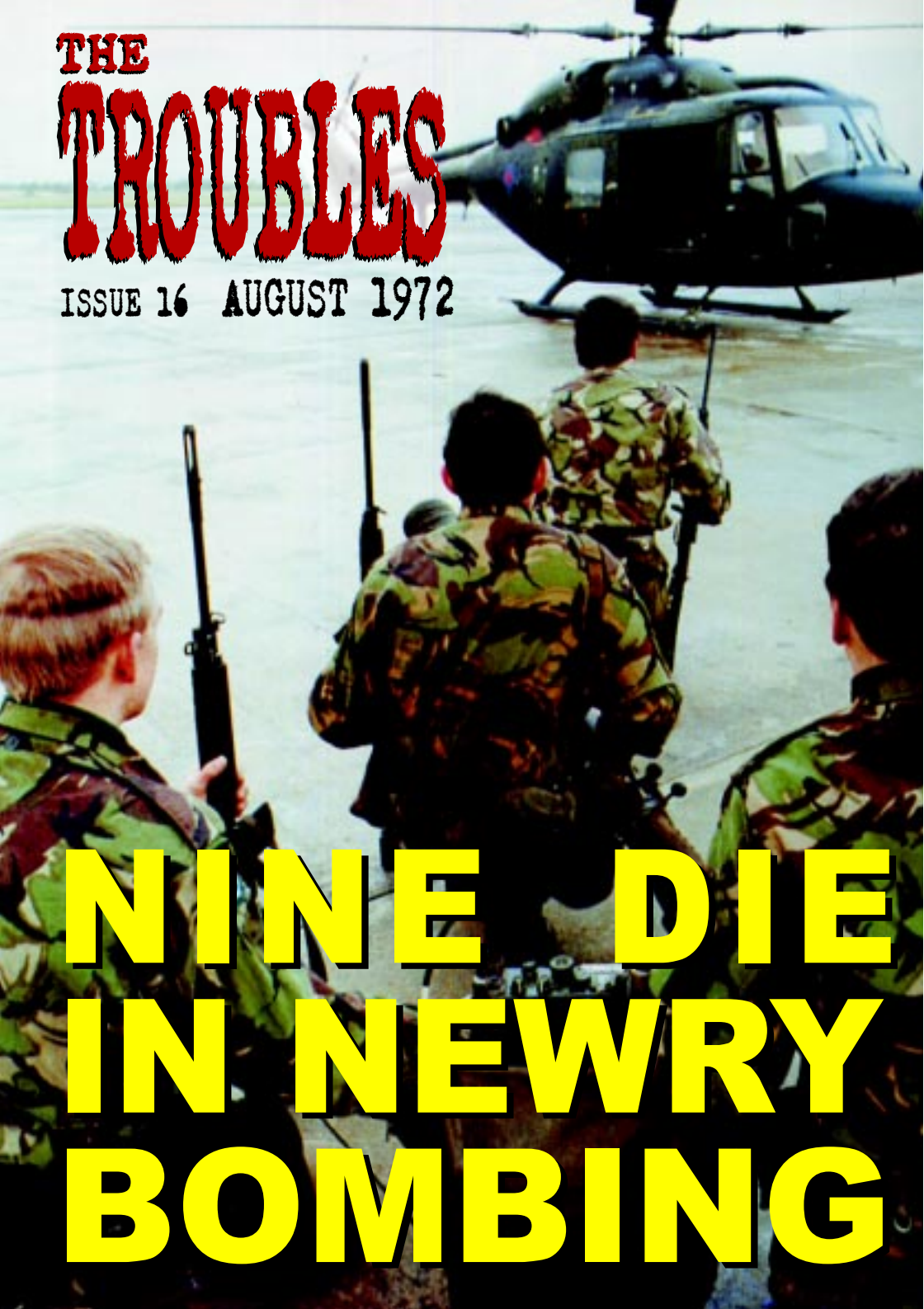
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A CHRONOLOGY OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND CONFLICT

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 August 1972
Lynch backs "No-go" invasion
After an emergency cabinet meeting, Mr Jack Lynch, has given his government's backing to the Army operations in the North to end the no-go areas. He stated that his government was committed to stamping out the IRA and said of Monday's operation: "If it saves lives it is welcome."

