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A CHRONOLOGY OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND CONFLICT

It can often be a contentious issue of debate of when and how Northern Ireland's 'Troubles' began, who and what is to blame, and even which event in case led us to where we are now. You can go back 30 years, or even 300 years and beyond for in reality Ireland has been engaged in conflict with England for centuries.

Therefore, in order to compile a chronological record of the modern Troubles - the term usually given to the most recent conflict, we must mark a defining point of start, which we have taken as partition itself and from which we began in Issue 1. In turn again, we feel it is equally important to give you the reader some understanding why events spiralled as they did into a bloody civil war.

This is not another view of the Troubles, this has been done and redone. This is the historical recording of events compiled by people from different parts of Belfast who lived through them. Our objective as local historians is to compile what we hope will be as near as possible a definitive reference to events as they unfolded through the last three decades.

In terms of research we have used as much material as possible and from diverse perspectives. We are confident that we have covered events as they were reported at the time. If however you feel that we have either left something out or indeed got something wrong we are more than happy to hear from you. As mentioned above this series of publications is the historical recording of the Troubles and all corrections are more than welcome.

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Tuesday 1st February 1972

Grave moment in our History

The Prime Minister Mr. Brian Faulkner, in a Commons statement following the Derry shootings has said, "This is a very grave moment indeed in the history of Northern Ireland." The community was surrounded with mounting hysteria and unreason, he said, and impossible demands were being made which could do nothing but deepen the tragic conflict. The Prime Minister said it was not for him at this time to say how 13 civilians came to be killed in Derry but he hoped that the full facts would be objectively determined from the impartial inquiry being set up by Westminster. The inquiry will be headed by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Widgery.

Mr. Faulkner in his statement stated the Governments "readiness to sit down with any of our fellow citizens who wish to discuss the situation with us in a realistic and reasonable spirit". However, he also issued a warning. "Today, when it is clear that a campaign to achieve a United Ireland without our consent is being mounted both by parties in Northern Ireland and by the Government of Mr. Lynch. The Unionist community in Northern Ireland will not tolerate such a proposition.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Bomb blows woman out of shop

A bomb, planted by three youths, has exploded at a grocery shop in Alliance Avenue. The woman who was blown out into the street had her hair singed. The front of the shop was blasted into the street.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

UDR man wounded

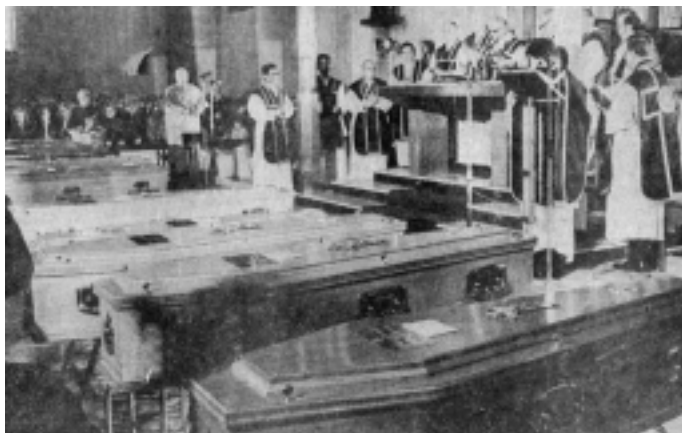
An Ulster Defence Regiment soldier was shot and wounded by gunmen at his farm a short distance from the border. The 42-year-old soldier was going to feed pigs on his farm at Mullinameen, near Kesh when at least one gunman opened up with a Thompson sub-machine gun. He was shot three times. He

was later taken to hospital where his condition was described as "satisfactory".

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Armed youths hi-jack vehicles

Several armed hi-jackings have taken place in Belfast, including a bus and an oil tanker. Three buses have been hi-jacked, one is reported to have been set fire by a group of children outside the Glen Road terminus, and two others are blocking the road. On the Andersonstown Road, a 5,200-gallon oil tanker was hi-jacked and at Fruithill Park, a bread van was taken. Elsewhere, lorries were hi-jacked at Finaghy Road North, Monagh and Glen Roads as well as Divis Flats.



RIGHT - Funerals of the victims of what became known as 'Bloody Sunday'

All buses on the Falls, Whiterock, Glen Road, Ladybrook, Turf Lodge Andersonstown and West Circular Road via Ardoyne routes have been withdrawn.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Escape from Long Kesh foiled

An attempted escape from Long Kesh internment camp in the early hours of the morning has been foiled. A statement released by the Ministry of Home Affairs has said that "At 5.30 three men were observed by night duty staff attempting to interfere with the security fence. An immediate security check revealed that no one had escaped." The security fence is ten feet high and surrounds each of four or five compounds. A Ministry spokesman stressed that the men were nowhere near the perimeter and it is believed that they ran back into their hut

when the prison staff raised the alarm. It is not known if any make-shift tools were used by the internees in their abortive bid for freedom.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Gunmen trapped in house

IRA gunmen have attacked a Royal Marine mobile patrol from a stone building just across the waterway at Narrow Water Castle, near Warrenpoint. It is believed that up to four men, armed with M1 Carbines, mounted the attack. The marines called in reinforcements, who directed concentrated fire at the building from a flanking position, in an effort to keep the IRA men pinned down. The shooting lasted for more than an hour and the Marines suffered no casualties but it is claimed that one of the IRA men may have been hit

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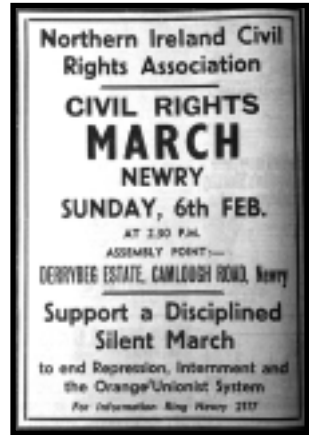
Belfast gun attack

Two shots have been aimed at the Army Post in Northumberland Street mill in the Lower Falls but no one has been injured.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Busmen strike in protest at Derry Killings

The nation-wide wave of protests in the Republic sparked off by the Derry killings has continued as Busmen in Cork and Donegal staged a one-day strike as a protest.



A call for a national day of mourning on Wednesday has been made by the Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch and is supported by the trade union movement.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Soldier shot in Falls Area

An 18-year-old private in the British Army has been shot and seriously wounded when a gunman opened fire on an armoured personnel carrier at Barrack Street in the Lower Falls.

Troops have also been attacked with nail bombs and gunfire in the Falls and Andersonstown areas. One nail-bomb exploded outside Springfield Road RUC Barracks and shots were fired at troops in Northumberland Street, Turf Lodge and Springfield Road areas.

Shots were also fired in Leeson Street and a major gun battle took place at the joint RUC-Army post at new Barnsley. At least 50 shots were fired by the IRA, over a two hour period, at troops in the post. Twenty-five shots were returned but no casualties have been reported.



LEFT - Funerals of the victims of 'Bloody Sunday'



Tuesday 1st February 1972

Hi-jackings and attacks continue

More than 30 vehicles have been hi-jacked in a 24-hour period. Most were set on fire on the Falls Road and a public house in Albert Street has been set alight, as was a vacant house in Divis Street and the offices of the Ulster Brewery at Glen Road. It is believed that about six gunmen held up staff at the brewery and sprinkled petrol around the offices and set them on fire. Extensive damage was caused.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Bomb explodes at Bank

The Ulster Bank branch at Andersonstown Road has been destroyed in an explosion. Extensive damage has also been caused to the Green Briar licensed premises at Glen Road after a bomb which had been planted by three men exploded.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Cinema attacked

Serious damage has been caused to the Broadway Cinema in Belfast after a fire was started in the building and a bomb has caused slight damage to Campbell's glass firm on the Springfield Road. In a gun attack on troops in Rockmount Street, Belfast, the IRA fired 14 shots and troops fired five shots in response. No hits were reported. A lone gunman also ambushed troops in St. James, but there were no casualties.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Rifle found

A rifle, seven rounds of ammunition and a telescopic sight has been

found during the search of a house in Rugby Avenue, Belfast and in a second search troops found a shot-gun, a .22 rifle and 45 rounds of ammunition. In Empire Street, off the Donegal Road, a pistol and 10lbs of gelignite were recovered from a car after it was chased and then crashed. A bomb has also been planted at the Monarch Laundry and in Percy Street, troops fired at a man seen carrying a gun. He was seen trying to hi-jack a vehicle but he was not hit.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Ex-Mayor shot in Lurgan

An ex-Mayor, Mr. Alexander Greer, has been shot when five gunmen



RIGHT - A British soldier stands guard as firemen fight a blaze at Baird's in Belfast's Union Street after it had been bombed

called to his Lurgan home. He was shot in the leg but managed to escape before they set fire to his house.

In another incident, two RUC men escaped injury when five shots were fired at them near Flush Place. A bus was also hi-jacked and burned on the Kilwilkie Estate.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Magherafelt bus depot attacked

Two single-decker and one double-decker bus were destroyed by fire at the Ulsterbus depot in Magherafelt. The fire followed a heavy explosion on the premises.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Orange hall attacked at Sixmilecross

An attempt has been made to burn the local Orange Hall in Sixmilecross. Inflammable liquid was splashed on the floor and set alight but the flames were noticed by a passer-by

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Carrickmore attack

A bus travelling from Dungannon to Omagh has been stopped by three gunmen at Carrickmore. The men armed with two revolvers and a rifle ordered the driver away from the

scene before setting fire to the vehicle. A spokesman for Ulsterbus said the 53-seater bus would cost £10,000 to replace.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

RUC man injured in Strabane

A Strabane RUC man has been slightly injured when a nail bomb was thrown at him from behind a barricade in the town. The attack took place at Townsend Street. Elsewhere in the town some cars were burned and an attempt was made to set fire to Sinnamon's drapery shop in Main Street.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

March in Omagh

An RUC Inspector and three civilians were injured in John Street after a protest at the town's court house. Stones were thrown and the RUC made three baton charges.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

RUC man injured in Strabane

Offices of the Coalisland Pipes and Brick Company have been set on fire. The Dungannon Fire Brigade, with military escort, rushed to the scene. There were two further fires at a tanning factory in Union Place, Dungannon and at a poultry farm near Newmills.

Tuesday 1st February 1972

Biggest bomb ever defused

The biggest bomb ever to be used in the North has been defused on the border near Crossmaglen. The bomb containing 320lb of gelignite was discovered when the Army and Gardai foiled an IRA attack.

Fuse wire in the Republic was found to lead up to the edge of a stream, and was carefully covered as it continued over fields, under a culvert to Mullaghduff old primary school, Cullyhanna, Crossmaglen where it passed under the roof to three milk churns each of which contained 100lbs of gelignite. The churns were concealed in bales of hay. Outside the school was a hi-jacked lorry, in which there was a 20lb bomb.

Scots Dragoon Guards and a unit of the Devon and Dorset Regiment were lured to the scene by a message that there was a parcel in the milk lorry. The plot misfired however when the fuse wire was discovered.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972

IRA man killed in Belfast

One gunman has been shot dead and another is believed to have been wounded when troops returned fire during a fierce attack on an Army post in Belfast. The RUC have



LEFT - A shop burns at Broadway in the Falls Road during rioting which broke out after thirteen people were shot dead in Derry by British troops

RIGHT - British soldiers run from a cloud of their own tear gas after the canisters were thrown back at them during riots in Derry



confirmed that a man has died from gunshot wounds shortly after he had been picked up by an ambulance at Divismore Park in the Ballymurphy area.

The attack on the Henry Taggart Memorial Hall came as youths hijacked vehicles and attacked troops across the city. It is said that at least fifty shots were fired in just over an hour during the attack on the post. Shortly before 1.30 seven shots were fired in quick succession at the post. A sentry then spotted two gunmen near a house at Divismore Park. He returned fire and one of the men was seen to fall. More shots were fired at the post before an ambulance arrived to take one or possibly two men away. It is believed that the man was taken to the Mater Hospital where it was later confirmed that he had died from his wounds. His name has not been released. The Army could not confirm that a second man was wounded in the attack.

Soldiers also fired on a nail bomber at Plevna Street in the Lower Falls area but he was not hit. Six shots were fired and a nail bomb thrown at men of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucester Regiment on patrol in the Falls Road and at Divis Street another gunman hit an armoured personnel carrier but there were no casualties.

In Strabane, ten shots were fired at a patrol of the Royal Anglican Regiment from the southern side of the border. Troops returned fire but no hits were reported.

In Andersonstown, an Army sentry escaped injury when a sniper opened fire on him outside a bar-

racks. Troops of the 12th Light Air Defence Regiment were also fired on at Finaghy Road North. In late afternoon, a patrol from the Gloucesters came under fire at the junction of O'Neill Street and Clonard Street. Thirteen shots were fired. No one was injured in any of the attacks.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972 5,000 in March to British Embassy

Thousands of trade unionists have assembled in Dublin to march to the British Embassy to protest against the Derry Killings. The parade formed at 3 o'clock at Parnell Square. It was estimated that more than 5,000 were present. By the time it reached the southern end of O'Connell Street it had doubled in size. Indications are it was one of the biggest demonstrations ever seen in the city. Hundreds of Gardai were posted in Merrion Square, to protect the British Embassy which

is showing the scars of two successive nights of attacks by petrol bombers.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972 Bombers attack Embassy

Anti-British feeling in the Republic erupted into further violence when the British Embassy in Dublin was again the main target and several British owned premises were petrol bombed. The Embassy was attacked by a gelignite bomb, which shattered its reinforced steel hall door, and by dozens of petrol bombs which were smashed against the steel shuttered windows and walls. The British passport office, housed in a separate building nearby, was almost destroyed by fire.

8,000 people were attending a demonstration at the Embassy in Merrion Square at the time of the bomb attack. A youth dashed out of the crowd and hurled a smoking gelignite bomb over the heads of the guards and it landed against the



door. The demonstrators and the guards fell back just before the bomb exploded. Two guards were injured by flying debris and the bomber disappeared into the crowd. The bombing was greeted with loud cheering.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972 Soldier shot dead in Belfast City centre

One soldier has been killed and another two injured in attacks in Belfast. The dead soldier, Corporal Ian Roy of the 1st Battalion, The Gloucester Regiment, was killed by a single bullet to the chest as he moved a barrier outside Hastings Street RUC Barracks. The other two soldiers were wounded in the Andersonstown area of the city. One was hit in the hand when a gunman fired eight shots at a patrol of the 12th Light Air Defence Regiment, but his injuries are not serious. The incident happened at



LEFT - IRA bomb attack on the Castle Arcade in Belfast

Tullymore Gardens and a short while later another soldier received a leg wound when a gunman opened fire on troops from the same unit at Rosnareen Avenue. Later when soldiers searched an abandoned car in the area they discovered a rifle and a Sten gun with a silencer.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972 Gunman wounded

More than 30 vehicles, including lorries and vans were hi-jacked and used to form Barricades in the Falls and Andersonstown areas and in the Divis Street area of Belfast troops came under gunfire. Although the soldiers claim to have wounded a gunman near Percy Street, no one was found. Nail bombs were thrown at the Northern Bank branch in Divis Street, but caused only slight damage. In Andersonstown the premises of Caroline Records was badly damaged by fire and two shops on either side of the Busy Bee supermarket, only a short distance away were damaged by fire. The fire service has said that during a four-hour period firemen fought 18 different malicious fires.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972 Boy threw nail bomb claims Army

During a bomb scare at Andersonstown, a small boy, claimed the Army, threw a nail bomb at troops. The Army claim

that the bomber was aged between eight and ten. A shot was also fired at the soldiers. No one is said to have been injured.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972 Woman is shot during ambush

According to an Army spokesman, a woman from the Short Strand area of Belfast was shot in the chest during an ambush in Belfast. The woman, from Beechfield Street, had been standing in the street shortly after youths hi-jacked two buses and set them on fire at Thompson Street and Vulcan Street. A gunman is said to have fired from behind one of the buses and the woman was taken to hospital. An Army spokesman that there was no question of her being shot by troops. Her condition remains critical.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972 Rioting and fires

At 7.00pm rioting broke out in Townsend Street, Strabane when a number of cars were stretched across the road and set on fire. At the same time, a fire was started in McCauley's filling station in nearby

Fountain Street. Shortly afterwards a fire broke out at Fleming's garage in Bridge Street. Troops fired rubber bullets to disperse the crowds which replied with stones and petrol bombs.

Wednesday 2nd February 1972 Gun battle- No one got out alive says Commando

Mystery surrounds the fate of the IRA men who engaged troops in a three-hour gun battle from a house at Narrow Water near Newry. The house was completely gutted by fire, probably started when tracer bullets fired by troops set fire to hay and straw stored in the derelict building. The soldiers who were engaged in the battle, men of the 45 Royal Marine Commando, are convinced no one got out alive and reports from the Carlingford area have suggested that two men died in the inferno. Other reports have said that two bodies were carried away and that a priest and Civic Guards were on the scene. But a Garda spokesman has said that no bodies or arms weapons were found.



RIGHT - The British Army G.O.C. in Northern Ireland Lieut. General Harry Tuzo (left) pictured watching a Civil Rights march in Newry

Thursday 3rd February 1972

Derry victim buried

Several thousand people have attended the funeral of 27-year-old Mr. William McKinney, the last victim of Sunday's shooting to be buried. Mr. McKinney's funeral was delayed to allow relatives from abroad to attend.

Thursday 3rd February 1972

Man dies in bomb attack

A man has been killed and five others injured in an explosion in Stewartstown, County Tyrone. The Imperial Bar in the Square occurred, like other pubs had officially

closed in mourning for the victims of the Derry shootings. However, the dead man, named as 49-year-old Mr Louis O'Neill and others went inside for a drink through a back door. The 15 lb bomb exploded without warning.

Thursday 3rd February 1972

Soldier shot in Belfast

A soldier has been shot and wounded in the Lower Falls area of Belfast when a gunman opened fire with an automatic weapon. The soldier, a member of the Gloucester regiment was hit three times in the chest, stomach and leg as he got out of an armoured personnel carrier at the junction of Slate Street and Grosvenor Place. The man has been rushed to the Royal Victoria Hospital, where his condition is described as serious

Thursday 3rd February 1972

RUC man wounded in gunfight

An RUC man, whose name has not been released, has been injured in a gunfight in a Belfast bar. The RUC man, who was off duty, was drinking in the Abercorn bar at Castle

Lane, when three gunmen entered the premises, held up bar staff and stole £200. The RUC man drew his pistol and fired five shots at the raiders as they were leaving. The gunmen fired back hitting him in the shoulder. The RUC believe that one of the gunmen was also injured in the exchange.

Thursday 3rd February 1972

Teenage boys shot in Belfast

A 14-year-old boy has been brought to the Royal Victoria Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds. However, mystery surrounds the actual shooting. The boy, from the Falls Road area of Belfast had his thumb blown off by a bullet. Twenty minutes later, a 15-year-old boy from Ardmonagh Gardens, Turf Lodge, was brought to hospital suffering from a gunshot wound to the knee. It is not known under what circumstances the youths received their injuries.

