Australia) and Aine (Auckland, New Zealand).

LENNON, Sean (H5), Ciaran (C Wing, Crumlin), Damien (A Wing). Christmas greetings and wishing you all the best. From Mum, Dad and Fionnuala; also from Maureen, Brendan, wee Danny and wee Brendan; also from Gran O'Toole; also from Aunt Maureen, Uncle Tommy and cousins Mary and Danny; also from Aunt Peggy, Uncle Gerald and cousins, Southampton, also from Aunt Kate, Uncle Jack and cousin John

LOUGHRAN, Paddy, H5. God bless you and all your comrades who are imprisoned in all Hell Holes. God bless, Mum, Dad and all the family. Also Ann & Grainne.

LYNCH, Sandy, H6 Block, Long Kesh. Merry Christmas greetings and solidarity. From Ali, Brieg, Sue, Maureen, Dixie, James, Paddy, Pat, Paul, Tom and Tony.

MALONE, Hugh, H6. A merry Christmas and a very happy New Year. Our meeting times are seldom, our writing times are few, but not a day begins or ends without a thought of you. God bless. All our love from Sal, Roy, Martin, Tracy xxx.

MALONE, Hugh, H6. Merry Christmas Hugh. God bless. Love Maggie, Harry, Joe, Martin, Margaret, Peter and Geraldine.

MELIA, John, Long Lartin. Christmas greetings to my brother John. Also my friends Busty and Gerry Cunningham (Albany), John Higgins (Parkhurst), —U.T.P. Best wishes from Marie Mella.

MOHAN, Peadar, Long Kesh. All our best wishes. It will teach you to leave the girlfriend! Merry Christmas. Lots of love Peadar. — from Imelda and Grainne.

MOLLOY, H-Block, Molloy, Walsh, Sands, Loudan, Clarke, Clarke, Burns, Barnes, Craine, McFarland, Hughes, Brophy, Gorman H-Block. Christmas greetings Paddy, Sid, Bobby, Tomboy, Cleaky, Seamus, Gerard, Joe, Teddy, 'Bic', Dark, Gerard and 'Cidkef'. From all your old 'Cage 11' comrades from the Short Strand.

MORGAN, Gerry; ROBINSON, Christy. Christmas greetings to you both. Always remembered by the Louth Comairle Ceannairt, Sinn Fein.

MOORE, Gerard (H3). Christmas greetings. Always thinking of you. God bless. Love Mum and all the family. Also from Seamus, Mary and family.

MARTHURS, John (H8). Best wishes to you and all your brave comrades at Christmas John. Hope your next one is spent in freedom. Nollaig shona duit, Love from Christina xxx.

MARTHURS, John (H8). Wishing you a happy Christmas John. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. God bless, love from Jean and Jim.

FERGAL O'HANLON SINN FEIN CUMANN, MONAGHAN, wishes all our comrades in Crumlin Road, Long Kesh, and Armagh jails, especially Noel Cassidy H6, Peadar Mohan H5 and Tom Bannon, Portlaoise; a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FR. MURPHY SINN FEIN CUMANN, NEWRY send Christmas greetings to all the heroic POW's in British jails.

McCARTNEY, Helen, Happy Christmas Sunshine. Far from you the nights are long, dark and lonesome. A thousand kisses from me to you. From Christopher (Pinta) McKnight (H4). **SMUGGLED FROM H-BLOCK.**

McCHRYSTAL, Mark, H-Block. Happy Christmas and God bless you. The O'Donnell Family.

McCLENAGHAN, Brendy, H6 Block, Long Kesh. Greetings to you Brendy. Merry Christmas from Ali and all the gang.

McCLUSKEY, John, Wormwood Scrubs, England. Christmas greetings to you John. Hope you can soldier on. Also happy Christmas to all other POW's in England.

McCOOL, Brian (H3). All our love and God's blessings on you at Christmas son (your second 'on the blanket'). From Mum, Dad, Alana, Gary and Roy.

McCOURT, Patsy, Long Kesh. Happy Christmas and God bless Patsy. The O'Donnell Family.

McCONVILLE, Gerard (H5). God bless you Gerard and all your comrades. We will be thinking of you this Christmas. All our love, Mum, Dad, Tom, Bobby and Frankie.