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Doherty not dead
Reports in local newspapers have suggested that former IRA man Anthony 'Dutch' Doherty has been shot by the IRA and buried in Monaghan have been denied by his wife. It was reported earlier this year that Doherty has been dismissed from the organisation after applying for Bail. This recent report has also stated that Martin Meehan had been shot in Ardoyne on Friday.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
MP rejects IRA statement
Ivan Cooper, MP has issued a statement in which he says that he does not accept the IRA's statement that they were not responsible for the bombings in Claudy in which six people died and 32 were injured. He has said that he has carried out his own investigation into the bombing and says that he and local people are convinced that the bombing was carried out by the IRA.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Dead youths are named
The two youths who were shot dead during "Operation Motorman" in Derry have been named as Daniel Hegarty, aged 16, of Swilly Gardens and Seamus Bradley, aged 19, of Eastway Gardens. Free Derry Council have said that both men were unarmed at the time. Mr Bradley's Brother was killed in a road accident involving an Army vehicle six months ago.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Check on licensed guns
The Secretary of State, Mr William Whitelaw, has ordered that the issue of legally held guns should be examined. At present it is estimated that there is somewhere in the region of 100,000 licensed guns in the North.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Shot fired in Lurgan
A single shot has been fired at the Army in Lurgan. No one was hit in the attack and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Bombs explode in Strabane
Three small parcels containing about 10 lbs of explosives were found inside the Post Office in Strabane. They had been dropped through a letterbox overnight. A local doctor's surgery received a phone call that the devices would explode in 30 minutes. None of the devices exploded.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Post offices raided
Two Post Offices at Galbally and Cappagh have been raided by two men armed with a Thompson sub-machine gun and a revolver. Undisclosed sums of money were taken but no one was injured.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
UDR patrol attacked
Shots have been fired from County Monaghan at a mobile patrol of the UDR. No one was injured in the attack which took place in the townland of Ralaghan. It has also been reported that a patrol car was also fired on from the northern side of the border. No one was injured.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Arms finds
In raids on homes in Belfast and Derry in the wake of Operation Motorman, 21 rifles and carbines, 2 Thompson sub-machine guns, 2 anti tank guns, 2 shotguns, 60lb explosives, 27 nail and



British troops take over the Grand Central Hotel in Belfast city centre

blast bombs, and over 1,000 rounds of ammunition were discovered.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Bomb defused in Derry
Army experts have defused a 10lb bomb which was found outside a supermarket on the outskirts of Derry. The bomb was discovered at the rear of Superfare on Greenhaw Road.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Occupation of Casement Park
Officials of County Antrim GAA hope to see Secretary of state, William Whitelaw to discuss the Army's occupation of Casement Park, which they describe as a body blow to Gaelic sport in the County. Although the County Board's reaction to the occupation has been restrained, anger is growing amongst the grass roots members at the provocative occupation of the ground by British troops.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
Official IRA statement
A statement is expected from the Official IRA today on whether they will be ending their two-month-old ceasefire following the ending of the no-go areas. It is believed that the leaders of the Officials have met with representatives of the Republican Clubs, in Dundalk, to discuss the latest development.

Tuesday 1st August 1972
UDR man charged with gun theft
A 32-year-old member of the UDR has been remanded on one month's bail on a charge of stealing a Sterling submachine gun, the property of the Ministry of Defence. He is John Todd of Aughnacloy and the offence was alleged to have occurred at Aughnacloy Youth Hall.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Army finds ton of gelignite
A massive IRA bomb factory, which included a ton of explosives, has been discovered in a disused house in the Brandywell. A number of 40-gallon drums, bomb making chemicals, nail and blast bombs were taken away.