Thursday 3rd February 1972

Derry explosions

Two explosions have occurred within seconds of each other at a carpet and drapery store, and at an Ulsterbus depot in Derry. Extensive damage was done to both premises and a number of people were injured in the blast. One of the injured, an elderly man, is said to be seriously injured.



TOP - Republican prisoners protesting on the roof of the Belfast Prison on the Crumlin Road.

BOTTOM - British troops search a bread van on the main road to Armagh

Thursday 3rd February 1972**Dead man named**

The man shot dead by soldiers at Divismore Park, Belfast, yesterday has been named as Mr Thomas McIlroy of Divismore Park. The dead man was 29 years of age.

Thursday 3rd February 1972**Army recruiting office bombed in England.**

In England, police are questioning a number of people in relation to a petrol bomb attack on an Army recruiting office in Huddersfield and in Liverpool a TA barracks in Edge Lane has been hit by an explosion. In the Huddersfield attack, a woman saw two youths throw a petrol bomb through the window of the office in Kirkbridge and within seconds, the whole building was ablaze. No one was hurt in the Liverpool attack but the blast was heard over three miles away

Thursday 3rd February 1972**Belfast explosion**

The Army have set off an explosion in Belfast city centre. It was in a suspicious car outside Robinson and Cleavers. There are no reports of any injuries.

Thursday 3rd February 1972**More troops**

The Army in the North is to be reinforced by a 550 strong Battalion of the Light infantry.

Thursday 3rd February 1972**Nail bombs thrown in Derry**

Three nail bombs have been thrown at troops in Derry. No one has been injured in the attacks.

Thursday 3rd February 1972**Falls Road shootings**

There have been a number of shootings in the Falls Road area of Belfast. The Army have said that in a 12 hour period 178 rounds of ammunition were fired at them. No one has been injured in any of the attacks.

Thursday 3rd February 1972**Ammunition find**

During a search at Rosebank Street, troops have found 196 rounds of ammunition and one Mills type grenade.

Thursday 3rd February 1972**Overnight attacks**

In Sion Mills a large general store has been burned down after an overnight explosion, four petrol bombs were thrown at a shirt factory in Derry but there was no damage. And in William Street Marcus

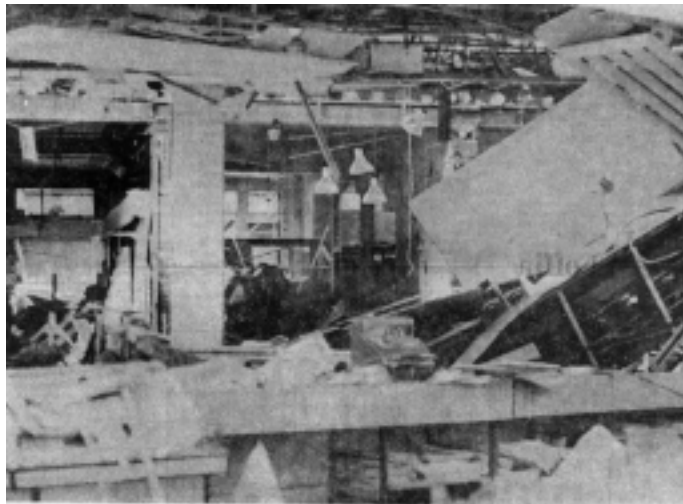
Harrison's garage was destroyed by fire. Elsewhere, at Beleek a customs building, documents and equipment were destroyed in a fire and a small electricity transformer was damaged by a bomb at Armagh. In Strabane serious damage was caused to the ground floor of a dry cleaners in Main Street. Another building in Railway Street was partially destroyed and in Lurgan an explosion has occurred at a cement works. The RUC are waited until daylight before investigating the explosion.

Friday 4th February 1972**Security clampdown in Newry**

Newry has been placed under a tight ring of road checks, as the RUC and Army prepare for Sunday's anti-internment march in the town.

Friday 4th February 1972**Mine injures soldier**

A soldier has been seriously injured in a mine explosion at the border. He was rushed to hospital in Belfast after the explosion on a border road near Glassdrummond, County Armagh. Two other soldiers were



RIGHT - IRA bomb attack on the British Home Stores in Central Belfast

reported to be injured by the blast but neither are said to be serious. Although the Army has not released details of the attack, it is believed that a mobile patrol was in the area and the bomb was detonated as the soldiers dismounted.

Friday 4th February 1972

Army claim to have shot four gunmen

Troops believe they may have shot four gunmen during exchanges in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. An Army spokesman said they saw two bodies being dragged across the balconies in the Divis Flats complex. Over eighty shots were fired at troops between noon and 8.00pm in the Falls area.

Cars were hi-jacked and turned into barricades, while soldiers used CS gas to attack crowds of youths. Shots were fired at them in the Albert Street and Divis Flats areas, and fire was returned. A burst of Automatic gunfire was heard in the Clonard area but it was not traced.

Friday 4th February 1972

Expert's theory on the effect of rioting

A leading psychiatrist has claimed that a significant decrease in cases of depressive illness and a fall of almost 30% in the suicide rate in riot torn Belfast in 1969-70 suggests that inhibiting frustrations were relieved by the opportunities provided for aggression on the streets. In a paper published in the British Medical Journal, a consultant psychiatrist at Purdysburn Hospital has reported



that where there has been severe rioting there has been a decrease in depressive illness.

Friday 4th February 1972

Soldier jailed for six months

A court has heard how a soldier with the 3rd Battalion, The Queens Regiment, produced a razor during a street incident in Downpatrick, threatened a 21-year-old teacher and assaulted a 21-year-old civil servant. The teacher told the court how she was approached by four men near her home. One said to her "You know us. We are members of the occupying forces. You will have read about us in your Republican news."

He then produced a razor and put it to her face saying, "You are pretty now but you won't be in a minute".

Friday 4th February 1972

Armed robbery

Eight men escaped in thick fog with more than £700 in wages from the Inglis bakery in Belfast. The RUC have said that four of the men involved in the raid at the Eliza Street premises were armed. Employees saw at least one pistol and a rifle. No one was injured. And in the Lower Falls area, two nail bombs were thrown at troops in Abercorn Street, but there were no casualties.

Friday 4th February 1972

Shots fired in Derry

A gunman fired one shot at the Army observation post on the city wall in Derry shortly after noon. The bullet struck the wall. Earlier shots were fired at the Bligh's Lane Army post and later troops fired at a gunman but he was not hit.

Friday 4th February 1972**31 men released**

The Advisory Committee considering the cases of internees have recommended that 345 out of the 380 men dealt with should not be released.

Of 35 internees approved for release, four had refused to give certain undertakings and were not let out. Ninety-two internees had appeared before the Advisory Committee to seek their freedom but the others refused to attend.

Friday 4th February 1972**IRA plan**

The Army have claimed that the IRA plan to dress IRA men in British Army uniforms during the Civil Rights march, which is scheduled to take place on Sunday.

Saturday 5th February 1972**Two injured in Derry gun battles**

Two youths have been shot by the Army in Derry in separate shooting incidents. The shootings happened only hours after five soldiers were injured in ambushes on two armoured personnel carriers.

The first youth was shot after an incident at the junction of Lone Moore Road and Beechwood Street. They were fired at by a gunman and one bullet went through a soldier's steel helmet. The soldier was not seriously injured. The shots

came from the direction of the Bligh's Lane roundabout. Fire was returned and the man was seen to be picked up by a civilian ambulance. Fire was also returned at a second gunman who was seen to fall.

In a second incident, army vehicles were on routine patrol and were travelling through the Bogside to the Bligh's Lane post. They were about 200 yards from the post when they were hit by an explosion caused by a hidden bomb on the footpath at Elim Terrace. As the Saracens slowed up, they came under a hail of gunfire. No one was injured. The soldiers, returned fire but no hits were claimed.

Saturday 5th February 1972**Rugby teams refuse to observe a minutes silence.**

Two top rugby teams who have been asked to observe a minutes silence before their matches in memory of the 13 people shot in Derry have refused to play in Dublin. The decision was taken by the teams, Malone and Instonians, shortly before they were due to travel to Dublin. A spokesman for Malone said that the minutes silence

would have been an embarrassment to their players and in view of that they cancelled the match.

Saturday 5th February 1972**Hockey match cancelled**

A hockey match between Newry Olympic and Collegians has been called off because the Army has taken over the pitch as a billet.

Saturday 5th February 1972**Ulster Covenant**

The Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast has announced that 334,095 people have signed the New Ulster Covenant declaring that they wish to remain within the United Kingdom. The papers bearing the signatures will be taken to London by Grand Lodge officers and handed to Mr. Heath and Mr. Wilson.

Saturday 5th February 1972**Irish Army sets up field hospitals**

The Irish premier, Mr. Jack Lynch has ordered the setting up of field hospitals along the border and has drafted extra police into Dundalk in advance of Sunday's Civil Rights march in Newry. In addition to the 1,000 extra Gardai being moved into Dundalk, two Air Corps heli-

FACING PAGE - Members of the RUC arrest school children who took part in an anti-internment march in Belfast.

RIGHT - A bus burns on the Glen Road in West Belfast during rioting in the area.





copters will be standing by at Case-ment aerodrome at Baldonnell to ferry casualties to hospital if needed. Hospital staff at Richmond Hospital in Dublin have been placed on 24-hour alert.

Newry itself is quiet but rumours are rife that the IRA were there in strength, complete with some of the British Army combat uniforms which had been stolen in Derry

Saturday 5th February 1972

Army post attacked with machine gun fire

Machine gun fire has been directed at an Army post in Belfast. Fifteen shots were directed at the post and a motorist driving by was injured in the arm as he drove along the

Newtownards Road. The attack happened at Seaford Street in the Short Strand area, there were no Army casualties and fire was not returned.

Saturday 5th February 1972

12 strong IRA unit at border

About 12 men armed with machine guns and pistols stepped on to the road at the Killeen border near Newry and held up three lorries. The IRA men gave the drivers five minutes to get clear then planted bombs in the vehicles.

Saturday 5th February 1972

Bligh's Lane post attacked

Overnight, in Derry, there were a number of shooting incidents. The principal target being the Bligh's Lane Army post, which was attacked three times. In the first attack, just after midnight, a single shot was fired. In the second, at 3.30am, two single shots were fired. A third attack was mounted at the post a while later when three bursts of fire were aimed at it, fire was returned but no one was injured. At 5.30 troops opened fire at a gunman seen on Lone Moore Road and an Army spokesman has said they believe the man was hit.

The observation post at Rosemount also came under fire at 8.00am. One shot, fired from the direction



TOP - Massive bomb crater on a road in Cullyhanna, Co. Armagh, after an IRA landmine attack on a British army patrol. two soldiers died.

BOTTOM - A hijacked tractor becomes part of a barricade during disturbances in the Grosevonr Road area of Belfast

of Helen Street, struck the post but no one was hurt.

Saturday 5th February 1972

Bakery attacked

A 2_lb bomb also exploded at the Glenvale bakery on the Glen Road and in Barrack Street, Derry, a dis-used Methodist Church hall was set on fire. In Lurgan Irwin's shirt factory was also damaged by fire.

Saturday 5th February 1972

British Diplomats are pulled out of Dublin

Following a sudden decision by the British Government to run down the diplomatic corps in Dublin, 35 members of the British Embassy colony, including wives and children, have flown out of Dublin. Six senior members, headed by the Ambassador, Sir John Peck, are to remain in Dublin, operating from secret offices.

Monday 7th February 1972

Two dead are IRA men

The Provisional IRA, in a statement issued in Dublin has stated that the two men who were killed when a sand barge was blown up were IRA volunteers. The IRA statement said: "The leadership of the Republican Movement regret to announce that two volunteers Charles McCann and Phelim Grant from the Toomebridge area of County Antrim, were accidentally killed on active service during the course of

a sabotage operation at Ballyginniff, Aldergrove on Saturday night." The RUC believe the IRA men had planted bombs on three other barges before the fatal accident occurred.

Monday 7th February 1972

IRA suspect escapes from Long Kesh

A suspected IRA man has escaped from the internment camp at Long Kesh but the breakout was not discovered for over 12 hours. The man, who escaped under the cover of darkness, is 24-year-old Francis McGuigan from Ardoyne. He is the

first man to escape from the tightly guarded camp. News of the escape first appeared when an anonymous caller phoned a local newspaper around mid-day claiming that McGuigan had escaped and was now "safe". However, when the Ministry of Home Affairs checked with officials at Long Kesh they were told that they had no knowledge of an escape. Mr. McGuigan's father and brother are also interned.

Monday 7th February 1972

Troops claim hit on gunman

Soldiers are claiming that they have wounded a gunman in Derry in the



RIGHT - A burnt out public house at the junction of Elizabeth Street and Albert Street which was destroyed during rioting in the area.

early hours of the morning. They say he was spotted carrying a pistol on Lone Moor Road and when they opened fire on him, he was seen to fall. The soldiers have also said that he was dragged away before they could reach him.

In Dublin, the authorities are refusing to disclose any information about two men from the North, who are in hospital with gunshot wounds. The men, both in their twenties were taken across the border on Sunday to Monaghan County Hospital. The pair have been transferred to Dublin.

Monday 7th February 1972 **Bridge blasted**

The Newtownhamilton-Dundalk cross border road has been made impassable to traffic by an explosion. A 15-foot crater has been blown in the road. The charge, which was placed under the bridge, blew out the road for a distance of 15 feet.

Monday 7th February 1972 **Sniper attack in Derry**

An Army patrol has returned fire at a sniper who was said to be on the roof of a house in lower Bennett Street. The patrol was fired on in Abercorn Road but no one was injured. Soldiers at the City end of Craigavon Bridge also fired at the gunman but it is not thought he was hit.

Monday 7th February 1972 **Public house bombed**

Four gunmen have walked into a public house at Crossmaglen over

the weekend and ordered everyone out before they planted a bomb. The bar was extensively damaged but no one was injured.

Monday 7th February 1972 **Public house bombed**

Twelve people have been taken to hospital after a blast at an electricity transformer at Mackie's foundry in Forfar Street. Army experts have also defused a bomb at Bradbury House in Bradbury Place, Belfast.

Monday 7th February 1972 **26 in court after Newry parade**

Twenty-six people, a number of them MP's and Civil Rights leaders are due to appear in court on charges of breaching the Governments parades ban. The names of those charged have not yet been released.

Monday 7th February 1972 **Man found dead on border**

The identity of a man who was found shot through the head on a border road on Sunday has still not been identified. The man in his twenties was found on a concession road between Castleblaney and Dundalk.

The RUC have issued a description: five and a half feet tall, sturdy build, fairish hair. He was wearing a pale blue sweater, fawn scarf and blue trousers. The man also had the name Barbara tattooed on his upper arm and there was a winged parachute emblem on the lower right arm. It is not believed the man was killed at the spot at which he was found.

Monday 7th February 1972 **Belfast Prison ceases to be Internment centre**

Belfast Prison is no longer being used as an internment camp and the remaining 50 internees have now been transferred to Magilligan Camp. The transfer is in line with the recommendations of a recent inquiry into security at the prison, that it should cease to be used as an internment camp.

Monday 7th February 1972 **Funeral of shot driver**

The funeral has taken place of Mr. Thomas McIlroy, of Divismore Park. The Army have claimed that they shot a gunman. However, local people are adamant that Mr. McIlroy was not involved in the attack and say he was an innocent man who was only carrying a battery to his car when he was shot. Mr. McIlroy leaves a wife and a three-year-old baby son.

Monday 7th February 1972 **Man dies from injuries**

A man who has died in hospital from injuries received in a blast at a Belfast store brings the death toll in the North to 239. Mt. Paul McFadden, aged 32, from Stranmillis Street died in the Royal Victoria Hospital after being injured a week ago at the British Home Stores

FACING PAGE - Firemen fight a blaze at Doig's Paint Store in Belfast's Queen's Square after an IRA bomb attack



Monday 7th February 1972

Stolen Army letter

The Post Office has begun a security inquiry into how a letter addressed to an Army chief in the North was stolen and then appeared in a Dublin newspaper. The letter from a retired Brigadier to the commander of the Parachute Regiment in Ulster praising his troops for handling the situation in Derry in which 13 people were shot dead. Post office officials believe the letter was probably stolen in Derry and sent to the Dublin paper.

Monday 7th February 1972

Mystery blast

Three men have been admitted to a Dublin hospital suffering from wounds received in an explosion. Initially it had been thought that the men had been shot but there is no indication as to where or how they received their injuries.

Monday 7th February 1972

Gelignite raid

Gardai investigating the theft of 1,400lbs of gelignite from a magazine at Turlough Hill, County Wicklow are working on the theory that the raiders were working on inside information. Up to 200 people work on the site and it is believed the raiders, armed with the information, drove there, tied up the guard and used his keys to let themselves in. After loading up two cars with all the gelignite, they drove away. The raid was not discovered for several hours and it is believed that the explosives may already be in the North.

**PUBLIC ORDER ACTS
(NORTHERN IRELAND)
1951 TO 1971**

WHEREAS I, the Right Honourable Brian Faulkner, Minister of Home Affairs, am of the opinion that by reason of the unrest and tension at present existing in Northern Ireland the holding of any public procession in any public highway, road or street is likely to cause serious public disorder or to cause undue demands to be made upon the police or military forces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Right Honourable Brian Faulkner, Minister of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 2(2) of the Public Order Act (Northern Ireland) 1951 do hereby order that the holding of all public processions in any public highway, road or street in Northern Ireland is prohibited for the period commencing on 8th February 1972 and ending on 8th February 1973.

In this Order the expression "public procession" does not include a funeral.

BRIAN FAULKNER,

Minister of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

7th February, 1972.

Monday 7th February 1972

Stolen rifles

Fourteen rifles have been stolen by the armed men who held up a licensed firearms dealer at Bridgend, just over the border from Derry. Three men were involved in the hold-up and it is believed they made their getaway across the border to Derry. This is the second time the premises have been robbed in the past year. In March between 20 and 25 rifles and shotguns were taken from the store.

Monday 7th February 1972

Gun and bomb attacks in Belfast

Several bursts of automatic fire have been directed towards Army positions in the New Lodge area of the city. Approximately 40 shots were fired at an Army post at Ala-

mein House and other shots were fired at mobile patrols in the area. Shots were also fired at the Henry Taggart post at New Barnsley and nail bombs were thrown at Army vehicles in the area but there were no casualties.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Dead man claimed he was British secret agent

The man who was found dead at the border at the weekend has been identified as 31-year-old David Seaman. Mr. Seaman from Manchester was found dead at Culloville on the Armagh-Louth border early on Sunday morning had appeared at an IRA press conference four months ago. At the press conference, held by Official IRA, Mr. Seaman identified himself as a British

secret agent. At the time, the Official IRA said they were keeping an open mind on his stories that he was making bombs for the British Secret Service and planting them in Belfast. He also claimed that the SAS – Special Air Service – parachuted him into the South in 1962 as an agent. Reporters were told by the man that amongst the bombs he made was the one use to blow up the Four Step Inn on the Shankill Road.