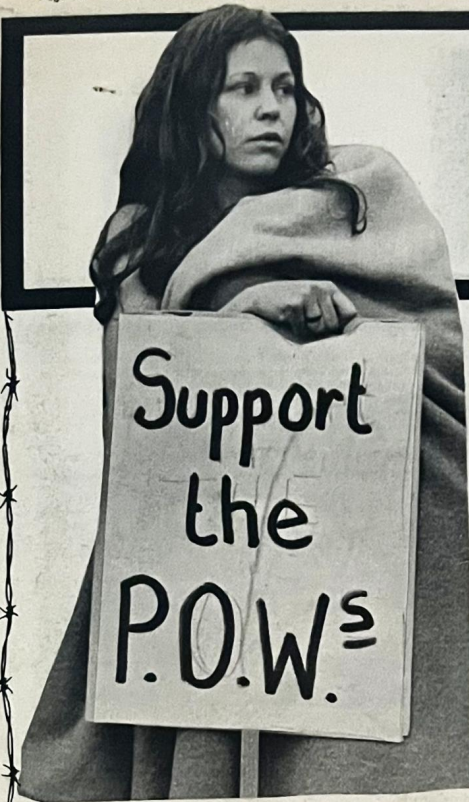
McCONVILLE, Gerard (H5). God bless you Gerard and all your comrades. A prison blanket is the noblest cloak an Irishman can wear. All our love your big Sis Mary and nephew Junior; also Ann, Jimmy, Brenda and Siobhan.

McCOURT, Terry, Long Kesh. Happy Christmas & God bless. We'll see you at home soon. The O'Donnell Family.

McDONNELL, Joseph, H5 Block. Best wishes for Christmas. God bless from Patsy, Mary (U.S.A.), Patrick (Canada), Maura and Terry, H3, Paul, Margaret and family, Eilish, Tommy and family, Uncle Paddy, Bill, Lily, Robert, Julie, wee Robert, Hugo, Marie and family, and your loving wife Goretti, children, Bernadette and Joseph.

McDONNELL, Joseph, H5 Block. Best wishes for Christmas. My greatest wish for you today son. Thinking of you always. Love from your Mum and Dad.





Christmas

NASH, Pat. Christmas greetings. Keep your spirits up Jim.

NORDONE, Stephen, Wormwood Scrubs, London. Greetings to our big brother Stephen. Wish you were here for Christmas. From Frederick, Linda, Dona and Gary.

NORDONE, Stephen, Wormwood Scrubs, London. To our son Stephen. Thinking of you, from Mammy and Daddy.

O'BOYLE, Joseph, H3 Block, Long Kesh. Christmas greetings Joseph on this your second Christmas away from home. All our love, Donna and Collette. From the O'Boyle family.

O'CONNELL, Lynn (Armagh, remand). Fondest regards to yourself and all the girls in 'A', 'B' & 'C' Wings. Nice to be home again. Vera.

O'CONNELL, Lynn, Armagh gaol. Happy Christmas and God bless you. Hope to see you free soon. The O'Donnell Family.

O'DONNELL, Eamonn (H4). Happy Christmas son and don't worry. From Mum, Dad, Cathal, Conor and Cormac.

LOUTH COMHAIRLE CEANNTAIR, SINN FEIN sends Christmas greetings to Stephen Nordone, Wormwood Scrubs, and Arthur Morgan, Peter Dullaghan, Paddy Agnew, Gerry Bradley, Gerry Murphy in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh.

O'CARROLL/TIERNEY SINN FEIN CUMANN, ANDERSONS-TOWN, BELFAST send Christmas greetings to the POW's, particularly the H-Block men, their comrades in the English jails, and the gallant women in Armagh.

WALSH, Sidney. All my love on this our sixth Christmas apart. Love Evelyn.

WILSON, Peadar H4. Greetings to our cousin Peadar (14 months 'on the blanket'). Mary Queen of the Gael guard you and your brave comrades. Love from Aunt Kathleen, Meabh, Damien and your Godson Brendan-Padraig; also Christmas greetings from your brother Gearoid.

QUIGLEY, Kevin, H Block. Happy Christmas, Kevin. We still think of you. The O'Donnell Family, Circular Rd.

QUINN, Noel. Merry Christmas to you Noel. May your next one be spent in freedom. Love from Marie.

QUINN, Dominick, and McSHANE, Seamus, Portlaoise gaol. Christmas greetings to you both from the Louth Comhairle Ceannair, Sinn Fein.

ROONEY, Phillip, H6 Remand. Christmas greetings Phillip. All my love Sinead. Best wishes from Eilish, Lisa and Karen, Tony (H6) and Bernie, also Frankie, Crumlin Road.

SMYTH, Ciaran (Zack) H5. Greetings on this your second Christmas spent in that British Hell Hole. From your Mother, Seany, Raymond, Dave, Sean and Liam.

SMYTH, Keiran (Zack) H5. Solidarity greetings Keiran. You're always in our minds and especially now at Christmas. From Deborah, Danny and Niece Cara. Also Grannie and Grand.

THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT, SOUTH WEST ANTRIM sends Christmas Greetings to Malachy McCann, Portlaoise jail and our following comrades in Long Kesh: Jim McElroy, Dominic Liddy, Paddy Close, Malachy Close, Sean Laverty, Kevin McCoy, Paddy McCoy, Henry Cushin, Lorry McKeown, Joe O'Boyle.