In a separate search 10 cwt of bomb making equipment and between 70-80lb of chemicals were taken from a house in the West Creggan area.
In Portadown a UDR patrol uncovered 1lb of gelignite, two 24-hour timing devices and 200 feet of Cordex.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Soldiers wounded
Two soldiers from the Royal Anglican Regiment have been shot and wounded in the Lower Falls area of Belfast, less than 30 minutes after they had taken up duty in the area.
They had been on patrol in Leeson Street when a gunman opened fire from Raglan Street. Around 20 shots were aimed at the patrol. No shots were returned.

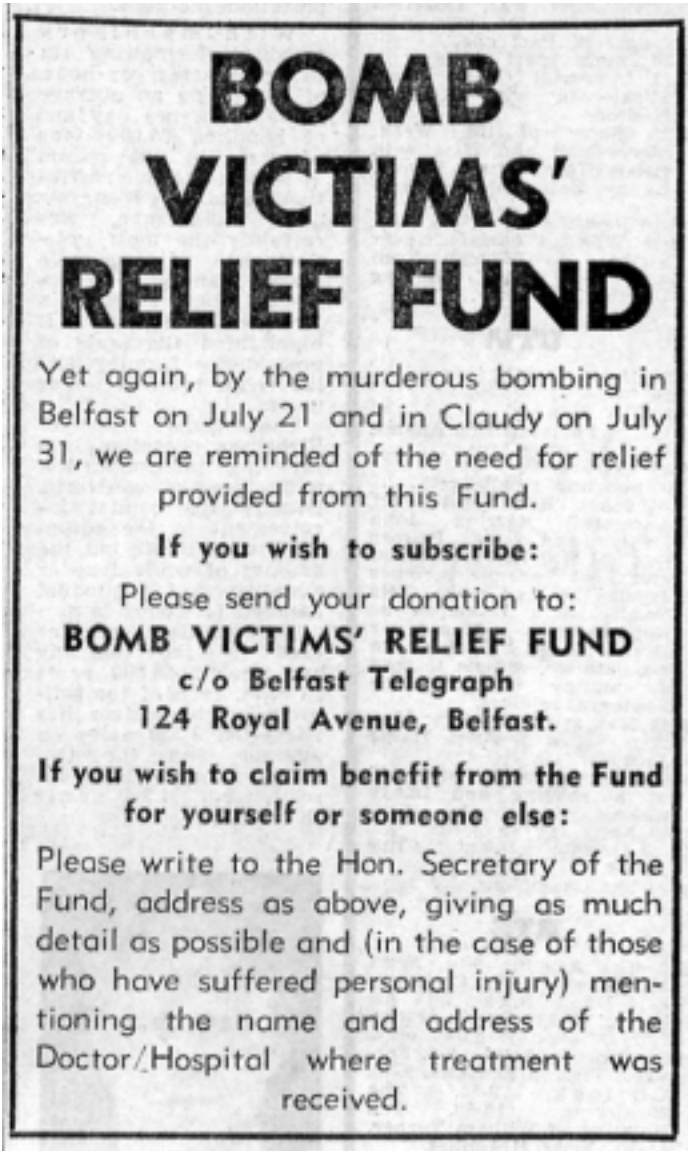
Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Army in talks with UDA
Peace talks have taken place between the Army and the UDA in an Alleyway in East Belfast. The talks, which took place after two Sirocco Works employees were shot by a sniper, were aimed at averting serious trouble and providing better security. Workers leaders, including Billy Hull of LAW, were driven to talks with a Colonel of the Lifeguards in an Army Saracen.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
GAA to meet with Minister
Officials of the GAA have accepted an invitation from Minister of State, Mr Paul Channon, to meet him at Stormont Castle to discuss the use of Casement Park by the Army.