For a month, Mr Seaman stuck to his story, despite the fact that the British Army disowned him as a “Walter Mitty type character who does not know fact from fiction”. Then without warning, he prepared to leave Dublin and a local newspaper carried an interview with the IRA. In the interview Mr Seaman was quoted as saying: “My mission in Ireland is finished. I was sent to discredit the IRA and I’ve done so. The whole story was concocted by them and I was told by London to go along with it.” Since November, nothing was heard of Mr. Seaman until he was found dead.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Long Kesh head count refused

Junior Home Affairs Minister Mr. John Taylor told MP’s at Stormont that it is not possible to take a roll call at Long Kesh without the help of the Army. Mr. Taylor pointed out

that internees did not co-operate when head counts were taken. Answering questions in relation the recent IRA escape, Mr Taylor said: “It is important to realise that we are not discussing a prison. We are discussing an internment camp and prison conditions as such do not prevail.” Internees are given greater freedom to move about.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Border traffic disrupted

Cross-border traffic has been hampered because of IRA activity. It has been reported that gunmen were stopping drivers and that there was a build up of northern bound freight at Dundalk. One Northern lorry-driver, who was forced to turn back

at Jonesboro said: “There were what looked to me about 50 men with guns. I was told I could go across but that I would not get back again. I got the lorry turned and headed back home.”

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Three gunmen shot in Derry gun battle

Troops believe that they wounded three gunmen during a fierce gun battle which raged around the Bligh’s Lane Army post in Derry. And the Army claims that another gunman was hit during an attack on the post earlier in the night. Six or seven men, armed with .22 rifles, a Thompson sub-machine gun and high velocity weapons are said to



TOP - Bomb attack on Watson’s store in Belfast’s Donegall Street

BOTTOM - The ruins of the Co-Op store on the Falls Road which was destroyed during feirce rioting in the area.

have opened up from various positions on the edge of the Creggan estate at around 4.00am.

The IRA had taken up positions around the post, two or three gunmen were in the grounds of St. Cecilia's Intermediate School, one man was in Westway Gardens and two were at a barricade at the junction of Eastway Gardens and Demesne Avenue. An army spokesman described the scene as being "reminiscent of the OK Corral." During the hour-long gun battle, the Army say they definitely hit three gunmen. It is a claim local people have disputed and say no one was injured.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Off-duty soldiers attacked in Omagh

Two off-duty soldiers have been shot by gunmen in a passing car as they walked past their barracks in Omagh. The men had been drinking with other soldiers in a local public house and were walking along Drumragh Avenue back to their base at Lisnelly camp. As they approached the camp a slow two bursts of automatic fire were directed at the men wounding one soldier in the Stomach and the other in the leg. Both soldiers were Lance

Corporals. It is the first time there has been an IRA attack on troops in Omagh since the present campaign began.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

IRA punishments

There has been an apparent punishment carried out on two 16-year-old youths in Belfast. The youths were picked up by three gunmen in the Ormeau Road area and were driven to the Ballygowan Road, where they were shot in the legs. One youth also had his hair cropped. There is no indication as yet, as to why the attacks were carried out but it is believed that the Provisional IRA are responsible for the attacks.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Springfield Road barracks attacked

Two explosions have occurred at the RUC/Army barracks on Belfast's Springfield Road. The bombs caused slight damage to the perimeter fence but no one was injured. A nail bomb was also thrown at a mobile patrol on the Falls Road. And in the Moyard area of Ballymurphy soldiers gave chase after they were shot at from a car. The car crashed but the occupants escaped.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Armed raid at Keady

Four raiders who were armed with a machine gun and a revolver escaped with £100 from Derrynoose post office. The men escaped across the border.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Electricity Transformer attacked

An electricity transformer at Canrolla near the Decca radar navigational transformer was badly damaged after oil and petrol had been poured over it and set on fire.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

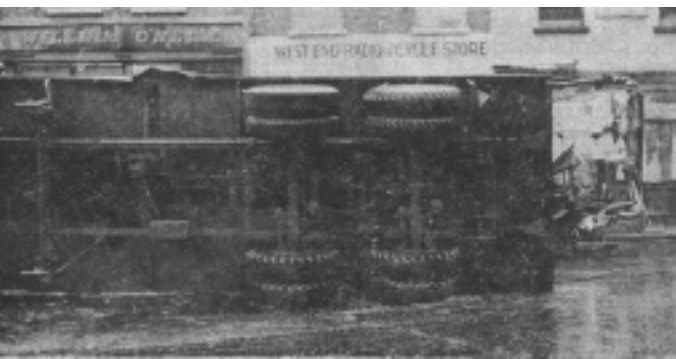
RUC attacked at Peoples Democracy meeting

An RUC Land Rover and several other vehicles were damaged when stones were thrown after a People's Democracy meeting at Obin Street, Portadown, but there were no injuries.

Tuesday 8th February 1972

Man shot in Strabane

A 27-year-old man has been admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital in Derry after a shooting incident in the town. The man has said that two gunmen walked into the garage where he worked and shot him in the leg. The man refused to stay in hospital and discharged himself. The RUC are working on the theory that one faction of the IRA may have been involved.



LEFT - Barricade across Leeson Street during rioting in the area.

Tuesday 8th February 1972**Swatragh bank robbed**

The RUC are looking for two gunmen who got away with an undisclosed sum of money from a Northern Bank sub office in the village of Swatragh on Monday

Tuesday 8th February 1972**Official IRA shoots soldiers**

The Official IRA has claimed responsibility for the shooting of two soldiers in Omagh. A telephone caller to a local newspaper, who identified himself as a staff officer of the Officials in Carrickmore, said the action was carried out by an Official IRA unit in retaliation for searches in the Carrickmore area. He said that although it had been claimed that the soldiers were unarmed, they had been carrying automatics in shoulder holsters. The caller also said that five men had been arrested in the Carrickmore area had no connection with the IRA.

Wednesday 9th February 1972**IRA man shot in Turf Lodge**

An IRA man is believed to have been wounded when troops returned fire at a gunman in the Turf Lodge area of Belfast. Minutes after the gunman was seen to fall, a man was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital with gunshot wounds. His condition is not known.

And in the New Lodge area soldiers

fired rubber bullets at a crowd of 100 youths who were attacking them.

Wednesday 9th February 1972**Civil Rights man injured**

A senior member of the Civil Rights Association has been involved in a road accident. The man, Mr. Kevin Agnew, drove his car into a telegraph pole, which had been lying across a road near Derry. He had been driving along the Derry-Claudy Road, just outside the city,

when his car ran into one of a number of poles that had been felled during the night as part of the Civil Rights Association's 'Day of Disruption'.

Wednesday 9th February 1972**Ardoyne man killed**

A 49-year-old man, Mr. Bernard Rice, has been shot dead as he walked to a meeting of the Catholic Ex-servicemen's Association. The man had just left his Mountainview Avenue home when



RIGHT - Explosives discovered in the Rotterdam Bar in Belfast's Pilot Street during an army raid.

a gunman fired at close range from a blue Ford Cortina. Mr. Rice was hit in the head and on his arrival in hospital, he was found to have died. The car from which Mr. Rice had been shot sped off in the direction of the Woodvale Road.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

New loyalist body

Mr. William Craig, the Larne MP has stated that if there is an attempt to interfere with the Constitution, his Ulster Vanguard movement would take whatever action it considered necessary to defend it. People, he said, should defend the constitution "even if it should mean the supreme sacrifice."

Organisations which have identified themselves with Ulster Vanguard are: The Loyalist Association of Workers, The Ulster Special Constabulary Association, The Ulster Loyalist Association, The Ulster Defence Association, Unionists and Young Unionists. In addition, prominent members of the Orange Order, the Royal Black Preceptory and Apprentice Boys also identify with the new body.

Mr. Craig stressed that Vanguard was not to be regarded as a political organisation. It was an association of associations which would rally loyalist support to retain the British way of life and the British constitution in Ulster.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

Deserter is impostor, says Army

A 22-year-old man, who has walked into a Cork police station and claimed he was a British Army deserter, is, according to Army

sources, an impostor. The man, who identified himself by his name, service number, platoon and regiment said he had left the Royal Horse Artillery after the Derry shootings. It is understood that the details what he gave corresponded with a soldier who was missing from his unit but who had since returned.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

IRA Statement

The Provisional IRA has claimed responsibility for the deaths of three RUC men and one soldier during 300 operations carried out in the past two weeks. It also stated that that no less than 84 British Servicemen had been wounded. The IRA in its statement admitted also that three of its volunteers had also been killed and four injured.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

Blast wrecks phone station

Shots have been fired at an Army helicopter in South Armagh shortly after a blast wrecked a telephone repeater station near the Killeen border post. The explosion was one of two heard in the Newry area before noon. The second blast was thought to have been in the Forkhill area.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

"Bloody Sunday was a Good Sunday," says McKeague

Woodvale Labour Party and superintendent of the Shankill Road Mission, the Rev Ivor Lewis, has criticised remarks made in the David Frost TV programme on Sunday.

He said he wished to disassociate himself from the statement by Mr. John McKeague that "Bloody Sunday was a good Sunday."

Wednesday 9th February 1972

Internees and Detainees

There are at present 598 men interned and another 159 held under detention orders. Furthermore, since August 1971 there have been 2,357 people have been arrested under the Special Powers Act. Applications for release have been considered in 68 cases and of these 22 cases had been recommended for release.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

Boy shot

The RUC have confirmed that a 14-year-old boy has been admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds after soldiers claimed to have hit a gunman during rioting at the Monagh roundabout in the Turf Lodge area of Belfast. His condition is not known.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

Claymore mine in Ardoyne

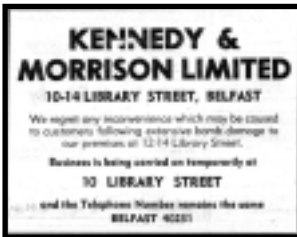
Two soldiers from the 1st Battalion, the Queen's Lancashire Regiment were injured in a claymore type bomb exploded in an alley in the Ardoyne area. It is thought that the soldiers set off a trip wire, which

FACING PAGE - Firemen tackle a blaze at the extensive premises of Kennedy & Morrison in Belfast's Library Street after a bomb attack.

set off the device, in the alley between Dunedin Park and Ladbroke Drive. Windows were shattered over a wide area.

Wednesday 9th February 1972
Incendiary device at home of customs officer

A fire, believed to have been started by an incendiary device, has destroyed a car and badly damaged a garage at the Beleck home of a customs officer.



Wednesday 9th February 1972

Claymore mine in Armagh

The RUC have stated that troops have found a claymore type mine in a cemetery at Cathedral Road. And in a car park in the nearby Catholic Church, they found a M1 carbine.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

Benburb telephone exchange damaged

An explosion has badly damaged a wooden telephone exchange at Benburb, causing the disruption of local telephones. No one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

UDR man attacked in Dromara

The RUC are investigating reports that shots were fired at a member of the UDR as he was walking to his home in Dromara.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

Silverbridge bomb

An explosion has blown a 15 feet deep crater in a border road at Tullymacreeve in the South Down area. The Army are waiting until daylight before investigating the incident.

Wednesday 9th February 1972

Petrol station bombed in Derry

An explosion and fire have extensively damaged a petrol filling station on the outskirts of Derry. Four men, some of them armed, held the attendant at gunpoint while they planted a five-pound bomb at the Buncrana Road station. After warning people to keep clear, they drove off towards the border. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 10th February 1972

Paisley attacks Vanguard

Ian Paisley has attacked Mr. William Craig's Ulster Vanguard Movement saying that "Vanguard is only out to save the Unionist Party. He also called on all the loyalist organisations to join politically with the DUP "which has already transformed itself into a viable, traditional political Unionist Organisation."

Thursday 10th February 1972

Gunman shot in Newtownabbey

A man has been shot and wounded by the RUC, after fire was returned in the O'Neill's Road area, close to Rathcoole. The RUC men had gone along with others to investigate a

suspicious car. As the car was approached, it drove off and then stopped. Three men, at least two of whom were armed with Thompson sub-machine guns then jumped out and began firing at the RUC personnel. Fire was returned and one gunman was hit in the head. The other two ran off into the Rathcoole housing estate.

Thursday 10th February 1972

Firebomb destroys shop

Fire has badly damaged a Belfast city centre shop after a 15lb bomb exploded in High Street. The bomb, which was placed at the premises of Thornton's, a firm that specialises in horse riding equipment, caused thousands of pounds worth of damage.

Thursday 10th February 1972

Soldiers go AWOL

The Army has revealed that two soldiers have gone missing from their unit in the North. The soldiers, who are believed to have been serving in Belfast, went AWOL on Tuesday. Military police are trying to trace the two men who may have gone to England.

Thursday 10th February 1972

Lundy burned in Lisburn

1,500 people have attended an Apprentice Boys parade in Lisburn and later approximately 200 Protestant youths roamed the streets of Lisburn breaking windows. The parade, by the Lisburn branch of the



LEFT - A fireman at a hijacked bus at the junction of Berwick Road and Highbury Gardens

TRIBUNALS OF INQUIRY (EVIDENCE) ACT 1921

LONDONDERRY INQUIRY

The Tribunal of Lord Chief Justice Widgery, set up to inquire into the events on Sunday, 30th January, which led to loss of life in connection with the procession in Londonderry on that day, will begin its Hearings proper on Monday, 21st February, at 10-30 a.m., at the County Hall, Coleraine.

Any interested parties wishing to apply for legal representation at the Hearings, or any persons wishing to furnish evidence to the Tribunal should write as soon as possible to:

**THE SECRETARY TO THE TRIBUNAL
LONDONDERRY INQUIRY
COUNTY HALL, COLERAINE**

Apprentice Boys No Surrender Club, ended with the effigy of Lundy being lighted by Ian Paisley. The RUC made eight arrests

Thursday 10th February 1972 Gunman seriously ill

The man shot during a gun battle with the RUC overnight is fighting for his life in a Belfast hospital. The RUC have said that he has undergone an operation in hospital but that his condition was critical. He has been named as Joseph Cunningham, a 24-year-old docker, of Derrycoole Way, Rathcoole. It is understood that a bullet lodged in his brain.

Thursday 10th February 1972 Soldiers attacked in Ardoyne

Troops have come under fire in Butler Street and Louisa Street area of Belfast. One civilian has received a head graze. Fire was returned but there were no casualties.

Thursday 10th February 1972 IRA deny dead man

Both wings of the IRA have denied that the mystery man from the Six Counties, who died in a Dublin Hospital, was connected with them. The man, according to Garda sources, was from County Armagh. He and another man were transferred to Dublin from a Monaghan

County hospital. It is believed that they are suffering from extensive burns caused by an explosion. The other man is in a serious condition.

Thursday 10th February 1972 Claymore mine used in Coalisland

Two soldiers have been injured, one of them seriously, when a Claymore type bomb exploded as an armoured vehicle was removing a barrier at Annagher crossroads. The injured soldiers were taken to South Tyrone Hospital.

Thursday 10th February 1972 UDR sentry fires at man

A UDR sentry at a local RUC barracks in Killrea has fired at a man who he said he saw carrying a gun in a field beside the married quarters. The gunman who did not fire at any time ran off.

Thursday 10th February 1972 Nail bomb attacks in Derry

Troops have come under nail bomb attack during rioting in William Street. CS gas and rubber bullets were used to disperse about 100 youths who attacked armoured personnel carriers with stones. There were no reports of anyone being injured.

Friday 11th February 1972 Furniture store bombed

Two bombs have exploded in Belfast city centre. No one was hurt but a furniture store in Upper Queen Street and an office block in Waring Street were wrecked. The furniture shop is owned by Gillespie and Woodside and the Waring Street

blast was at the offices of the Allied Irish Finance Company at Hypur House. Both bombs were planted by three men who were armed with pistols.

Friday 11th February 1972
Soldiers die in Border ambush

One of the two soldiers killed when their Land Rover was blown up by a mine has been named as Sergeant Ian Harris, aged 26, from Jersey. Two other soldiers were slightly injured when the mine, containing 50lb of gelignite, exploded at Cullyhanna in County Armagh. The vehicle in which the two men

were travelling was blown 10 to 15 feet in the air and the petrol tank exploded, setting fire to the wreckage.

Friday 11th February 1972
BBC bans ex-Beatle's song on Ireland

A protest song written by former Beatle Paul McCartney, calling for British troops to get out of the North has been banned by the BBC. The Independent Television Authority has banned advertisement of the song because it contained "political controversy" forbidden by the ITA Act. Radio Luxemburg have

also said they will not be playing the song since it was obviously "politically biased"

The song called "Give Ireland back to the Irish" was written by McCartney two days after 13 people were shot dead in the Bogside.

Friday 11th February 1972
Dublin tiles for Ardoyne

Ardoyne Housing Committee, which is rebuilding houses which have been burnt out, has received 30,000 roof tiles free from a Dublin firm. A committee spokesman said the tiles were given by the Weatherwell Tiling Company, Dublin.

Friday 11th February 1972
No campaign in England, says Official IRA

Cathal Goulding, Chief of Staff of the Official IRA has said the campaign against the British Army in the North will not be carried to England. Speaking in Dublin, he denied reports which had suggested that he had said ten British soldiers would be killed for every civilian killed in Derry on Bloody Sunday. Mr. Goulding denied he had said this not said he felt the campaign should be stepped up in defence and retaliation in the North.

Friday 11th February 1972
March's location kept secret

The organisers of Sunday's anti-internment march in Enniskillen are not revealing the starting point un-



LEFT - Police at the Abercorn Bar in Central Belfast after a policeman was shot

til the last minute. The march, organised by the Northern Resistance Committee and the Fermanagh Resistance group, will be the first in the county since anti-internment marches began on Christmas day. At the conference, Mr. Michael Farrell, vice-chairman, said he anticipated that 10,000 would attend.

Friday 11th February 1972

Woman injured in Divis Street

A woman has been injured by a ricochet when a gunman opened fire on troops in the Divis Street area. The woman was taken to hospital suffering from shock, it was there that a bullet was discovered lodged in her.

Friday 11th February 1972

Traces of blood found in Ardoyne

Troops in the Ardoyne area returned fire when a gunman fired at an observation post at the corner of Crumlin Road and Chief Street. Soldiers of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment later found traces of blood where they thought the gunman had been. An Army spokesman said that some local people had tried to wash away the stains.

In a second attack, at around the same time, another gunman was fired on when he aimed a rifle at an observation post at the corner of Brookfield Street

Friday 11th February 1972

Explosion wrecks fire station

An explosion and fire has wrecked the local fire station in Dungiven.

A fire engine inside was destroyed by what is estimated to be a 20lb bomb

Friday 11th February 1972

Troops attacked with bombs in Derry

Troops in William Street have come under nail and gelignite bomb attack during rioting and the Army reported two shooting incidents.

Rubber bullets and CS gas were used to break up youths who were stoning a garage and post office sorting office in the William Street area. Five people were arrested. One large gelignite bomb thrown at the remains of Marcus Harrison's garage knocked down part of a wall.

Friday 11th February 1972

Shots fired in Lurgan

Two shots have been fired at an Army patrol in the Kilwilkie estate.