WALSH, Sidney. Christmas greetings son. Hope your next one is spent in freedom. Love from Mum, Dad and all the family.

WALSH, Sidney, H-Block. Christmas greetings Sid. Your second on the blanket. From the Glenholmes family and Jim. Also from Dan and Deborah. Beir bus.

WARD, Gerry (H4). Christmas greetings to my son Gerry. May God bless you, Love from Mother, Father and all the family. Also from Geraldine, Joseph and kids.

IRISH REPUBLICAN POW's in Parkhurst, Albany, Gartree, Durham, Leeds, Long Lartin, Wakefield, Wormwood Scrubs, Exeter, Winchester, Strangeways, and Walton send Christmas and solidarity greetings to our comrades 'on the blanket' and all Republican prisoners in Ireland. United we stand.

McNALLY, Louis, 'A' Wing, Crumlin Road. Wishing you a happy Christmas Louis. Hope your next one is spent in freedom. Love from Jean, Jim and Christina.

MacNAILLIS, Donnacha (H3), Sean (C Wing, Crumlin). Si breith lossaigh ata a cuprad againn go leir ceangailt cartannus eadarinn go leir i. Don te ata uaigneach no in eadochas is dearbhu i gur fuil du ar agaid. Nollaig shona duit. The MacNaillis family, Doire.

McMAHON, Lillian, Remand P.O.W., Armagh prison. Happy Christmas and New Year from Anne-Maree and Aine and all your friends in Australia and New Zealand. Keep your chin up, sister!

McMULLAN, Michael, Cage 10 and Jackie H5-Block. Christmas greetings to you both. From Esther, Eamonn, Maurice, Bernadette and Michelle, Meta, Gerry, Nephew Gerard, Niece Celia and Brother Gerard.

McMULLAN, Michael, Cage 10, and Jackie H5-Block. Christmas greetings to you both. May God and his Holy Mother watch over you and all your brave comrades. All our love from Mum and Dad.

McQUILLAN, Joseph, H3 Block. Christmas greetings Joe. Always thinking of you. Best wishes from brother Jim and Pauline.

McQUILLAN, Joseph, H3 Block. Christmas greetings son. All our thoughts are with you. God bless. Love from Mum, Dad, brothers and sisters.

McVIEGH, Seany. Solidarity greetings Seany at Christmas. From Arker Deirdre and Shauneen.

McDONNELL, Frankie, H4 Block. Best wishes this Christmas. God bless you and all the blanket men. We are with you all the way. From Eilish, Tommy and family, Paul, Margaret and family, Maurea and Terry H3, Patsy, Mary, Lisa and Patrick (Canada), Robert, Julie and wee Robert, Hugo, Marie and family, Goretti, Joseph (H5), Bernadette and wee Joseph and love too from Teresa.

McDONNELL, Frankie, H4 Block. Greetings to you at Christmas son. We are thinking and praying for you always. God bless you and all your comrades. Love from Mum and Dad.

McDONNELL, Frankie (H4), McDONNELL, Joseph (H5). Christmas greetings and God bless you. Love from the Kirby family.

McFEELEY, Denis, H-Block. God bless Denis. You are always in our prayers and thoughts. The O'Donnell Family.

McGIVERN, Jimmy, 'C' Wing, Crumlin Road jail. Happy Christmas Jimmy. Hope your next one is spent in freedom. Love from Marie.

McGRANDLESS, Paddy (H-Block). Christmas greetings and congratulations. 2 years on the blanket. From Mairead and Frankie. Lots of love.

McGREGGY, Rick, H6. Happy Christmas Rick and Brendan and Paddy 'D'. Hope you are keeping well. From 'Hooker' Maguire.

McKEARNEY, Tommy (H-Block). Thinking of you and all our Tyrone friends (Pearse, Stan, Tony, Aidan, Joe, Pat, Noel and Peadar) 'M' 'C's' won't be the same this year. From Tom, Vera and the children.

McKENNA, Paul H6. We love them yet, we'll not forget the felons of our land. Love from Geraldine.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Bobby Sands, Emmanuel Collins, Kieran Doherty, Seany Finucane, Joe McDonnell, Jokey Flynn, Joe Lynch, Spike Harvey, Liam Barkery, Phil McCullough, Seamus Martin, Gabriel Corbett and Kieran Dawson. Thinking of you all especially at Christmas. The Brits have you in their Hell Holes, but we have you in our hearts. The Cullen Family, Twinbrook.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all political prisoners. From Mrs. Maria Duffy, Derry City.