FACING PAGE - British troops erect look-out posts on the roof of one of the high rise tower blocks in the New Lodge area

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Belfast attacks
The Army has reported 21 shooting incidents in Belfast in the 24 hours up to 8.00am. 14 of these were directed at the Army and gunmen were engaged on eight occasions. Two hits were claimed. A gunman was seen to be hit at Ardoyne playing fields and another is said to have been shot at the rear of Crumlin Road jail. Shooting has also taken place in the area of Denmark Street, Stanhope Street and Eglington Street, and at Leeson Street and North Street.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Shots fired in Derry
In Derry, search operations have continued and five shooting incidents were recorded. Three of the shootings took place as the Army removed barricades



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in the Bogside. One hit has been claimed by the Army after a gunman fired three shots at a work party in the area of Rossville Flats.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Land mine attack at Rosslea
A 150lb Claymore mine has exploded under a scout car while it was on border patrol near Rosslea. The mine left a crater which measured 18ft by 10ft. The scout car was only slightly damaged and its crew uninjured.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Car bomb defused
Army bomb disposal experts have worked for over 12 hours to defuse a huge car bomb. The bomb, estimated to weigh around 500lb, was found by soldiers on the fringe of the Bogside.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Belfast ambush
Soldiers investigating a suspicious car which had been abandoned outside the Maguire and Patterson match factory have come under attack. The car, which was left with its lights on and doors open is said to have contained two bombs on its back seat. However as these were being dealt with an explosion also occurred inside the factory. A gunman, who had been on the factory roof earlier, was engaged, managed to escape. The Army believe that the car was an elaborate hoax designed to draw them into the area.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Derry bombs
Two small bombs have damaged a garage and a dairy in the Waterside area of Derry. The bombs caused slight damage to McClean's car showrooms at Drumahoe and at Leckpatrick Dairy in Rossdowney Road.
Other explosions have occurred at the rear of an unoccupied RUC barracks at Martinstown; at an electricity transformer at Strabane and to agricultural equipment at two places in the Dungannon area.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Bloody Sunday – no charges
Attorney General Sir Peter Rawlinson, has said in a written parliamentary reply that no troops are to be charged over the events on Bloody Sunday in Derry. He stated, "There is insufficient evidence to warrant the prosecution of any member of the security forces who took part in those events." He also stated that it would "not be in the public interest" to proceed further with charges of riotous behaviour brought against civilians for events on Bloody Sunday.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Did Whitelaw sign a truce?
Enoch Powell, MP is to ask questions in the House of Commons about an interview published by a German news magazine, with Provisional IRA leader Seamus Twomey, in which he claimed that Secretary of State, William Whitelaw, signed a truce with the IRA in the presence of two lawyers.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Man and woman found shot dead
The RUC are investigating the death of a man and woman in their Whitehead home. The couple, Albert George Johnston, aged 35, a member of the UDR and his 33-year-old wife Helen, were found with gunshot wounds to the chest. An SLR rifle was found beside their bodies. The couple had three children aged between 3 and 11 years of age.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
UDA back LAW
The Loyalist Association of Workers has decided to become a political party following a meeting between its representatives and those of the Ulster Defence Association. A statement by the UDA has said that while not political itself, the UDA would give 100% support and would endeavour to ensure success for the new party. "We



FACING PAGE - A British soldier painting over Loyalist slogans in the Shankill area of West Belfast



Soldier is shot dead —2 hurt in blast

ONE SOLDIER was shot dead and two others were wounded by a booby trap bomb during an Army search in the Andersonstown area of Belfast to-day.

The search, which began early this morning was in the Bearnagh Drive - North Link - Commedagh Drive area, uncovered a 2 lb. bomb, [illegible] ridges and 152 rounds of ammunition.

An Army spokesman said that most of the arms and ammunition were found in Bearnagh Drive.

The soldier who died was hit by a sniper's bullet shortly after 6-30 am. [illegible]

accordingly instruct all UDA members and ask all UDA members to put their full weight behind this party. The UDA will however, retain and try to increase their paramilitary role to fight any foe of Ulster when and where the need arises.