Fire was not returned and there were no injuries.

Friday 11th February 1972

Incendiary device thrown

A small incendiary device has been thrown at the fishery office in Kilkeel and later two more scorched the door of the local county council offices.

Friday 11th February 1972

Armed men hi-jack bus at Strabane

Three armed men have hi-jacked a bus at Claudy and made the driver take it to some waste ground where it was set on fire.

Saturday 12th February 1972

Soldiers at IRA press conference

Two men, said to be British Army deserters from Belfast have appeared at an Official IRA Press Conference in Dublin. Both men



RIGHT - Remains of a car bomb which exploded in Garmoyle Street

were serving with the Queens Lancashire Regiment which was based in the Ardoyne area. At the press conference, they spoke of how they were told to shoot three named Belfast Republicans on sight. An Army spokesman said that "That's their personal opinion".

Saturday 12th February 1972 Soldier wounded on Falls

A soldier has been shot and wounded in the Falls area of Belfast. The soldier, who is serving with the 1st Battalion, The Gloucester Regiment, was hit in the cheek

by a single bullet fired by a sniper near the junction of Cyprus Street and Raglan Street. He is not thought to be seriously injured and fire was not returned.

Saturday 12th February 1972 House bombed

A council worker, who is reported to have worked during the recent "Disruption Day" has had his home attacked. At around 11.00pm four armed men arrived at his home, ordered the man and his family, as well as neighbours out of their homes and planted a 15lb bomb.

One of the gunmen said to the council worker: "You work for Fermanagh County Council and you swept the streets of Beleek on Wednesday".

Saturday 12th February 1972 2,000 march in support of troops

More than 2,000 Protestants have marched through Glasgow in Support of British troops in the Six Counties. Shoppers watched silently as the flag and banner carrying procession made its way to George Square, led by Pastor Jack Glass, head of the 20th century Reformation Movement.

Saturday 12th February 1972 Dunmurry explosion

A bomb has damaged the GPO sports pavilion at Thornhill Road, Dunmurry. The blast, which took place at 1.30, was heard over a wide area, but there were no reports of injuries.

Saturday 12th February 1972 British are foreigners in Ireland

Richard Burton, the actor, has told Hungarians that "the British are foreigners in Ireland". He told a Press Conference to promote his new film "Bluebeard" that "I, as a passionate Welshman, am naturally troubled, about our first cousins the Irish, who are having such a terrible time at present. The fact is the English are foreigners over there."



LEFT - Bomb attack on the British Airways office at the junction of Rosemary Street and North Street

Saturday 12th February 1972**Embassy seeks new premises**

Four British Foreign Office officials are in Dublin looking for new embassy accommodation and are preparing for normal embassy functions. Thirty-five members of the diplomatic staff and their families were ordered back to London after the burning of the embassy. At present, the Ambassador and his staff are operating from a secret location in Dublin.

Saturday 12th February 1972**Shirt factory destroyed**

£100,000 worth of machinery has been destroyed when a bomb and incendiary devices exploded in a shirt factory on the Springtown estate on the outskirts of Derry. The explosion was caused by a 30lb charge of gelignite and incendiaries sited in three places around the factory. Another explosion near the city has wrecked the Killea customs post.

Two Armed men have also walked into the Northern Counties club in Bishop Street carrying a 15lb bomb in a duffle bag. The bomb failed to go off and was later defused by an Army expert. And in Lone Moor Road, two gelignite bombs were thrown at troops, shots were fired by the soldiers but no injuries were sustained by either side.

Saturday 12th February 1972**Bombs in Belfast**

Three buildings have been bombed in Belfast overnight. The first

explosion took place at around 6.30pm after five youths planted a 5-10lb bomb in a Belfast Co-Operative shop on the Springfield Road. £700 was also taken in the attack. The second bomb damaged a derelict house at Brompton Park in the Ardoyne area. A third bomb was thrown from a car into a bus canteen at the side of Belfast City Hall. One woman was slightly injured when the 20lb bomb exploded in May Street.

Shots have also been fired at an RUC Land Rover in the Malone area of Belfast. One of the bullets struck the vehicle but did not hit any of the occupants. Fire was not returned. Earlier in the night a single shot was fired at an Army post at Springfield Road RUC barracks. No one was hit and fire was not returned.

Saturday 12th February 1972**Arms finds in Belfast**

Troops raiding a house in Clonard

Gardens have discovered two sticks of gelignite and in a separate raid 3lb of explosives and two detonators were found in the Upper Falls area.

The search of a house in Cooke Street, off the Ormeau Road, has also uncovered two M1 carbines, four magazines for carbines, a sawn-off shotgun, cartridges and assorted ammunition.

Saturday 12th February 1972**Coffin was draped with Tricolour**

A young Keady man who died in Dr. Steven's Hospital, Dublin, from burns, was buried in his hometown in a coffin draped in an Irish tricolour. He is Patrick Casey, of St. Matthews's estate, who was in his early 20's. Late on Wednesday, doctors lost their three-day fight to save his life. Another young man, also believed to be from the Keady area, is still being treated for burns in Dublin.



RIGHT - Remains of an IRA car bomb which was left in Shaftesbury Square



Monday 14th February 1972

New wave of bombs in Belfast

Thousands of pounds worth of damage has been caused in a new wave of bomb attacks in Belfast. Bombs have been planted in a paint store and a bank in Belfast as well as an office block at Dunmurry.

The bomb at the Belfast Savings Bank in King Street is said to have been 15lb in weight. It had been left in a schoolbag at the front door just before opening time. Army experts defused two other bombs at a furniture store and under a lorry. At the Kilwee industrial estate, near Dunmurry the offices of Rank Xerox were badly damaged by a bomb.

Monday 14th February 1972

18-year old Paratrooper found dead

The body found at the border at the weekend was that of a soldier. He is believed to have been a member of the Parachute Regiment. The man, who has not yet been named, is thought to be aged 18. He had been visiting his mother in Dublin when he was kidnapped. The soldier it is thought was first questioned before being shot. His body was left at the border near Newtownhamilton on the Clones Cavan road.

Monday 14th February 1972

UDR men's weapons are stolen

Six hooded and armed men have carried out raids on the homes of two UDR men in the Blackwatertown district, County Armagh, and got away with three SLR rifles, two shotguns and UDR uniforms. An Army spokesman said that SLR rifles were only partly assembled and could not be fired unless the raiders had spare parts

Monday 14th February 1972

Men wounded in Ligoniel

Two men have been wounded by troops in Ligoniel. The shooting happened outside the Victoria Mill when a patrol of 45 marine Commando spotted four men getting out of a car. According to the Army, one man was armed with a pistol and another with a sub-machine

gun. The soldiers fired on the men and one fell to the ground, the other wounded man ran off but was captured. A .45 automatic pistol was found beside the first man.

Monday 14th February 1972

Soldier wounded in Lurgan

A soldier has been wounded when five or six shots were fired at a patrol in Levin Road, Fire was returned and there were no hits

Monday 14th February 1972

Couple injured at barricade

A Lurgan man and woman have been detained in Newry hospital after a road accident. The couple were in a collision with a lorry which was being used to block the Belfast-Dublin road at Killeen customs station. Local people have complained that there were no lights warn of the presence of the lorries.

Monday 14th February 1972

Derry attacks

In Derry, a gunman fired four shots at the Bligh's Lane post without causing any casualties. Fire was



returned at a gunman who was in Eastway Gardens. Five rounds were also fired at troops at the Francis Street-Great James Street junction but no one was hit. The army also fire on a gunman who was seen in the area of the Bogside Inn but there was no hit. Eleven nail or gelignite bombs were also thrown at troops in William Street.

Tuesday 15th February 1972

Internees are in control

Bannside MP, Ian Paisley, has claimed in the Commons at Stormont that there were areas inside Long Kesh internment camp which are "very much in control of those internees". Mr. Paisley claimed that prison staff were only permitted through the gates of these areas with the permission of the internees. He asked why prison staff had to knock on the door and ask, "Can they come in?"

Tuesday 15th February 1972

Army attacked on border

Troops have come under fire at the Fermanagh border. It happened at Aghalane when they went to investigate an explosion at the customs post. About 40 shots were fired at the soldiers from across the border. The Army returned fire but there were no casualties.

Tuesday 15th February 1972

Bomb is handed to girl

Bombs have blasted two business premises in Belfast and in one of

them, a bomb was handed to a girl shop assistant. The first blast badly damaged Sawyers food store in castle Street and the second, minutes later started a fire, which destroyed Kennedy and Morrison engineering store in Union Street. No one was injured in either explosion.

At Sawyers, a gunman approached a girl assistant and handed her a duffle bag containing the bomb. He told her to place it behind the counter and said: "It's a bomb and you have ten minutes to get out". The blast at Sawyers wrecked part of the food hall and smashed hundreds of windows in adjoining buildings including the offices of BEA, Stewart's Supermarket, Kenneth Vard's furriers and the Bord Failte travel office.

Flames leapt through the roof of Kennedy and Morrison's only minutes after the bomb exploded. The manager of the firm said that there was very little inflammable material in the building and that it contained mostly iron and steel. How-

ever, the gunmen are believed to have sprinkled petrol around the premises before planting the bomb.

Tuesday 15th February 1972

IRA admits bombing hotel

The Provisional wing of the IRA in Derry have claimed responsibility for the bombing of the Woodleigh Hotel and the Tootal shirt factory at the Springtown estate. They also admitted bombing the Glenvale bakery at Glen Road, a box manufacturing company on Racecourse Road and a filling station on Buncrana Road.

The IRA have claimed that one of their units targeted the hotel because it was "a haven for RUC Special Branch men and British Intelligence". Replying to a statement by the Official IRA condemning / the hotel and factory

Tuesday 15th February 1972

Arms find at Ligoniel

Troops have arrested nine people and found a rifle and two shotguns during an early morning search of



RIGHT - Remains of two car bombs which were parked in Great Victoria Street



Ligoniel, on the outskirts of Belfast. The searches follow a gun battle in the area on Sunday night in which men of the 45 Royal Marine Commando shot and wounded two men

Tuesday 15th February 1972 **UDR men's weapons stolen**

Gunmen have raided the homes of a UDR man and an ex-member of the regiment in Stewartstown County Tyrone. In a struggle at his Hillhead home a UDR man was struck over the head and a rifle was taken. The second raid, which occurred at the same time but in North Street the raiders fled empty handed and left a Thompson Sub-machine gun and a loaded magazine behind them. It is believed the gunman attempted to fire the weapon but that it jammed.

Tuesday 15th February 1972 **RUC man shot**

An RUC man has been shot twice in the leg and hip when his Land Rover was fired on in Monagh Road. He condition is not said to be serious.

Tuesday 15th February 1972 **Dead soldier named**

The soldier who was found hooded, gagged and shot on a border road on Sunday has been named as Private Thomas McCann of the Royal Ordnance Corps. Private McCann, a native of Dublin, was aged 19 and is the 50th soldier to die in the North

Tuesday 15th February 1972 **Landmine attack**

In County Armagh, a Claymore type mine has exploded near an Army mobile patrol in the Keady-Market Hill area. None of the soldiers were injured.

Wednesday 16th February 1972 **Bomb on Heysham boat**

Hundreds of passengers, including 300 soldiers, have arrived by the Heysham boat in Belfast, not knowing that a bomb had been hidden on board throughout the journey. The bomb, estimated to have been 40lb of gelignite was discovered by a crewmember a half hour before the boat was due to dock. It was just finishing an eight hour crossing. Army experts defused the bomb.

Wednesday 16th February 1972
Paratroopers sent to New Lodge
The 2nd battalion, the Parachute Regiment have just begun their third four-month tour in the North. They are to be based in the New Lodge and North Belfast areas.

Wednesday 16th February 1972 **Coal lorries hi-jacked**

Three large coal lorries have been hi-jacked and their loads used to block the Belfast-Dublin road at Killeen, Newry. As well as blocking the route, the move by the IRA was seen as an expression of solidarity with the miners strike.

Wednesday 16th February 1972 **Five wounded in Belfast**

The RUC are investigating the shooting and wounding of five men in Belfast. The IRA has stated that three men were shot by them in Ardoyne. The men, who were all shot in the thighs, had been tried by the IRA for a variety of offences. Two other men were wounded in the Grosvenor Road and East Belfast areas, however the motive for these shootings are unclear.

A house in McClure Street has come under machine gun fire. A parked car outside was riddled with bullets.

In Lurgan, a 29-year-old Protestant man was tarred and feathered. He was arrested by three men, who were armed with a sub-machinegun, as he got off a bus. After being partially stripped and covered in tar and feathers he was brought home and tied to his front gate.

Wednesday 16th February 1972 **Official IRA condemns thefts**

Responsibility for recent armed robberies in the Armagh area has been disclaimed by the local command of the Official IRA. In a statement condemning the raids on small shopkeepers and the working class in Armagh City and surrounding areas, they said: "We wish to make it clear that none of our volunteers were in any way involved."

Wednesday 16th February 1972 **Derry has a quiet night**

Derry has had one of its quietest nights for weeks with only one shooting incident and some minor stoning of troops. One shot was fired at the Bligh's Lane Army post from the junction of Beechwood Crescent at around 10.30pm but there were no casualties and fire was not returned. There was also some sporadic stone throwing in the William Street area and also at the Brooke Park and Rosemount Army posts. CS gas and rubber bullets were used by the Army.

Thursday 17th February 1972 **Soldier killed on M1**

A soldier has been shot dead during a gun attack on his mobile patrol. The soldier, was travelling along the M1 motorway in one of two Land Rovers when sub-

machinegun and rifle fire was aimed at them from a motorway bridge. In all 14 shots were fired during the attack near the Moira Roundabout. The soldier who died was Private Michael Fredrick Prime of the Royal Army Pay Corp. He was a married man from Rotherham and he joined the army in March.

Thursday 17th February 1972 **RUC wound gunman**

One gunman was wounded and two others captured when the RUC

opened fire during an attempted robbery in Lurgan. A large sum of money was being transferred from the Goodyear plant at Craigavon when the raiders, in a stolen Hillman Imp car, drove across the path of the car carrying the money, forcing it to stop. Their car had been spotted acting suspiciously and a passer-by contacted the RUC. As the raiders jumped out of their car brandishing guns, the RUC immediately drew their Walther pistols and fired. One man was hit in



FACING PAGE - Remains of a car bomb left at the Castlereagh Roundabout

RIGHT - Bomb attack on the Imperial Bar, Stewartstown

the leg. He was taken to hospital but is not thought to have been seriously injured.

Thursday 17th February 1972

Shot woman dies

A Belfast housewife has died in hospital seven days after she was hit by a bullet. She was Mrs Elizabeth English, age 67 of John Street. Mrs English was hit in the groin when a sniper opened fire on an Army patrol in Barrack Street. Troops did not return fire nor was the gunman seen.

Thursday 17th February 1972

UDR man killed

A member of the UDR, 45-year-old, Mr Thomas Callaghan, from Limavady has been shot dead. The Catholic bus driver had been driving his bus through Derry's Creggan estate when he was kidnapped at gunpoint and bundled into a car. Mr Callaghan's body was later found at the junction of Brooke Street and Foyle Road. He had been shot through the head

Thursday 17th February 1972

Woman tries to kick bomb from shop

Seven people have been taken to hospital suffering from shock and cuts after a 10lb bomb went off at the British Caledonian ticket office in North Street. Two men walked into the office at the corner of Rosemary Street and North Street at around 9.30am. They placed a bomb which was concealed in a holdall behind one of the desks. No

one was seriously injured.

A second explosion has completely wrecked a grocery shop in Selby Street. A youth aged 18 walked into the shop and ordered customers and staff out. He then signalled to a second man who carried in a cardboard box, placed it on a counter and lit a fuse. A customer then shouted to the shop owner that a bomb had been placed in the shop. The shopkeeper then threw the bomb on to the ground and then she kicked it towards the door. Clouds of smoke were pouring out from the box and both women then decided to run away. The bomb exploded seconds later. One woman was taken to hospital suffering from shock.

Thursday 17th February 1972

IRA return van

The Provisional IRA in Derry have returned to a Belfast electrical firm a van containing £2,000 worth of goods which was hi-jacked in the city. Representatives of the firm have gone to a pre-arranged point in the Bogside to collect the vehicle and its contents.

A spokesman for the Provisional IRA said the van had been hi-jacked by a man who was not connected with either wing of the IRA. "We want to state that this area will not be used as a haven for crooks and thieves." He said. The Belfast firm's representatives are believed to have offered a reward to the Provisionals on the return of the van

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but it was declined. The firm are said to have donated a heater for the use of the Creggan Peace Corps

Thursday 17th February 1972 **We'd use gun, say DUP men**

Two prominent members of the Democratic Unionist Party has said in Carrickfergus that they would not rule out the use of the gun if all else failed. Mr. Oliver Gibson, chairman of the DUP's Antrim steering committee told a loyalist rally that if force was used against him he would reply with force and with greater force.

Mr. Clifford Smyth, a former Unionist candidate for Derry shared this opinion and added that Long Kesh was now the Sandhurst of the IRA. Men were coming out of the internment camp more efficient and clever than when they went in. They were being trained inside in the use of guns and bombs and they were being educated more fully in political tactics.

Thursday 17th February 1972 **IRA give backing to miners**

A statement issued by the Official IRA in Dundalk has claimed that their action in hi-jacking and burning lorries travelling into the North was done in support of the striking miners in England.

Thursday 17th February 1972 **Bakery worker shot**

An employee of Inglis Bakery has been shot in the chest as he was

going into a shop near his work. The shots came from a passing car and he was hit in the chest. The 35-year-old man, a fitter, had been threatened several times for working on "Disruption Day".

Thursday 17th February 1972

Boy's hand is permanently injured

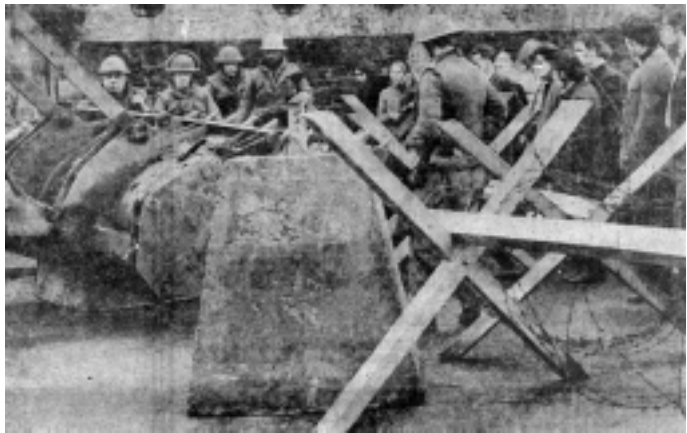
A 12-year-old boy from Bantry Street, Belfast has been injured when a metal object he picked up

in a car park at Clonard exploded. The object, which is thought to have been a detonator, exploded and it is understood that his left hand has been permanently damaged.

Thursday 17th February 1972

Shirt factory gutted

A shirt factory in Edgar Street has been gutted by fire. The premises were damaged by a bomb earlier in the month.