REV. FR. PATRICK FELL - political prisoner, Albany Prison, I.O.W., will be offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in his cell at Christmas for those "on the blanket" and for all POW's.

JAMES CONNOLLY SINN FEIN CUMANN, BELLAGHY send Christmas greetings to the POW's from the Bellaghy area: Long Kesh 'on the blanket': Paul McGlinchey, Martin Heaney, Sean McPeake, Colm Scullion, Gerard Scullion, Thomas McElwee, Benedict McElwee, Ian Mizne, Phonsie McErean, Seamus O'Connor. Long Kesh coppers: Sean McGlinchey, Robbie McErean, Crumlin Road: Liam Mulloy, Tommy Mulholland. Portlaoise: Dominic McGlinchey, Musgrave Park Hospital: Francis Hughes.

Greetings



THE ROBERT EMMET CUMANN and the people of Inchicore, South Dublin, send Christmas greetings to all Republican prisoners everywhere. Your struggle is our struggle.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all political prisoners from the Heaney Family, Greenham Rd., Derry city.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all our friends in England. Frank and Mary Duffy, Dundalk.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all political prisoners. From the Harkin family, Lislane Drive, Derry city.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the prisoners everywhere especially the boys in the H-Block. A happy Xmas and homecoming New Year to all our young men and women. From a 1922 internee, Lifford, Co. Donegal.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to the men and women in prisons throughout Ireland and Britain. From Kathleen Knowles, Dun Laoghaire.

ROGER CASEMENT SINN FEIN CUMANN, LOUGHGUILE, North Antrim, sends Christmas solidarity greetings to all our Irish prisoners of war in North Antrim, in Portlaoise prison and to all their comrades.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to the men and women in prisons throughout Ireland and Britain. From Kathleen Knowles, Dun Laoghaire.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to Sinead, Ellen, Angela. (Armagh Gaol) Victory will be ours. From Micky, Seany 'K', Seany 'F', and 'Livvy'. U.T.P.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all political prisoners. From Mrs. Mary Stars, Derry City.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to John Chillingworth, C. McIlhona, Brendan Hughes, Cleary Clarke, Jimmy Quinn, Ned Flynn, Jokey Flynn, Paddy Molloy, Ollie Masterson, Sean Fay, Andy Gibson, Joe Gibson, Eddie Brophy, from the Lennon family.

SHORT STRAND R.A.C. send Christmas greetings to all Short Strand POW's. Your fight is our fight. Short Strand R.A.C.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the prisoners from the Lower Falls and Twinbrook, also Martin Brady and his comrades in English jails. From Lillian and Lisa Kelly.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all the brave lads and girls 'on the blanket' Also all Irish prisoners wherever they may be. God bless you all. From all the Kirby family.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all PoWs in Ireland and England, especially the men from St. James from Sheila and Rosie.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all prisoners everywhere, especially those from the Lower Falls area. Thinking of you at Christmas. Hope your next will be spent in freedom. Always in our thoughts and prayers. The McConville family, Lower Falls.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to all our friends in Crumlin Road, Long Kesh, Armagh and Portlaoise Gaols. No mother ever had better sons and daughters than Ireland has found in you. All our love, thoughts and prayers from Peadar, Imelda and Grainne.

TOM WILLIAMS / THOMAS HARTE CUMANN, SINN FEIN, LURGAN, send Christmas greetings to all Irish POW's, especially to the ten gallant lads from this area 'on the blanket' — Felim O'Hagan, Sean Coleman, Jim Roland, Sam Marshall, Leo Green, Tony McCaughey, Dermot McNally, Laurence Stevenson, Brendan Connolly and Maurice McGibbon.



UNITY FLATS R.A.C., Belfast send Christmas greetings to all the Republican POW's. Venceremos.

APOLOGY

We apologise to relatives, friends and comrades of prisoners that owing to the massive number of Christmas Greetings we received this year, all greetings have had to be reduced to the minimum number of words. Also, many individual greetings have had to be condensed together.

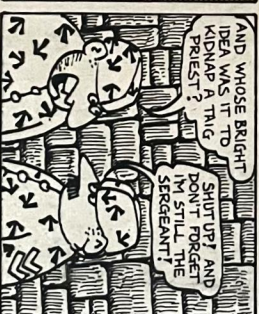
We also apologise for having no space for 'In Memoriam' and 'Sympathy' notices, also no space for Birthday Greetings and Solidarity Greetings to POW's — one year and two years 'on the blanket'.

All notices received will be printed in our first issue of the new year, dated 6th January. In particular we have received In Memoriams for Volunteers Brian Fox and Gerard McDade and sympathy notices for Volunteers Patrick Duffy and Liam Farrelly.

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Another Year



NOTE: - FIND A PICTURE OF A GUN AND LEARN HOW TO DRAW IT