Wednesday 2nd August 1972
Official IRA ceasefire
Following a meeting between the Republican Clubs and the Official IRA, a statement has been released in Dublin which says that the Official's have decided "not be drawn into an open conflict, which could only benefit the enemies of the people." They have stated that their ceasefire remains intact but that they will ostracise British troops.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Bomb expert killed
A British Army bomb disposal expert, Warrant officer James Clark has died when a bomb he was defusing exploded as he examined it. The soldier, aged 34, from Kirk in Scotland is the first soldier to die since the Operation Motorman. He had been in the North nine days. The bomb, which was contained in an oil drum, was discovered by a patrol of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers near Clady, five miles from Strabane.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
UDR patrol attacked at border
A UDR man is said to be critically ill in hospital after a bomb exploded beside a Shorland armoured car near the border at Clougher. A second member of the patrol is said to be in a serious condition. It is believed that the mine was detonated from the southern side of the border. Two men were later detained by the Gardai.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Man dies in Belfast hospital
A man has died in hospital in Belfast after being shot in the head early this morning. He was admitted to hospital after troops claimed to have shot a gunman in the Ardoyne area of Belfast

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Claudy death toll rises
The death toll from Monday's car bomb blasts in Claudy has risen to seven. The latest victim is 52-year-old Mrs Rose McLaughlin, of Main Street Claudy. Thirteen people remain in hospital and two of these are described as critical.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Army patrol attacked in Belleek
Fifteen shots have been fired at a joint Army-RUC patrol in the border village of Belleek. The attack took place in the Main Street and it is believed that four gunmen, firing from the Battery, were involved. Fire was returned and one of the men was seen to fall.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Arms find in Derry
Soldiers carrying out searches in the Creggan area of Derry have discovered four rifles, two machine guns, three pistols and 3,500 rounds of ammunition in a car. The vehicle, which was unoccupied, appeared to be ready to be driven off. Later an Armalite rifle, an M1 Carbine and detonators were discovered by troops on grass in an open area of the estate.

Since Operation Motorman was mounted on Monday soldiers have discovered 34 rifles, three shotguns, four machine guns, one anti-tank gun, twenty pistols, 14,604 rounds of ammunition, twenty grenades, 86 nail bombs, 21lbs of gelignite, 12,472lbs of mixed high explosive material, 120 gallons of acid , 560 feet of safety fuse, 16 radios and 15 respirators.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Bar raided in Belfast
Three armed men have raided the Avenue One bar in East Belfast and have gotten away with hundreds of pounds. No other details of the raid are known.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Internees released
The Secretary of State, William Whitelaw has released another 14 internees from Long Kesh. It is understood that all those released are associated with the Official wing of the Republican Movement. The move is being viewed as a reciprocal action for the Official IRA's decision not to resume hostilities. To date Mr Whitelaw has released 610 people from detention and internment, leaving 267 internees and 65 detainees still being held.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Shot IRA man buried
One of the two Derry youths shot dead when the Army moved into the Creggan and Bogside no-go areas on Monday has been given a military funeral by the IRA. Several thousand people followed the funeral of Seamus Bradley's tricolour draped coffin to the City Cemetery, where, during a graveside oration, he was described as a volunteer in 'D' Company, Creggan Battalion, Provisional IRA. The second youth, Daniel Anthony Hegarty was buried after a private ceremony.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
Prison visits restricted
Restricted space in the cells beneath Armagh courthouse has resulted in the Magistrate at the remand court restricting the number of visitors and limiting the visits to not more than ten minutes.

Thursday 3rd August 1972
'Pigs' to stay
The Army have announced that they will not be withdrawing their one-ton Humber armoured cars. There has been speculation that the vehicle, nicknamed the 'Pig' due to its ugly appearance, would be withdrawn because the IRA are known to possess a new armour-piercing bullet. In June, the IRA killed a soldier when a bullet penetrated his armoured car.

Friday 4th August 1972
Soldier shot dead
One soldier has been shot dead and two others were wounded by a booby trap bomb during a search in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. The search, which began in the early hours of the morning was in the Bearnagh Drive –North Link –Commedagh Drive area, uncovered a 2lb bomb, a nail bomb, one M1 Carbine, five rifles, two shotguns, 55 Cartridges and 152 rounds of ammunition. Most of the arms were found in Bearnagh Drive. The soldier who died was hit by a sniper's bullet shortly after 6.00am. The shot was believed to have been fired from the Commedagh Drive area.