RIGHT - Troops block off Newry's Monaghan Street to stop a Civil Rights march

Thursday 17th February 1972

Soldiers attacked in Coalisland

In Coalisland, four gunmen took over a public house and fired on soldiers building a ramp outside the local RUC barracks. Fire was not returned because school children were in the area. The gunmen fired from an upstairs window after telling the owner to close up.

Thursday 17th February 1972

Derry blazes

A fire which has badly damaged the three storey Modern Stores furniture store in Derry's Carlisle Road is believed by the Army to have been started deliberately. A fire has also severely damaged an unoccupied two-storey office block at Bleach Green, Ardmore which is a few miles from the city.

Thursday 17th February 1972

Soldier opens fire on Gunman

A guard on duty at an observation post at Rosemount RUC barracks has opened fire on a gunman in the

area of St. Joseph's school. He was seen to fall and a second man was seen to come forward and pick up his weapon. The sentry also fired on this man but it is not believed he was hit.

Shortly before midnight, a low velocity shot was fired at the Army post in Bligh's Lane from the direction of Demesne Gardens. There were no casualties.

Friday 18th February 1972

MP's join Alliance Party

Three Northern Ireland MP's, including a former Cabinet Minister, have revealed that they have joined the Alliance Party and they will now sit as Alliance MP's. They are Mr. Phelim O'Neill, the Unionist MP for North Antrim, who was Minister of Agriculture in the Chichester-Clarke Government; Mr. Tom Gormley, an independent and former nationalist MP for Mid-Tyrone; and Mr. Bertie McConnell,

the Independent Unionist Member for Bangor.

The Alliance Party, which has been formed for almost two years, has branches in 44 of the 52 Stormont constituencies but until now, the party has had no MP's.

Friday 18th February 1972

Gun and bomb found in car

Three men have been detained by troops in the Short strand area of Belfast after the discovery of a revolver and bomb in a car. The find was made at 11.20am by men of the Queens Own Highlanders who were carrying out a search of vehicles. They stopped a car at the junction of Madrid Street and Lisbon Street and in the back seat, they found a bomb with a fuse sticking out of it. As soon as the box was spotted, troops pulled the three occupants from the car and searched them. According to the Army, one of them was found to be carrying a loaded revolver.



Friday 18th February 1972**Bombs rock the North**

Sixteen people have been taken to hospital after a bomb blasted the premises of an electrical firm Kelvin Distributors in Rydalmere Street. All were suffering from shock. Explosions also extensively damaged three city centre stores in Derry. The stores, Paul's Fashions, at the corner of Strand Road and Great James Street; Blair's shoe store in Butcher Street and McMichael's ship chandlers at Sackville Street were all damaged.

In Newry, gunmen set fire to the Town Hall with incendiary bombs. No one was injured.

A bomb which had been placed in a newsagents shop in Skipper Street was grabbed by the owner and thrown into the street where it exploded. Shops and offices were evacuated as Army bomb disposal experts were called in.

Friday 18th February 1972**MP's get six months sentences**

Three MP's have been sentenced at Belfast Magistrates Court for taking part in Banned parades. They are Bernadette Devlin, Frank McManus and Ivan Cooper, who took part in a parade on the M1 on Christmas Day. All three have been released on bail

Friday 18th February 1972**Two banks raided**

Armed men have gotten away with about £1,600 from two simultane-

ous raids on two banks in Carrickmore, County Tyrone. £800 was taken from the Munster and Leinster bank and a similar amount from the Northern Bank.

Friday 18th February 1972**Sentry fired on four times**

A sentry at the Carnmoney billet of the 7th Royal Horse Artillery has been fired at on four separate occasions during the night but there were no casualties and shots were not returned. The first attack came at about 9.30 from the Derrycoole Way area of Rathcoole. About an hour later, a two-pronged assault was launched.

A shot was fired from a passing car while two short bursts of Thompson sub-machine gunfire came from the Church Road direction. Ten minutes later, two more shots were fired from the direction of Church Road.

Friday 18th February 1972**North - South power link wrecked**

As emergency power restrictions took effect in the North, it has been revealed that the North-South electricity link, which would have alleviated the shortage is out of action through bomb damage. It is understood that a blast near the border last month damaged the overhead link from Tandragee to Maynooth. Repairs have not been carried out.

Since the explosion, the significance of the destruction has been kept quiet for security reasons.

Friday 18th February 1972**Gelignite in Belfast**

Junior Home Affairs Minister Mr. John Taylor has told MP's at Stormont that during the past three weeks 496lbs of gelignite has been used by the IRA in the Belfast area.

Saturday 19th February 1972**Row over RUC Reserve**

A major row has developed between the Police Federation and the Ministry of Home Affairs over the conditions under which members of the RUC Reserve will be used for full time duty. The Federation, representing 4,000 full time RUC men, has threatened that it will refuse to co-operate in any way with members of the 1,500 strong Reserve unless a satisfactory agreement is reached. The Ministry has announced its intention to allow the Reserve force to be used for all types of police duty in an emergency situation. It is this decision which is causing anger among the rank and file of the RUC. Said one member of the Federation: "What we are concerned about is that members of the RUC Reserve will be brought in on a mass basis, thus cutting down, or cutting completely, the right to overtime for full time members.

Saturday 19th February 1972**Gunman shot and captured**

Soldiers have shot and captured a gunman after a chase through the Lower falls area of Belfast. An Army spokesman said that four men were noticed behaving suspiciously in the Varna Street-Sultan Street area. The men ran off when chal-

lenged and were chased by a soldier. Minutes later a member of the patrol entered a house where he found a breathless man talking to an old woman. On searching the man, the soldier found an Armalite rifle, but the man ran out the door before he could be caught. During the chase a soldier fired three shots at the fugitive and after a struggle in which the man was shot in the leg, he was detained.

Saturday 19th February 1972
Man drops 600 rounds of ammunition

A man being chased by soldiers at Sydenham by-pass dropped a packet containing more than 600 rounds of ammunition. An Army patrol noticed a white 1100 car being driven erratically at 1.05am and the car was seen to swerve and hit a pole. The driver got out and ran away down a subway near Sydenham Halt. Soldiers chased him and he dropped the package.

Saturday 19th February 1972
Killyhelvin Hotel bombed

Guests and musicians attending a GAA function had a lucky escape when the Killyhelvin Hotel in Enniskillen was blasted by a bomb. The bomb, concealed in a suitcase, was left by two men who said it was for the band. It was discovered when one of the staff became suspicious, opened it and saw wires and batteries inside. Earlier a message had been left with the telephone operator in Sligo saying there was a bomb at the hotel but the bomb went off before the warning got through.



In another incident in Fermanagh a county council lorry and a privately owned excavator were wrecked by an explosion and fire near Newtownbutler. Armed men ordered the drivers out and placed charges under the vehicles

Saturday 19th February 1972
Dummy used in bomb attack

In Belfast, the IRA has used a dummy filled with explosives in an ambush on troops. In response to reports of a body being found on the Glen Road, a patrol was sent to investigate. The body turned out to be a dummy, which exploded as the troops approached. Shots were also fired at the soldiers. None of the soldiers were hurt, however a civilian was injured by the blast.

Saturday 19th February 1972
Bomb at National Club

There has been an explosion at the National club in Berry Street. Two people were treated for shock after the blast which caused moderate damage.

Saturday 19th February 1972
Nail bombs thrown

Two nail bombs have been thrown at Army patrols in the Turf Lodge area but no one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 19th February 1972
Man shot in leg

A man has been taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital with a gunshot wound to the leg. He was covered in blue paint and had been found outside St. Teresa's parochial House in Andersonstown.

Saturday 19th February 1972
Discotheque bombed

A bomb has exploded at a Newry discotheque in the early hours of the morning but no one was injured. A dance was being held at the time but the building was cleared before the bomb exploded.

Saturday 19th February 1972
Taxi driver shot

Soldiers discovered a man with gunshot wounds in both legs when they stopped a car at a road check

on the Newry-Dundalk Road. He was taken to Daisy Hill Hospital. It is thought that he is a taxi driver who was stopped near the border and taken from his vehicle and shot. The RUC believe that an attempt was made to burn the taxi but that the man was able to drive on. The man's name is not being released and his condition is not considered serious.

Saturday 19th February 1972

RUC Reservists attacked

Two RUC Reserve constables had a narrow escape when a 50lb bomb exploded outside the general post office in English Street, Armagh. The bomb was in a car and the part time RUC men dived for cover as debris showered around them.

Saturday 19th February 1972

Customer carries bomb from off-licence

A customer has carried a bomb from an off-licence in Park Road, Dungannon and placed it in the middle of the road. Three men had entered the premises of Thomas Devlin, one had a revolver and they placed a bag inside, telling staff that they had two minutes to get out. The bomb exploded shortly after it was carried outside.

Saturday 19th February 1972

Explosions in Derry

There have been two explosions in Derry which have damaged a

furniture store in John Street and the Services Club in Crawford Square. The blast at Stewart's furniture store was followed by a fire which damaged the Salvation Army hall at the rear of the building.

In Claudy, an automatic telephone exchange was also put out of operation by an explosion and the Methodist Hall in Barrack Street was attacked and set on fire by rioters.

Troops in William Street were stoned by youths for five hours and six shots were fired at the soldiers but no one was hurt. A soldier has fired at a gunman seen on the south-

ern side of the border near Beleek. It is thought that the man was hit.

Saturday 19th February 1972

IRA hands back stolen money

Most of the money stolen in a series of armed raids in Armagh over the past week has been recovered and returned to the owners, the Armagh Command of the Official IRA said in a statement. The Command said: "After intensive investigations we have succeeded in recovering most of the money stolen and returned it to its owners".

The statement, which went on to say that arms used in the robberies



FACING PAGE - Troops search cars and passers by on the Queen's Bridge, Belfast.

RIGHT - Bomb attack on Belfast City centre shops.



had been seized and that "These weapons will only be used in defence of the people of the area". The Command said that those involved had been let off leniently this time but warned that anyone caught in the future would be severely dealt with.

Saturday 19th February 1972 **Vanguard**

Approximately 1,000 people have attended an Ulster Vanguard rally in Rathfriland and a further 2,000 have attended one in Bangor. The Bangor meeting took place at Carlisle Park, and around 800 men formed up in ranks and were inspected military-style by Mr. Bill Craig.

Saturday 19th February 1972 **Soldier wounded**

A sergeant major in the Light Air Defence Regiment has been shot in the head and seriously wounded in Derry.

Saturday 19th February 1972 **Provisional IRA say they killed UDR man**

The Provisional IRA has claimed responsibility for the killing of a UDR man in Derry earlier in the Week. Private Thomas Callaghan was shot after being taken from a bus in the Creggan estate. In their statement, the IRA said that they had killed one UDR man and three soldiers in the past ten days.

Saturday 19th February 1972 **Shots fired at patrol**

A foot patrol of the King's Own Scottish Borderers escaped uninjured when a shot was fired at it in the Ballymurphy area. The Army has said that a youth opened fire with a pistol which was recovered by troops. The man escaped and no shots were fired by the patrol.

Monday 21st February 1972 **Four killed when car explodes**

Four people have been killed when a bomb exploded in a car being driven along a road on the outskirts

of Belfast. The explosion occurred on the Ballygowan Road near the Knock dual carriageway roundabout. Seconds after the blast, as ambulances and other rescue services rushed to the scene, a revolver was discovered among the wreckage on the footpath. There are unconfirmed reports that a girl was among the dead. One of the others appeared to be an elderly man. The make of the car was unrecognisable.

Monday 21st February 1972 **RUC open coffin**

At 9.00pm on Sunday, the RUC stopped a hearse in Banbridge which was carrying a tricolour-draped coffin which contained the body of David McAuley, of Fairfield Street, Ardoyne.

The vehicle, believed to be owned by a firm of undertakers in the South had been seen earlier crossing the border outside Newry. The driver produced a doctor's certificate which said that the boy had died of an infectious disease but when the coffin was opened and the body examined it was discovered that the teenager had a bad gunshot wound to the stomach which had already been operated on. It has now been discovered that the boy died in a Dundalk hospital on Saturday night after a successful operation to have the bullet removed. The hearse was allowed to go on to Ardoyne after a two-hour delay at Banbridge.

Some youths were travelling in a car behind the hearse and their presence has fuelled a theory that the boy may have been shot at a training camp. The Gardai are attempt-

ing to establish how and where the boy died. In the North, the RUC are investigating a theory that he was shot during a gun battle with British troops.

Death notices in the Irish News say that the boy died "as a result of a tragic Accident". Detectives are looking into the possibility that the boy was a member of Fianna Eireann, the junior IRA. But in Dundalk, the Gardai are working on the theory that he was accidentally shot in the Ardoyne area and was taken to Dundalk for treatment.

Monday 21st February 1972

Bombs at petrol stations

At around 7.40am two masked men drove into the Victor filling station in Chichester Street in an 1100 car. They planted one bomb beside the petrol pumps and a second in an office. An assistant was given five minutes to get out. Both bombs, estimated between 2 and 5lbs of gelignite went off a short time later. Two people received minor injuries in the blast

Monday 21st February 1972

Women in bed grazed by bullet

A Derry woman has been admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital after being shot in the side as she lay in bed. The RUC say the woman had been wounded as she slept in her home

in the Bogside's Cable Street. The bullet travelled through her bedroom. An Army spokesman said that shortly before 4.30, which was around the time the woman was shot, an army patrol came under fire in the Lone Moor Road area. The troops returned fire but claimed no hits.

Monday 21st February 1972

RUC man seriously ill

One of two RUC men shot during an ambush near Crossmaglen on

Saturday is still seriously ill in hospital, the other RUC man is expected to be discharged from hospital shortly. The incident happened as both RUC men were driving from Crossmaglen to Newry dressed in civilian clothes. They saw a parked car about two miles from Crossmaglen and as they drew near it pulled out in front of them, forcing them to stop suddenly. A second car then overtook their vehicle and about 18 rounds were fired from a sub-machinegun. The



FACING PAGE - Searching through the rubble after an IRA bomb attack at a car hire store in the Grosvenor Road, Belfast.

RIGHT - Bomb attack on McCausland's Car Showroom in Belfast's Donegall Avenue.

RUC men's vehicle went into a hedge and the gunmen escaped.

Monday 21st February 1972

Retaliatory action begins say Officials

In Derry, the local command of the Official IRA has claimed responsibility for the shooting of a 34-year-old sergeant-major in the 22nd Light Air Defence Regiment. The soldier was hit in the head by a single bullet fired at the Embassy building Army post which overlooks the Bogside. The Officials have said that the shooting is the beginning of the retaliatory action promised after the "massacre of January 30".

Monday 21st February 1972

Army searches Derry cathedral

The Catholic Cathedral in Derry has been searched by soldiers on Sunday night after they came under fire from several gunmen during a brief battle in the city. The search was carried out after troops claimed at least one gunman opened fire on them from the tower of St Eugene's. An Army spokesman said that the troops saw gun flashes but a local priest said that it was impossible to get into the tower which was locked.

The shooting began after troops were attacked by a crowd which ranged from 50 to 200 strong. CS gas, smoke canisters and rubber bullets were used by the Army to disperse them. The Army also claimed that a gunman was wounded in the city when a patrol on the city walls fired at a man who was said to have waved a pistol.

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The first of a series of weekly Loyalist Action Rallies
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on SATURDAY NEXT (12th February)

at 2-30 p.m.

Speakers:
The Right Hon. WILLIAM CRAIG, M.P.
Rev. MARTIN SMYTH, B.A.
Captain AUSTIN ARDILL, M.C.
WILLIAM HULL Esq.
(Loyalist Association of Workers)

Guests:
JAMES MOLYNEAUX Esq., J.P., M.P.
Rev. WILLIAM BEATTIE, M.P.

Rallies will also be held as follows:

BANGOR AND RATHFRILAND	— SATURDAY, 19th FEBRUARY
ENNISKILLEN	— SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY
BALLYMENA AND COLERAINE	— SATURDAY, 4th MARCH
PORTADOWN AND OMAGH	— SATURDAY, 11th MARCH
BELFAST	— SATURDAY, 18th MARCH

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Later a 34-year-old man was admitted to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds to the stomach. The man from Meenan Drive is said to be ill.

Monday 21st February 1972

Supermarket bombed

A bomb has caused extensive damage to a supermarket on Greenhaw Road and at Sunbeam Terrace, off Bishop Street, the ground floor and first floor flats above a small grocery shop have been severely damaged by fire.

Monday 21st February 1972

Arms and explosives found in Belfast

Soldiers have seized a large haul of arms and some explosives in four separate raids in the Falls area of Belfast.

A Mauser pistol, a .45 pistol and 12 rounds of ammunition were found at Cavendish Street, a .303 rifle, a M1 carbine and 500 rounds of ammunition were found at Oakman Street and a .45 pistol, a .38 pistol, a Lugar, a Russian light machine-gun and 300 rounds of ammunition

were discovered at Braemar Street. They also found a new .38 Smith and Wesson revolver, 90 feet of fuse wire and 54lb of gelnigite in a stolen car near Divis Flats

Monday 21st February 1972

GAA club attacked

More than 20 people escaped unhurt when three gunmen set fire to the Gael Uladh GAA club at Falls Road on Sunday Night.

Monday 21st February 1972

10lb bomb defused

Army experts have defused a 10lb bomb which was found at the Spar Grocery shop at Ardoyne Road. It had been planted by two youths.

Monday 21st February 1972

Shots fired at shopkeeper

A Newtownabbey shopkeeper and his daughter were injured when they tackled two armed raiders who entered their Doagh Road shop. Two shots were fired, one of which passed through the shopkeeper's thigh. The man's daughter was only slightly injured.

Monday 21st February 1972

Arson attack in Strabane

An Army patrol spotted a youth running away from Christ Church Hall in the Bowling Green after an unsuccessful attempt to set fire to the building.

Monday 21st February 1972

Bakery van hi-jacked in Beleck

A bakery van was hi-jacked late on Saturday night and found abandoned on Sunday. Raiders also set fire to a caravan which was being used as a temporary customs post at Clontivern.

Monday 21st February 1972

Shots fired at Army

Shots have been fired at an Army patrol from the Derrybeg estate near the Camlough Road. No one was injured.

Monday 21st February 1972

Petrol bombs thrown in Lurgan

Petrol bombs and other missiles have been thrown during a confrontation between rival crowds from the Wakehurst and Shankill estates.

Monday 21st February 1972

Toomb RUC barracks attacked

Five shots have been fired at Toombridge RUC barracks from a passing Ford Cortina car. No hits were reported.