Friday 4th August 1972
Belfast arson attack
An incendiary device has exploded at Nobles Cash and Carry store in North Street. It is the second time in a week that the same store has been attacked. Damage to the store was slight.



LEFT - Troops erecting an anti bomb fence across the front of the Grand Central Hotel in Central Belfast.
FACING PAGE - British troops erecting a look out post on the roof of Belfast's Central Library.

Friday 4th August 1972
Gun amnesty
Des O'Malley, Minister for Justice in the South has announced a gun amnesty for the holders of unlicensed guns, provided they are handed in before midnight tomorrow. The amnesty, he said was "in the national interest."

Friday 4th August 1972
Fermanagh car bombs
A bomb has exploded at Brookborough damaging at least eight buildings in the village, including a drapery shop and a church hall. The bomb, estimated to have contained 150lbs of explosives was in a car which was parked in the village by two youths.

Friday 4th August 1972
Newry explosions
Two bombs have exploded in Newry. The first bomb exploded at a filling station in Downshire Road and damaged several buildings including a church hall and a Presbyterian church. The explosion was heard in Banbridge, thirteen miles away. The second bomb exploded at a garage at Merchant's Quay. It Contained 50lbs of explosives.

Friday 4th August 1972
Arson attack at former officer's home
An attempt has been made in Armagh to set fire to the home of a retired Army officer. Petrol and firelighters were thrown into the building but the fire was confined to one room and the retired soldier managed to extinguish the blaze.

Friday 4th August 1972
Weapons stolen
Three men raided a house at Ballymullock, near Larne and have stolen two shotguns and a .22 rifle. No violence was use during the incident.

Friday 4th August 1972
Bomb thrown in Ballymurphy
Four civilians have been slightly injured when a bomb was thrown at a school in the Ballymurphy area which is occupied by the Army.

Friday 4th August 1972
RUC barracks comes under attack
Ten shots have been fired at an RUC barracks in the village of Rosslea in Fermanagh. Fire was not returned and there were no injuries during the attack.

Friday 4th August 1972
New Lodge arms find
A pistol, carbine and a revolver, along with 87 rounds of ammunition have been uncovered during a search at Artillery Flats in the New Lodge area of Belfast.

Friday 4th August 1972
Claymore mine explodes in Derry
A Claymore type mine has exploded close to two Ferret scout cars which



were on patrol on a road between the Creggan estate in Derry and the border. The vehicles were undamaged and there were no casualties.

Friday 4th August 1972
Army sets up observation post in library

A new Army observation post is being established on the roof of the Central Library in Belfast. The post, built from sandbags and corrugated iron will be manned 24 hours a day and will dominate the area of Royal Avenue. The post, occupied by men from 40 Commando, Royal Marines, will be in radio communication with the Marine headquarters in Glenravel Street.

Friday 4th August 1972
Hospitals set up in No-go areas

The Order of the Knights of Malta has set up two hospitals in the former no-go areas of Derry. One of the hospitals is in an old people's home in Meenan Square, Bogside and the other is in a one-time British Army hut just off Linsfort Drive. The hospitals will be staffed by volunteers and will operate around the clock. A spokesman for the order said that people did not want to go to Altnagelvin hospital due to the long delays.

Friday 4th August 1972
IRA statement

The North Fermanagh command of the Provisional IRA have issued a statement denying that they were involved in a bomb attempt on the Adria factory at Lisnaskea or in arson cases in Fermanagh. The statement also said that the IRA will deal strongly with anyone using the name of the IRA as a cloak for common criminal activities, as well as those who by malicious gossip bring the name of the IRA into disrepute.

Monday 7th August 1972
Youth shot dead in Belfast

A young man who was found dead in an alleyway in the Donegal Road area of Belfast has been identified as being a Catholic from the Suffolk area of Belfast. The dead youth was a 17-year-old hotel chef, but the RUC are not releasing his name until his next of kin have been notified.