Monday 21st February 1972

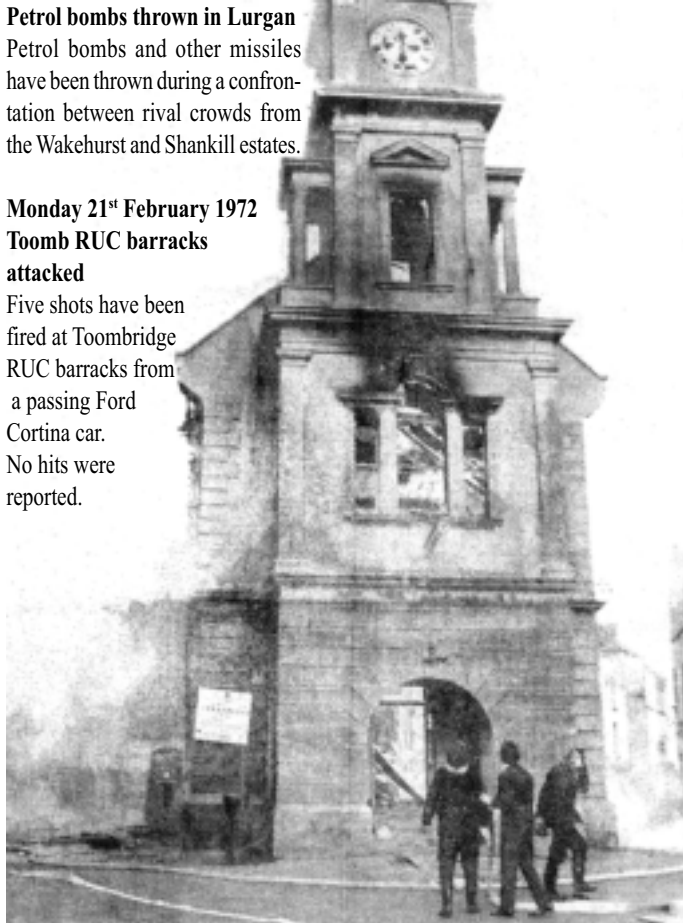
CS gas fired at Roslea

Troops have fired CS gas and rubber bullets during an incident at a cratered road at Mullinahinch. Two Army vehicles were damaged.

Monday 21st February 1972

Youths shave girl's head

The RUC in Belfast are looking for two youths who are said to have lured a teenage girl from her home and then shaved her head. The identity of the girl, a Protestant, is not being revealed by the RUC. But according to an RUC spokesman, she was lured from her home at Mashona Street, in East Belfast, by



RIGHT - Firemen fight a blaze at the Town Hall in Strabane after a bomb attack.



LEFT - Malone Golf Club after an IRA bomb attack

Dublin claimed responsibility and described it as a “reprisal” for the Derry Shootings. The statement said: “A unit of the IRA carried out a successful retaliatory operation at the headquarters of the 16th Parachute Brigade at Aldershot. The operation took place at the officers’ quarters of the brigade.”

Most of the dead women are believed to be cleaners who were in the mess. The other two dead are believed to be an Officer and a cook. The dead officer is a Catholic Padre who has served in the North of Ireland.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 Attempt to arrest mourners at funeral

There were incredible scenes at an IRA style funeral in the Ardoyne area of Belfast, when troops moved in an attempt to arrest members of the Fianna Eireann who had fired shots over the coffin of 14-year-old David McAuley.

About 40 members of the junior IRA assembled on either side of the coffin and behind it. They were in full dress uniform and one carried the blue and yellow flag of Fianna Eireann. Then five shots rang out from behind the coffin. Twelve soldiers charged through the mourn-

a false message and was then attacked by seven youths at Redcar Street. The RUC said the girl, whose brother recently appeared in court on an arms charge, was not seriously injured.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 Parachute Regiment attacked

Seven people, five women and two men have been killed when a 50lb IRA bomb demolished an officer’s

mess at a brigade headquarters of the Parachute Regiment at Aldershot. The dead were buried under a cascade of thousands of tons of masonry after the bomb, thought to have been in a car, exploded just after 1.30pm. Seventeen other people were pulled from the debris by firemen, troops, police and ambulance men. Two of them were described as being seriously injured. In a statement, the Official IRA in

FACING PAGE - An army armoured vehicle breaks through a barricade in Newry’s main shopping centre during disturbances there.

ers in an attempt to arrest the 30 or so members of Fianna Eireann. There were scenes of hand to hand fighting as mourners battled with soldiers. The fighting went on for about three minutes before the soldiers retreated to their Saracens. No arrests were made.

At the corner of Alliance Avenue and Cliftonville Circus, two Army Saracens blocked the junction. The RUC then searched the hearse. The occupants of the first car were also searched.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 Army finds crossbow

Troops carrying out a routine search in the Lower Falls area of Belfast have discovered a crossbow and a quantity of ammunition. Men of the 1st Battalion, the Gloucester Regiment also found two gas containers, three ammunition magazines and a hand held metal detector when they pulled up floorboards in a house in Plevna Street.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972

Church should ban the IRA

All Roman Catholics who join the IRA must be told clearly by Cardinal Conway that they are automatically "outside the church", says an Alliance Party executive member. Speaking in Fermanagh to Party members, he said that the Roman Catholic Primate should reiterate this in clear decisive terms to every Catholic who joins a secret society such as the IRA "devoted to murder, maiming and wanton destruction".

Tuesday 22nd February 1972

Bomb explodes while politicians meet

Opposition MP's and senators had a narrow escape when a bomb exploded without warning at the rear of a restaurant in Dungannon where they were meeting. The politicians had just finished their meal at Dunowen Restaurant in Market Square when a 5lb bomb exploded on the fire escape. Among those who were at the meeting were: Mr.

Austin Currie, Mr. John Hume, Mr. Paddy Devlin, Mr. Ivan Cooper and Mr. Paddy Wilson. Mr. Currie later said "We were never in any danger" and the RUC are understood to be of the opinion that it was not a serious attempt on the lives of Opposition leaders.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972

Sinn Fein man fined

A leading member of Sinn Fein, Mr. Seamus Costello has been fined £20 And given a suspended sentence of one month in jail when convicted at Arklow Court of collecting without a permit. He told the court that the collection was for the relief of families of those interned in the North.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972

Attacks in Derry

In Derry troops have fired at a gunman seen in the area of St. Cecilia's School at Creggan but no hits were claimed. Around the same time, another gunman fired eight automatic shots at the Foyle Road Army



post from the direction of Hamilton Street. Earlier one shot was fired at the Brooke Park Army post. Troops fired rubber bullets to disperse stone throwing youths at Bligh's Lane, Rosemount and Foyle Road. During rioting in the city, four nail bombs were thrown but no soldiers were injured.

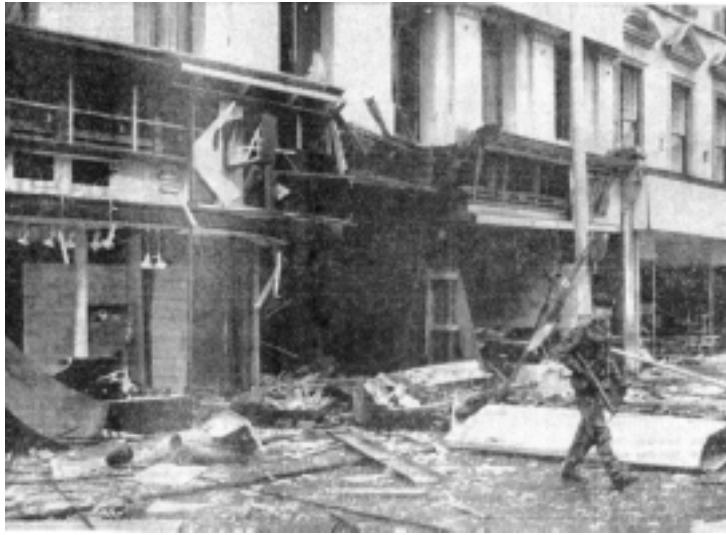
At one stage during rioting in the city, seven soldiers were trapped for almost an hour inside an armoured vehicle that had become immobilised when it struck the stump of a lamp standard in William Street. The vehicle was attacked by flame throwing youths and troops fired CS gas and rubber bullets in an attempt to hold them off until a recovery vehicle arrived.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 **Shots fired at mobile patrol**

In Belfast, three shots were fired at a mobile patrol of the 1st Battalion, the Gloucester Regiment in the Lower Falls area but there were no casualties.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 **Girls school searched**

More than 6,000 rounds of assorted ammunition, one of their biggest hauls by troops in the present campaign, were seized after a search of a Catholic girls school in the Falls area of the city. Men of the Kings own Scottish Borderers made the discovery at St. Rose's school after a tip off, but the Army believes the school authorities had no knowledge of the cache. Three pistols and a .303 rifle were also found.



Tuesday 22nd February 1972 **Shots fired at mill**

A sniper has fired two shots at a sentry at Albert Street Mill but no one was injured.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 **Amusement arcade bombed**

Four people, including the manager and a woman in a passing taxi, were injured when a bomb explosion blasted Caesar's Palace amusement arcade in Royal Avenue, just after noon. Minutes earlier an employee was struck by the bomber as he struggled with him.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 **Blood trail**

Soldiers in Belfast following a trail of blood believe that they may have injured a gunman during an exchange of shots. Just after 9.00pm, a single shot was fired at a patrol of Paratroopers near Dawson Street. None of the soldiers were hurt and they returned fire although at the time they did not think they hit the

sniper. But by morning, a trail of blood had been found at the scene. The soldiers followed it but did not find the wounded man.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 **Children find nail bombs**

In Dungannon a group of children have found three nail bombs. Men of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers found the children playing with the deadly anti-personnel devices at Donaghmore Road.

Tuesday 22nd February 1972 **Four who died were IRA men**

The four men who died when a 20lb bomb exploded in their car on the outskirts of Belfast were, according to the IRA, on "active service". Although neither wing of the IRA have officially claimed that the men were members of the organisation, death notices in the Irish News from the IRA expresses regret at their deaths. The men were: Gerard Steele, (27), single, of Thompson Street.

Gerard Bell, (20), single, of Seaforde Street.

Robert Dorian, (29) married with three children, of Altcar Street.

Joseph Magee, (30), also married with three children, of Lisbon Street.

Unofficial sources claim that the men were members of the 3rd Battalion, of the Belfast Brigade of the Provisional IRA. Gerard Steele is described as a 1st lieutenant and the other as Volunteers.

The RUC believe the bomb, containing about 20lb of gelignite had been primed and was destined for a nearby target at Castlereagh. According to the RUC one of the dead men had walked into the Hillfoot Bar, near the scene of the blast and after apparently recognising someone he left immediately. He got into a stolen blue Ford Cortina, which drove off towards the dual carriageway. The truth will probably never be known but it is believed that one of the men may have been trying to disarm the device when it exploded.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972

Armed police swoop on IRA men

Special Branch detectives have raided the homes of known IRA men in Dublin and London as the hunt for the IRA unit which bombed the Aldershot Army barracks continues. Forty suspects were questioned in London and a further eight at Dublin's Bridewell Garda station.

FACING PAGE - Debris litters Donegall Place after a bomb at the Queen's Arcade

RIGHT - Firemen fighting a blaze at a shop in Wellington Place

Wednesday 23rd February 1972

Shots fired at funerals

A volley of shots was fired over the coffins of the four IRA men who were killed when a bomb they were transporting exploded. After the shots were fired, troops clashed with the mourners as they tried to move in to make arrests. Hand to hand fighting lasted for two minutes before the troops were forced to withdraw without making any arrests.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972

Tanker bomb

The IRA in Belfast has used an oil tanker in an attempt to blow up a mill where three hundred soldiers are billeted. The 500-gallon Maxol petrol tanker was hi-jacked in Belfast by two armed men at around 7.30 am. The driver was carried some distance before being put out of the cab. The tanker was then driven into Albert Street and crashed into some derelict build-



ings. The tanker was now only yards away from where the soldiers were billeted. A short time later, a bomb exploded in the cab but it did not ignite the fuel in the tanker. Fifteen minutes after this a second explosion occurred under the tanker. Some fuel did go on fire but it was quickly brought under control.

**Wednesday 23rd February 1972
DUP is Opposition**

The Speaker in the house of Commons has given formal recognition

to Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist party as official Opposition in the House. With four MP's the DUP is now the largest Opposition party attending Stormont and Mr. Paisley wrote to the Speaker asking for recognition as the official Opposition. The Speaker said he agreed to give the DUP the constitutional courtesies due to the largest Opposition party in the House.

**Wednesday 23rd February 1972
Troubles lead to truancy**

There are growing numbers of chil-

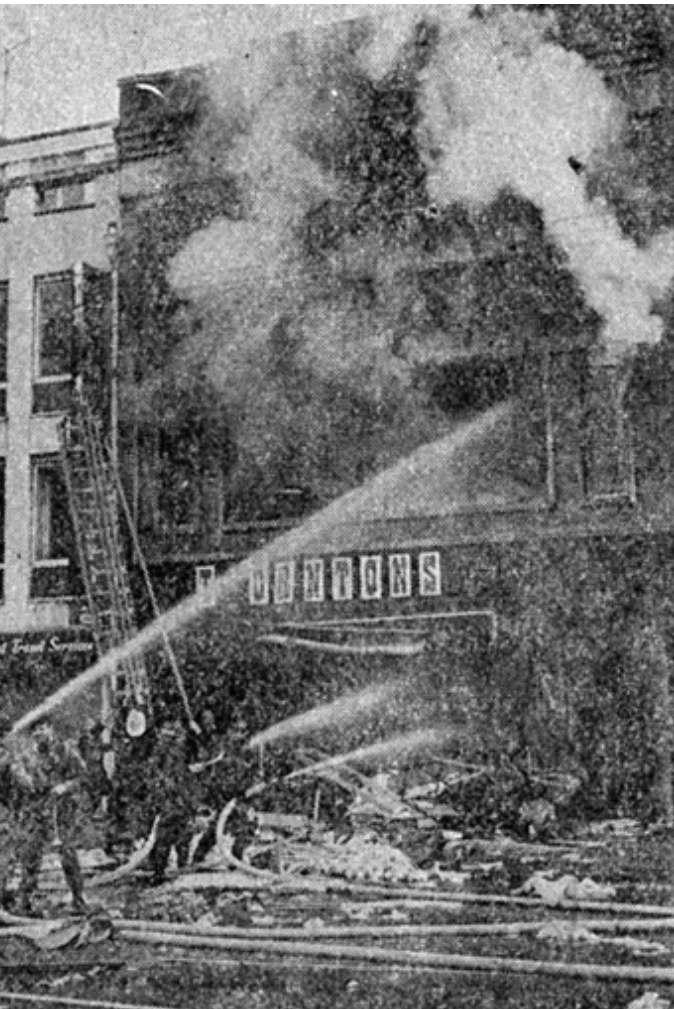
dren in the troubled areas of County Armagh playing truant from school says the county's Chief Educational Welfare Officer. He has stated that the worst areas in Armagh are Lurgan and Armagh city. Furthermore, he estimates that during December 79.8pc of the 655 pupils at St Patrick's in Lurgan were absent.

**Wednesday 23rd February 1972
Post destroyed but soldier survives**

An Army sentry has narrowly escaped injury when a bomb exploded in a garage and demolished an observation post. The soldier was alone in the sandbagged post, which had been built over an alleyway separating Dungiven RUC barracks from the garage. The 25lb bomb demolished the front wall of the garage and wrecked the post but the soldier escaped with only minor injuries.

**Wednesday 23rd February 1972
Belfast man wounded**

A Belfast man was shot and wounded and another was found tarred and feathered in two separate incidents in the city. The man who was shot was aged 18 and he was hit in the foot when shots were fired from a passing car in Cromac Street in the Markets area. Later in the Shankill area of Belfast a 21-year-old man from Black Mountain Pass was found tied to a lamp standard at the junction of Urney Street and



LEFT - Firemen fight a blaze after a bomb explosion at Thornton's in High Street

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Nixon Street. He had been tarred and feathered and the RUC say he had been abducted by a number of men in a car outside Paisley Park. He was taken to hospital to be cleaned up.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972 **Sniper attack**

A sniper has opened up on the Army post at Flax Street in the Crumlin Road area. One bullet struck the post but no one was injured.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972 **Soldier treated for Shock**

A soldier has been treated for shock after a gelignite bomb was thrown at an armoured personnel carrier at the junction of Cullingtree Road and Pound Street.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972 **Cinema attacked**

The Majestic Cinema on the Lisburn Road was evacuated shortly before the end of the programme on Tuesday night after an incendiary device exploded in a balcony seat. When the RUC car-

ried out a further search, another device was found. Slight damage was caused to the seat and two girls were treated for shock. The RUC say they are following a definite line of inquiry.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972 **Single shot fired on Limestone Road**

The RUC are investigating an incident on the Limestone Road. An RUC man going on duty believes a single shot was fired at him from a crowd. He was not injured and the crowd was later dispersed.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972 **Pipe bomb in Glengormley**

A small pipe bomb has caused superficial damage to a confectionary

shop in Richmond Avenue, Glengormley. No one was injured but a number of windows were broken.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972 **Bus burned**

A single decker bus has been destroyed in Newcastle. It was burned out in the towns depot during the night.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972 **Bus hi-jacked**

A bus on its way to collect pupils at Strabane Grammar School has been hi-jacked in Townsend Street and set on fire. The bus was completely destroyed.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972 **Shots fired in Derry**

A gunman has fired a burst from a Thompson Sub machinegun at troops in the Brooke Park compound in Derry. A spokesman for the Army has said that there were no casualties and fire was not returned



RIGHT - Detectives examine the car of Stormont minister John Taylor after he was ambushed by the Official IRA

Wednesday 23rd February 1972
Ulster will get worse

The Rev James Groppi, civil rights activist has said that his recent visit to the Six Counties has convinced him that a settlement to the strife was not near. "It is worse than what Hitler did to the Jewish people", said the Milwaukee priest.

He likened the British treatment of the Irish to "what Americans are doing to the Vietnamese". He also said the situation was going to get a lot worse before it got better.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972
Bomb Unit is safe

The Official IRA, in a statement issued in Dublin has claimed that the Aldershot bomb was carried out by an Active Service Unit from Dublin and that it had returned safely.

The IRA said it was not planning a military campaign in Britain. But that the operation at Aldershot had shown that they could hit British targets whenever they wished.

Wednesday 23rd February 1972
UVF tars man

A man who refused to disclose his name has phoned a local newspaper and claimed that members of the UVF carried out the tarring and feathering of a 21-year-old Belfast man in the Shankill area of the city

Wednesday 23rd February 1972
Bomb factory discovered

Troops and RUC personnel who raided a dockland public house believe they have discovered a major bomb factory. Paratroopers and RUC men surrounded the Rotterdam bar at Pilot Street during darkness and began an inch-by-inch search of the building. The raid came after a tip-off that explosives and other material were hidden in the pub. A spokesman for the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment said that it would appear to have been some kind of assembly point for bombs. Inside they found 40 two-pound sticks of gelignite, eight 5lb bags of Supergel explosives, one seven pound bag of gelignite, 577 detonators, six batteries, an alarm clock, some detonating wire, nine

home-made grenades, eight igniters, two boxes of firelighters, two shopping bags, four blank cartridges and two maps. It is understood that one of the maps referred to the Belfast area but it is not known if any targets were marked on it.

Thursday 24th February 1972
Strabane Town Hall destroyed

As many as 14 bombers took over the Town Hall in Strabane at gunpoint for a short time while they planted two bombs in offices and sprinkled at least six cans of petrol around the building which houses the administrative offices of the urban council. The explosions ripped through the building about four minutes after the staff of nine was ordered to leave and the blaze which followed was the biggest in the town for many years. Within three quarters of an hour, the building which had been the town hall, was a smouldering shell.

Thursday 24th February 1972
Bomb at Newry Canal

Five people have been arrested after troops foiled an attempt to bomb the lock gates outside Newry with two massive bombs. The arrests came just hours after 12 to 14 armed men destroyed Strabane town hall with explosives and petrol. Three rifles a pistol and two charges of gelignite with detonators were



LEFT - Bomb attack on a furniture store in Upper Queen Street.

FACING PAGE - Bomb attack on the Allied Irish Finance Company in Waring Street

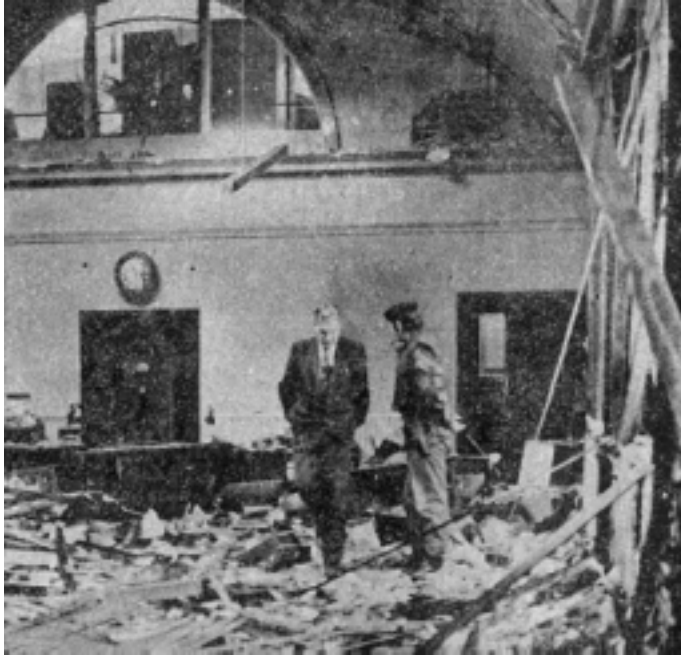
seized by men of the 7th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery at Newry canal after a tip-off. They swooped on Victoria Lock, four miles outside the town on the Newry-Omeath road after they were given vital information about the attempt to sabotage the gates. It is understood that no shots were fired when the troops made the arrests. The arms seized were two .303 rifles, a Mauser rifle and an automatic pistol. They were taken away for forensic examination.

Thursday 24th February 1972 **Soldier shot in the head**

A soldier has been shot in the head during an IRA ambush on an armoured car patrol in Andersonstown. The soldier is said to be very seriously ill in the Royal Victoria Hospital. He was one of a number of soldiers in an armoured car which was travelling along Bingnian Drive in the Andersonstown area, when gunmen opened fire from both sides of the street. One of the bullets entered the armoured car and hit a Lance Bombardier on the head. The other soldiers in the patrol returned fire but no hits were reported.

Thursday 24th February 1972 **Troops fund**

A cheque for late donations to the Comforts for the Troops Fund totalling £5,718 was handed over to Colonel Barker Wyatt from Army Headquarters, Lisburn, by the Lord Mayor at Belfast City Hall. This brings the total fund to £64,279.



Thursday 24th February 1972 **Arms found in Convent grounds**

RUC personnel and troops have discovered a major arms find in the grounds of a Catholic Convent in the Falls area of Belfast. The arms were discovered by RUC men and soldiers at Clonard convent during the night.

The Army have said that they have found one M1 carbine, a Thompson sub-machinegun, a 7mm FN pistol, a .22 rifle, one .45 ammunition magazine and 1,180 rounds of assorted ammunition. It is believed the search was carried out after a tip-off.

Thursday 24th February 1972 **Blaze destroys MP's farm buildings**

The RUC have said that the blaze which destroyed outbuildings at the

farm of Alliance MP Mr. Phelim O'Neill was malicious. The MP was not at his home at Aghadowey, County Derry at the time of the fire.

Thursday 24th February 1972 **Lounge bar robbed**

Four members of Staff at a city centre lounge bar were bound and gagged by three gunmen during a raid. The keys were taken from the staff of the King Arthur lounge at Arthur Street and the safe was opened. They escaped with over £100. No one was injured.

Thursday 24th February 1972 **Incendiary device discovered**

An incendiary device has been found by staff at the majestic Cinema on the Lisburn Road. The device has been made safe by Army experts. It is the third device to be found in the premises.



Thursday 24th February 1972**Explosions followed by fire**

Two explosions followed by a fire has destroyed the Seamus Simpson Memorial Club at Gartee Place, Andersonstown. The RUC have said that cylinders accidentally exploding caused the blasts.

Thursday 24th February 1972**Troops attacked in Albert Street**

Troops at Albert Street Army post have escaped injury when a bomb was thrown towards the building. A man then fired two shots at sentries but none of them was injured. Fire was returned but the man escaped in the direction of Divis Flats. The post was attacked twice on Wednesday.

Thursday 24th February 1972**Electricity transformer attacked**

Slight damage has been caused to an electricity transformer at Donnydale on the Moira road by a bomb which was thrown over the perimeter fence. No one was injured and power supplies were not affected.

Thursday 24th February 1972**Troops fire at gunmen**

Troops have fired at two gunmen in the Vicinity of Bligh's Lane Army post but no hits were claimed. The soldiers fired on one gunman in a disused factory at Bligh's Lane and about eight minutes later an-



other gunman who was near an obstruction in Demesne Gardens.

Another gunman also fired 5-10 shots with an automatic weapon at an Army mobile patrol on the Buncrana Road. No fire was returned and there were no casualties.

Thursday 24th February 1972
Gift to IRA

Four student union leaders have resigned at Bristol University after the Union rejected a £100 gift plan for the IRA

Thursday 24th February 1972**Derry shop bombed**

Derry firemen have fought to prevent several thousand gallons of petrol in a garage exploding after a bomb blast in an electrical contractors shop next door.

The blast, followed by a fire destroyed the shop owned by McDowell and Duncan in Strand Road. Between £20,000 and £30,000 worth of stock is believed to have been lost.

FACING PAGE - Civil Rights marchers in the Brandywell area of Derry

Thursday 24th February 1972

We didn't blow up post office say IRA

The Provisional wing of the IRA in Armagh has issued a statement disclaiming responsibility for the explosion which partially wrecked the head post office in English Street on Friday night. The 50lb bomb was planted in a car which was parked outside the premises and the explosion shattered shop windows upwards of 50 yards away.

The statement from the units press officer S. O'Hagan said: "The people who planted this murderous device had no regard for injury to civilians. It is not the policy of the IRA to plant such devices that it may endanger the lives of civilians". The statement ends by saying that "This could be another attempt by the SAS to discredit the IRA in the Armagh area.

Thursday 24th February 1972

Gunmen take £1,000 in raid

Four gunmen have escaped with about £1,000 in wages in a raid on the offices of a construction company in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. The men entered the offices of the John Laing company at Cullingtree Road before 10.30am. The raiders, who are thought to have been armed with pistols or revolvers held the staff at gunpoint and demanded the wages. The raiders escaped in a car but no shots were fired during the hold-up

Thursday 24th February 1972

Women can't join UDR

The Under Secretary for Defence for the Army has told the South

Belfast MP, Mr. Rafton Pounder, that the UDR Act does not authorise the recruitment of women as members of the Regiment. He also pointed out that "it is not at present planned to amend the Act".

Thursday 24th February 1972

Army costs doubles

The cost of keeping troops in the North has almost doubled in a year according to a White Paper on expenditure. In 1970-71, the cost was

£6,500,000. In the next financial year, it is expected to be £11,600,000.

Friday 25th February 1972

Crackdown on Republicans

Many leading Republicans have gone underground as the Irish Government's crackdown on illegal organisations is intensified. It is understood that instructions have been issued to the 24 divisional superintendents to seek out as many Republicans as possible.

ULSTER VANGUARD ACTION RALLIES

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We, as loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen, Loyalists of Ulster, do hereby declare our intent to maintain Ulster's allegiance to the Crown, our British heritage, traditions and way of life and more specifically to prevent the inclusion of Ulster in the Irish Republic.

In furtherance of this intent it is our preference to maintain our present Constitutional position as an integral part of the United Kingdom, having a Parliament of Northern Ireland, as provided for in the terms of the Irish Settlement in accordance with the proposals dated 20th July, 1921, wherein it was provided for the full recognition of the existing powers and privileges of the Parliament of Northern Ireland, same not to be abrogated except by their own consent.

We now solemnly covenant that if this agreement is departed from without the consent of the Parliament of Northern Ireland having a mandate from the people for that purpose we shall assert our right to take whatsoever action we consider best to safeguard our loyal cause, preserving at all times strong, effective, undiluted majority rule in Ulster, such action to include, if there is no alternative, the establishment of an independent British Ulster. We reject any denature from the principle of majority rule or the adoption of new electoral procedures or principles of parliamentary government which do not now apply in the remainder of the U.K. We are firmly persuaded that by no law can the right to govern those whom we represent be barred away without their consent; that although the present United Kingdom Government, the services and sacrifices of our race having been forgotten, may arise us forth from a Constitution which we have ever loyally upheld, they may not deliver us bound into the hands of our enemies, and that it is incumbent for any authority, party or people to appoint as our rulers against the wishes of the majority, a government influenced by men disloyal to Crown and Country and to whom our faith and traditions are hateful, and inasmuch as we reverently believe that, as in times past, it was given our fathers to save themselves from a like calamity, so now it may be ordered that our deliverance shall be by our own hands, to which end it is needful that we be knit together as one man, each strengthening the other, and none holding back or counting the cost—therefore we loyalists of Ulster, satisfy and confirm the policies so far taken by Ulster Vanguard.

As we take this pledge we call upon the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland to do likewise and forthwith to form a Coalition Government representative of all loyalists which can with confidence obtain a mandate from the Ulster electorate at the earliest opportunity.

LISBURN RALLY TO-DAY, 2-30 P.M.

ULSTER VANGUARD ——— ULSTER VICTORY

Friday 25th February 1972**Bicycle bomb**

The IRA has bombed three targets in Belfast in the space of an hour, a shopping arcade, a music shop and a golf club.

Twenty-three people some suffering from shock were taken to hospital when a bomb, planted in a message boy's bicycle, exploded at the entrance to Queens Arcade. The second bomb was at a music shop in Wellington Place and the third blast was at Malone Golf Club. Firemen tackled a blaze there but damage to the premises was slight.

Friday 25th February 1972**IRA denies threats**

Newry civil rights leader Rory McShane has said that members of the Provisional wing of the IRA have denied threatening businessmen in the town. Gangs have been demanding £20-£30 or even £200 for "complete protection" from shop owners. Mr. McShane said he has spoken to members of the Provisional IRA who denied that their members were in any way involved in the threats. "My advice to the traders", he added, "is to resist this intimidation".

Friday 25th February 1972**Shots fired at Army**

An Army personnel carrier on its way to Bligh's Lane Army post in Derry has come under automatic



TOP - Bomb attack on shops in the Grosvenor Road.

RIGHT - Clearing up the Belfast Savings Bank in King Street after a bomb attack

fire on Lone moor Road. An Army spokesman said that two bursts of gunfire were directed at the vehicle. Fire was not returned and no one was hit.

Friday 25th February 1972

13 buses damaged

Thirteen buses have been damaged when a bomb exploded in an Ulsterbus depot but there were no casualties. Four of the buses at the company's Antrim depot were badly damaged and another nine were slightly damaged when the 5-10lb bomb exploded at the depot. A steel shed was also destroyed during the attack.

Friday 25th February 1972

Army attacked in May Street

Four shots have been fired at a mobile patrol in May Street. The gunmen, operating from an upstairs window of a building in Cromac Street struck the soldiers vehicle three times but no one was injured.

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Friday 25th February 1972

Soldiers attacked on Shaws Road

Shots have been fired at a patrol of the Kings Own Scottish Borders at the junction of the Glen Road and Shaw's Road. Another patrol was fired on at Norglen Drive.

Friday 25th February 1972

Sniper attacks troops

IRA snipers have opened fire on foot patrols at the junction of Whiterock Road and Britton's Parade and at Tate's Avenue from the

M1 motorway. Troops have also returned fire when a gunman shot at them near Ligoniel Mill but no hits were claimed by the Army.

Friday 25th February 1972

British Oxygen Company attacked

Four members of the IRA, at least two of them armed, drove into the British Oxygen Company's depot at Castlereagh and planted a bomb at the acetylene plant. The building was evacuated and the blast caused extensive damage to the building.



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No one was injured.

Around the same time, a bomb planted by armed men at the premises of Belfast Car Hire on the Grosvenor Road exploded causing extensive damage. There were no casualties.

Friday 25th February 1972

Customs post destroyed

The customs post at Molenan on the road to Letterkenny has been destroyed by fire. A car believed to have been involved in the raid was driven into the Bogside.

Friday 25th February 1972

Shots fired in Brandywell

Three shots have been fired at the Brandywell Army post by a gunman but there were no casualties during the incident.

Friday 25th February 1972

Dummy used to lure RUC

An RUC patrol had a narrow escape when they went to a concession road at Clonfad on Thursday to investigate a report of a dead man. They found a life-size dummy, which was hooded by the roadside near the spot where Private McCann's body was found. The RUC men tied a rope to the dummy

and when they tugged it, a 10lb mine went off. None of the RUC men were hurt.

Friday 25th February 1972

Wages robbery in Coalisland

Four men, three of them carrying Thompson Sub-machine guns and the other a pistol, held up staff at the Coalisland Brick and Pipe Company and escaped with £2,300 in wages. The raiders left in a white Ford Cortina car. No one was injured during the robbery.

Friday 25th February 1972

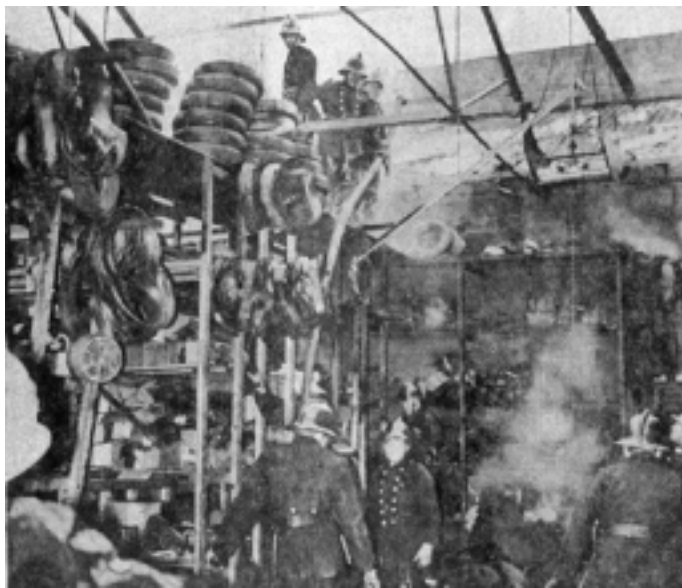
Shots fired at Middletown

Four shots have been fired at a patrol of the Devon and Dorset Regiment but there were no casualties.

Friday 25th February 1972

Gelignite find in Donegal

Gardai in County Donegal are unable to give details of a reported find of gelignite in the Letterkenny area. What has been described as a considerable quantity of gelignite is said to have been unearthed during



TOP - Clearing up after a bomb attack on the Parachute Regiment headquarters in Aldershot after an Official IRA bomb killed seven people.

RIGHT - Firemen fighting a blaze in a Frederick Street tyre depot after an IRA bomb attack



an extensive Gardai search of a wooded area in the Gortilee district.

Friday 25th February 1972
157 suspects in South

There are now believed to be 157 people believed to be in the South who are wanted for questioning north of the border in connection with IRA activities. Mr. John Taylor, Minister of State at the Ministry of Home Affairs added that "Attempts to have these people extradited are most unlikely to succeed".

Friday 25th February 1972
RUC find old rifle

The RUC have discovered three weapons during the search of a house in Belfast. The weapons a rifle and two pistols were old but were in working order. The rifle, said an RUC spokesman, was manufactured in 1887. Also found in the house at Woodvale Avenue was a starting pistol, an air pistol, a humane cattle killer and 12 bolts and approximately 250 rounds of assorted ammunition.

Saturday 26th February 1972
John Taylor is shot

Junior Home affairs Minister is described as being ill after he was gunned down by IRA men in Armagh on Friday night. The 34-year-



TOP - Firemen fight a blaze which followed a bomb attack on Hart & Churchill's Music Store, Wellington Place.

LEFT - Removing oxygen cylinders after a bomb attack on B.O.C., Castlereagh

old Minister of State has undergone surgery in Belfast and although his condition is described as ill, he is in no immediate danger.

The Official wing of the IRA have claimed responsibility for shooting Mr. Taylor. It was two of their members who were waiting in ambush for Mr. Taylor as he left his office in Russell Street, Armagh, just before 6.00pm. He had just got behind the wheel of his private Humber car, when the gunmen, one of them using an automatic weapon fired 14 rounds from point blank range into him. It is believed the two men made their escape to the Mall where they got into a car with southern registration plates.

The Official wing of the IRA, in their statement said: "At about 6.00pm today, a Northern based unit of the Northern Command, IRA, carried out an attack on the Minister of State at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Mr. John Taylor. The attack was carried out for the following reasons:

As a member of the Stormont Government's Security Committee, Mr. Taylor was one of the principal architects of the internment policy with its attendant evils of brutality and systematic torture of innocent people.

As a member of the Security committee, Mr. Taylor was primarily responsible for the attitude of the

British Army in Derry and for the assurances given to extremist Unionists that the Derry marchers would be attacked.

Mr. Taylor was the main advocate of the policy of cratering Border roads. This culminated in his infamous threat to cut Strabane off from its Donegal hinterland.

The most recent Westminster legislation placed power over the British Army in the hands of men like Taylor, who have shown themselves to be totally unscrupulous and vicious in order to terrorise and intimidate, then to justify their immoral actions by retrospective leg-

islation" The statement was signed on behalf of the Northern Command Staff by E, O'Connor, Adjutant.

Saturday 26th February 1972

Bombs wreck shops and pub

The IRA bombing campaign has continued in Belfast with two shops and a pub being bombed. The blasts wrecked a shop owned by the city's next Mayor Mr. William Christie. A furniture shop on the Shankill road was badly damaged, as was the Horseshoe Inn on the Oldpark Road. There were no reports of injuries in any of the attacks. The first



TOP - Funerals of four Provisional IRA men who died in a bomb blast leaving the Short Strand area of East Belfast.

RIGHT - Official IRA guard of honour at the funeral of Gerald Doherty, Derry

bomb to go off was at Mr. Christies paint and wallpaper store at the top of the Crumlin Road. Less than 20 minutes later a “shopping bag” bomb exploded at the Shankill Road furniture store of Gillespie and Wilson and 25 minutes later the Horseshoe Inn was completely destroyed.

Saturday 26th February 1972

1,500 loyalists at rally

1,500 men paraded at the show grounds in Omagh at a rally promoted by the Vanguard movement. The gathering, which was billed as a united Protestant action rally de-

clared its intention to maintain Ulster's allegiance to the crown. The men came from all parts of Tyrone and after they had been commanded to come to attention, they were inspected by the Rev. Martin Smyth.

Saturday 26th February 1972

Raiders grab guns

Three men armed with revolvers raided the hardware shop of Alan Speers in the main street of Letterkenny and got away with nine .22 rifles and a large quantity of .22 ammunition. The raiders made off in the direction of Derry.

Saturday 26th February 1972

Derry boy dies from gun wound

A 16-year-old Derry youth has died from gunshot wounds to his chest. The youth, Gerard Doherty of Broadway died shortly after being admitted to Altnagelvin Hospital. He had been found in a disused dentist surgery at Central Drive in the Creggan. The security forces were not involved in the shooting and it is believed that he was accidentally shot.

Also, in Derry the Army say that they believe they have shot a gunman during an attack on the Bligh's Lane Army post. The army said that the man was seen to fall but that they were unable to recover the body.

Saturday 26th February 1972

Army clothing and munitions found

A number of items have been discovered during an early morning search of an unoccupied house in the Markets area of Belfast. 120 feet of fuse wire, two-way radios and some items of Army clothing were discovered.

Saturday 26th February 1972

Nail bombs planted at Grocery store

Two nail bombs have been planted outside a grocery store at the corner of Rosevale Street in the



TOP- Firemen fight a blaze at a store in Belfast city centre

LEFT - Clearing up after a car bomb attack in Chichester Street

Cliftonville area of Belfast. One exploded damaging windows and doors, the other was defused by the Army.

Saturday 26th February 1972

Explosion in Lurgan

A small explosion has damaged an electrical shop in William Street, Lurgan. No one was injured.

Saturday 26th February 1972

Fashion shop destroyed

A 10lb bomb has damaged a fashion shop in Scotch Street, Dungannon. There were no injuries.

Saturday 26th February 1972

Army vehicle attacked

An Army vehicle has come under attack in the Derrybeg estate in Newry. Ten shots were fired at the vehicle but did not penetrate it.

Monday 28th February 1972

RUC men disarmed

Armed men have held up and disarmed two RUC men. It happened as a Constable and a Reserve Constable were on duty at a dance hall at Dunloy County Antrim. The Reserve man was waiting in his squad car while his colleague went into the hall. He was approached by two armed men who tied him up, took his revolver and left him tied up on the tarmac beside the vehicle. At around the same time the Constable was held up by three

armed men inside the hall and his gun was taken. Later people who had been attending the dance untied the RUC men who were unhurt.

Monday 28th February 1972

Troops fire on gunman

Troops have opened fire on a man seen carrying a weapon in the Grosvenor Road area of Belfast.

Three shots were fired at the man who was spotted climbing over a fence in McDonnell Street by a patrol of the 1st battalion, the Gloucester Regiment. The shots missed and the man escaped. A follow up search failed to find him. It is believed the man may have been carrying a pistol or a fold-up Armalite rifle



RIGHT - Bomb attack on a shop in Selby Street, off Roden Street

Monday 28th February 1972

Car firm bombed yet again

The Belfast showroom of Isaac Agnew has been bombed for the third time and damaging a number of Mercedes and Volkswagens. Three men, one of them armed, placed a box in the centre of the premises at the junction of Grosvenor Road and Durham Street and gave the staff three minutes to get out. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 28th February 1972

Weapons found

Troops have found four more guns and a quantity of ammunition when they continued a search in Armagh. Men of the 1st battalion, the Devon and Dorset Regiment searching the D'Alton Road housing estate found: One .303 rifle., one Sten gun with a loaded magazine, one M1 carbine, one rifle of unknown calibre, 13 electrical detonators and another 46 rounds of ammunition. The search is continuing.

Monday 28th February 1972

Women rescue gunman

More than 20 women rescued a boy gunman from an Army patrol at Divis Flats after they found a loaded carbine under his coat. The Army has said that the boy gunman who escaped from one of its patrols in the Divis Flats area was not more than 14-years-old.

When he was searched, it was discovered that he had a carbine and 14 rounds of ammunition concealed under his duffle coat.



However, while they were questioning him about 20 women gathered and began to jostle the soldiers. Somehow, the boy managed to escape into the crowd. The weapon and ammunition were recovered.

Monday 28th February 1972

IRA ambushed army patrols

Two gunmen have escaped after an Army patrol was ambushed in the Suffolk Road area of Belfast. The gunmen who fired on a patrol of the 12th Light Air Defence Regiment were spotted running away at Glenveagh Drive in the Suffolk area. Troops opened fire but no one was hit.

The incident happened shortly after 5 o'clock in the morning and a few minutes the soldiers came under fire again. Ten pistol shots were aimed at the soldiers but none of them was hit.

Monday 28th February 1972

Community centre destroyed

The Moyard Community Centre at Ballymurphy has been destroyed by fire during the night but no one was injured. Another building at Monagh Grove, which had been used previously as a youth centre, has also been destroyed by fire. The RUC believe that both fires were started maliciously.

Monday 28th February 1972

Monarch Laundry bombed

Extensive damage has been caused to the Monarch Laundry on the Donegal Road. Two youths threw the bomb through a broken window and escaped in a green van towards the Falls Road. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 28th February 1972

Revolver and ammunition found

One revolver and more than 60 rounds of ammunition were found

at Bingnian Drive and in Riverdale, also in Andersonstown a nail bomb and one pound of gelnite was discovered on waste ground.

Monday 28th February 1972

Donaghadee bar is attacked

The RUC have said that moderate damage has been caused to the Tivoli Bar at Manor Street, which is owned by Freddy Gilroy. The bomb, containing more than 15lb of gelnite, shattered dozens of windows in surrounding buildings but there were no casualties.

Monday 28th February 1972

Social club robbed

Eight men, two of them masked and armed have escaped with £350 after a hold up at Derry City football clubs social club in Bishop Street. No one was injured.

Monday 28th February 1972

Buses burned in Dromara

Four single decker buses owned by

Ulsterbus were set on fire at an overnight parking area behind the local RUC barracks in Dromara. Two buses were saved but the other vehicles were gutted.

Monday 28th February 1972

Troops come under fire at Strabane

Troops on patrol at Flushtown Bridge, about three miles from the town of Strabane, came under fire from gunmen in the South. Twelve

shots were fired at the soldiers, five were returned and no one was injured.

Monday 28th February 1972

Claymore mine injures man

A man driving a tractor has been injured when a claymore type mine exploded at a cratered border road which was being filled in by about 50 people. Troops were not involved in the incident.

Monday 28th February 1972

Rubber bullets fired

Troops have fired rubber bullets to disperse a 100 strong crowd from the South after they began to fill in a cratered road.

Monday 28th February 1972

Incendiary devices in Newtownards

An incendiary device has detonated on the footpath outside the Falls Bar at Castle Street. Bar staff put out the blaze which caused slight scorching to the premises.

Monday 28th February 1972

Bread vans burned

Two bread vans owned by a Belfast firm have been badly damaged by fire outside the homes of their drivers in Annalong.

Monday 28th February 1972

Soldier injured in Newry

One soldier has been taken to hospital in Newry with a suspected fractured skull after clashes between troops and a crowd at Derrybeg housing estate. Troops fired rubber bullets to disperse them.

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Monday 28th February 1972

Soldiers attacked while training

Four shots were fired at soldiers who were taking part in a training exercise near the village of Toomebridge. They returned fire at a house where the gunmen were

thought to have been but no hits were claimed.

Monday 28th February 1972

Shots fired in Coagh

Shots have been fired in the village of Coagh at the homes of prominent

members of the Internees Dependents Committee.

Monday 28th February 1972

Shots fired over boys grave

Shots have been fired at the graveside in the City Cemetery at the funeral of the 16-year-old youth who was found dead in the Creggan estate on Friday night. The dead youth, Gerard Doherty, of Broadway Creggan, was described in the death notices in a morning paper as a volunteer in the 1st Battalion, Creggan, Official IRA.

Tuesday 29th February 1972

Man carries bomb out of shop

The manager of a Belfast City Centre shop carried a bomb out on the pavement minutes before it exploded at lunchtime. The manager of John Frazier, gents outfitters, Castle Street lifted the device after it had been left there by three men and placed it on the pavement. The blast blew a crater one foot deep in the pavement and twisted the chassis of a red Audi car.

Tuesday 29th February 1972

Man gunned down at pub

Two men have been shot and wounded in separate shootings in Belfast. The first man to be shot was a 44-year-old man whose father owns the Star Bar at the junction of Springfield Road and



TOP - Bomb attack in Great James Street, Derry

LEFT - The Rev. Martin Smyth inspecting the paramilitary Ulster Vanguard in the Omagh Showgrounds

Mayo Street. He was standing outside the bar when a white Ford Cortina approached and stopped outside. A man jumped and fired four shots. Two bullets struck him in the stomach and he fell bleeding to the ground.

In the second gun attack a 43-year-old man from Arboe, County Tyrone was shot five times. The Tyrone man, who is a catholic, had been lodging with a protestant family at Highland Parade off the West Circular Road when five masked and armed men arrived at the house. Three of the men went inside and shot the man five times.

Tuesday 29th February 1972 **Toilets bombed**

A 15lb bomb has wrecked a Gents toilets beside Ardoyne fire station and caused slight damage to the ladies toilets next door. One man was slightly injured and was treated in hospital

Tuesday 29th February 1972 **Bomb scare on the Heysham boat**

Three hundred passengers were taken off the Duke of Argyle car ferry after it returned to Belfast because of an anonymous bomb warning. RUC personnel and troops searched the vessel but nothing was found. The ship sailed for Heysham more than three hours late. Two weeks ago a 40lb bomb was found on board the vessel on its way to Belfast.

Tuesday 29th February 1972 **Arms find in Ardoyne**

Soldiers have found two double barrelled shotguns and 12 bore ammunition on waste ground at the rear of Ardoyne Avenue. And during a search of Dalebrook Park in the Dunmurry area troops and RUC Personnel found one Thompson sub-machinegun, two M1 carbines,

one shotgun, a rifle barrel and 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Tuesday 29th February 1972 **Soldier wounded in Dungannon**

A Drum Major in the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Fusiliers has been hit in the thigh when a gunman opened up on a foot patrol in Irish Street, Dungannon. Although the soldier



TOP - Bomb attack in Donegall Place
RIGHT - Clearing up at Wellington Place



was taken to hospital he is not said to have been seriously hurt. The gunman fired from Ann Street.



Tuesday 29th February 1972 Mystery explosion

The security forces are trying to trace the source of an explosion heard in the Coalisland area.

Tuesday 29th February 1972 Gunman spotted on rooftops

Soldiers have opened fire on a gunman who was seen on the roof of a building at Bishop Street but it is not thought the man was hit

Tuesday 29th February 1972 Ammunition finds in Armagh

Troops have baton charged stone throwing youths at the Drumarg Park, housing estate. CS gas and rubber bullets were also used against the crowd. Trouble flared in Armagh after soldiers discovered two large arms caches.



TOP - The Austin Reid store after a bomb attack

MIDDLE - Bomb attack on the Caesar's Palace amusement arcade in Royal Avenue.

BOTTOM - Bomb attack on shops on the Strand Road, Derry.



An injured British soldier on patrol in Belfast

THOSE WHO DIED

IAN ROY BRAMLEY
AGED 25

1st February 1972

A soldier in the Gloucester Regiment, Ian Bramley was shot dead by an IRA sniper as he tried to open a barrier near the junction of Hastings Street and Divis Street in the Lower Falls area of West Belfast.



Ian Bramley

THOMAS McILROY
AGED 29

2nd February 1972

Shot dead in disputed circumstances in the Springfield Road area. The army stated that he was shot



Thomas McIlroy

dead in crossfire but local people claim that this is a lie and that he had been working on a car when he was shot dead.

LOUISE O'NEILL
AGED 49

3rd February 1972

Killed when a bomb exploded in the Imperial Bar in Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone. It is believed that Loyalists were responsible for the attack.

PHELIM GRANT
AGED 32

6th February 1972

A member of the IRA, Mr Grant was killed when a bomb he was planting exploded prematurely. He and another IRA member were attempting to bomb and sink sand barges on Lough Neagh.

CHARLES McCANN
AGED 28

6th February 1972

A member of the IRA, Mr McCann was killed alongside Phelim Grant (see above)

DAVID SEAMAN
AGED 32

6th February 1972

Mr Seaman's body was found at the border after he had been shot in the head. A few months previous to this he had appeared at an Official IRA press conference where he claimed to have been a secret agent working for the British and

was involved in a number of bombings. This was all found to have been untrue and that he had suffered from serious mental problems. It has been claimed that he had been shot dead by the Official IRA for embarrassing them.

PAUL McFADDEN
AGED 30

6th February 1972

Died as a result of injuries received in January from an IRA bomb attack on the British Home Stores in central Belfast.

BERNARD RICE
AGED 49

8th February 1972

Shot dead by Loyalist gunmen in a drive by shooting on the Crumlin Road. A member of the Catholic Ex-Service Men's Association Mr Rice had served in the British Army for 15 years and had also been a member of the Royal Naval Reserve.

PATRICK CASEY
AGED 26

9th February 1972

Mr Casey and another man were killed when a bomb they were apparently planting in Keady exploded. The other man, Eamon Gamble, died on the 8th of March 1972.

JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM
AGED 26

10th February 1972

A member of the IRA Mr Cunningham was fatally injured in a gun battle with the



Joseph Cunningham

RUC in Glengormley. He was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital where he died a short time after arrival. He was from the Rathcoole Estate.

IAN HARRIS
AGED 26

10th February 1972

A sergeant in the Devon and Dorset's, Mr Harris was one of two soldiers killed in an IRA landmine attack on their vehicle in South Armagh.



Sergeant Harris

DAVID CHAMP
AGED 23

10th February 1972

A soldier in the Devon and Dorset's, Mr Champ was killed alongside Ian Harris in South Armagh (see above)



Private Champ

THOMAS McCANN
AGED 19

13th February 1972

Shot dead by the Official IRA after he had gone to visit his mother. Thomas was born in Dublin and served in the British Army's Royal Army Ordnance Corps. His body was discovered on the Fermanagh border.

THOMAS CALLAGHAN
AGED 47

16th February 1972

A Catholic member of the UDR, Mr Callaghan's body was found on Derry's Creggan to Foyle Road three



Thomas Callaghan

hours after he had been dragged from his vehicle by the IRA.

MICHAEL PRIME
AGED 18

16th February 1972

A soldier in the Pay Corps, Mr Prime was killed in an IRA ambush when the vehicle he was travelling in was attacked by the IRA on the M1 motorway on the Moira roundabout outside Lisburn. From Rotherham, he was attached to the 3rd Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.



Michael Prime

ELIZABETH ENGLISH
AGED 67

17th February 1972

Mrs English was shot during a gun attack on a British Army patrol in Barrack Street in the Lower Falls area of West Belfast. No organisation claimed responsibility for the attack but it is believed to have been carried out by the IRA.

DAVID MCAULEY
AGED 14

19th February 1972

David was a member of the IRA's youth wing and lived in the Ardoyne area of North



David McAuley

Belfast, he died as a result of an accidental shooting. His funeral was charged at by the British Army who made an attempt to arrest the guard of honour.

GERARD STEELE
AGED 27

21st February 1972

Gerard was one of four IRA men killed when a bomb they were transporting exploded prematurely on the Ballygowan Road. He lived in the Short Strand district of East Belfast.



Joseph Magee



Gerard Bell

GERARD BELL
AGED 20

21st February 1972

A member of the IRA from the Short Strand area, he was killed alongside Gerard Steele (see above)

JOSEPH MAGEE
AGED 30

21st February 1972

A member of the IRA from Lisbon Street he was killed alongside Gerard Steele (see above)

ROBERT DORRIAN
AGED 29

19th February 1972

A member of the IRA from Altcar Street he was killed alongside Gerard Steele (see above)

GERRY WESTON
AGED 38

22nd February 1972

A Catholic priest in the Parachute Regiment, he was one



Gerard Steele



Robert Dorrian

of seven people killed in an Official IRA bomb attack on the regiment's Aldershot headquarters.

An army witness stated that a car drew up outside the officers mess and that seconds later there was a terrific explosion. The whole building was completely flattened. In a statement the Official IRA said that the attack was in direct retaliation for the Bloody Sunday killings.

**JILL MANSFIELD
AGED 34**

22nd February 1972

Mrs Mansfield was employed as a civilian cleaner at the Parachute Regiment's base when it was bombed by the Official IRA. She was identified by a tattoo on her arm.

**MARGARET GRANT
AGED 32**

22nd February 1972

Margaret was employed as a civilian cleaner at the Parachute Regiment's base when it was bombed by the Official IRA. Her husband was

a Parachute Regiment sergeant.

**THELMA BOSLEY
AGED 44**

22nd February 1972

Thelma was employed as a civilian cleaner at the Parachute Regiment's base when it was bombed by the Official IRA.

**CHERIE MUNTON
AGED 20**

22nd February 1972

Cherrie was employed as a civilian cleaner at the Parachute Regiment's base when

it was bombed by the Official IRA.

**JOAN LUNN
AGED 39**

22nd February 1972

Joan was employed as a civilian cleaner at the Parachute Regiment's base when it was bombed by the Official IRA.

**JOHN HASLAR
AGED 58**

22nd February 1972

Mr Haslar was employed as a civilian gardener at the Parachute Regiment's base

when it was bombed by the Official IRA.

**GERARD DOHERTY
AGED 16**

25th February 1972

A member of the Official IRA in Derry, Gerard died in an accidental shooting.

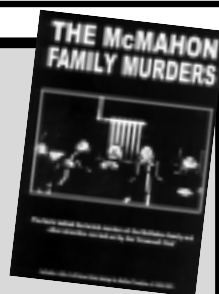
**HENRY DICKSON
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A member of the UDR, Mr Dickson died in an IRA gun attack at his home in Lurgan. He had been a former member of the B-Specials.

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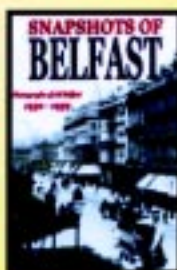
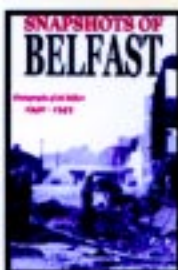
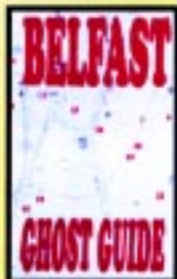
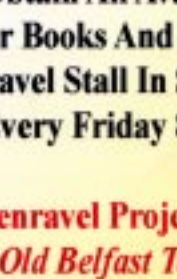
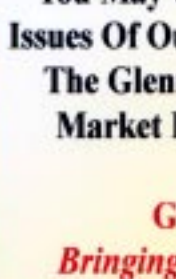
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