Monday 7th August 1972
Land mine explodes on border

One of the two soldiers who have died in a Claymore type mine ambush at Forfey, which is about three miles from Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh, has been named. He was Lance-Corporal David Patrick Wynne, aged 21, from Caerphilly in South Wales. The other soldier will not be named until his parents, who live abroad, have been told. The soldiers were in one of two Land Rovers on Patrol about ten miles from the border when the mine was detonated. Army experts who examined the scene have said that several hundred pounds of explosives had been packed into a milk churn and concealed in a stone built culvert.

Monday 7th August 1972
IRA funeral

The funeral has taken place of 19-year-old Robert McCrudden who was shot dead by troops in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. The area around Corpus Christi church in Ballymurphy was saturated by paratroopers for the duration of the funeral.



Monday 7th August 1972
Army discotheque attacked
A fire has destroyed a tent in the Andersonstown area which had been used by the Army as a discothèque for children of the area.

Monday 7th August 1972
Belfast arms find
Two rifles, one of which was .303 rifle with a telescopic sight and has been described as a sniper's weapon has been found in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. And in Edward Street, close to St Anne's Cathedral, soldiers have uncovered two self-loading rifles, two .303 rifles and a carbine. They also uncovered a box of bomb making chemicals, 500 rounds of ammunition, a set of telescopic sights, shirts and black berets.

Monday 7th August 1972
Bazooka fired at Army base
Five soldiers have been treated in hospital for minor injuries and for shock after the IRA launched a rocket attack on their base at St. Genevieve's school, which is part of the La Salle complex at Andersonstown.
Two rockets were fired but although two explosions were heard in the area it is thought that one of the shells may have misfired. This is the third rocket attack on an Army post within a week.

Monday 7th August 1972
UDR men fire at car
The RUC have said that gunmen travelling in a car which failed to stop at a UDR checkpoint on the Shore Road, opened fire on the soldiers.

The UDR men returned fire and the car came to a stop in Mill Road. A rifle was later found in the car. It is thought that one of the occupants may have been wounded.

Monday 7th August 1972
Bomb explodes at Crumlin Road shop
A Catholic family had a narrow escape when a 30-50lb bomb which was left on the pavement outside their shop exploded without warning. The car used to plant the bomb was later discovered in the Silverstream estate.

Monday 7th August 1972
Military ambulance attacked in Belfast
Two soldiers have been injured when



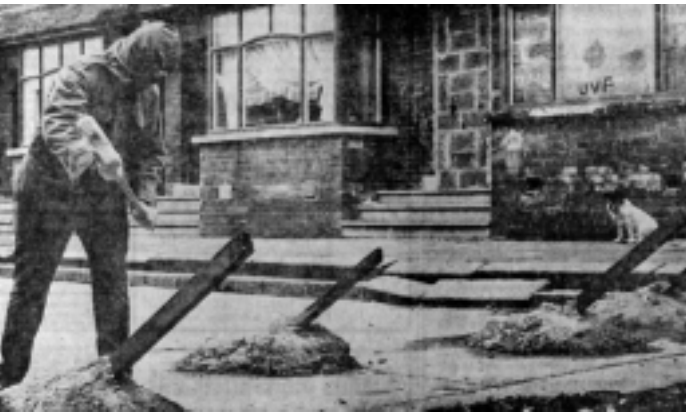
FACING PAGE - British soldiers take over the GAA ground at Casement Park in the Andersonstown area of West Belfast.
RIGHT - Inside the La Salle School which was taken over by the army after an IRA rocket attack. Five British troops were injured.

a car bomb exploded as a military ambulance was driving along Kennedy Way in the Andersonstown area. The soldiers were only slightly injured. The bomb had been concealed in the boot of a Blue 1100 car and was detonated from a distance.

Monday 7th August 1972
Armoured personnel carrier comes under fire
Eight shots have been fired from a car at an Army armoured personnel carrier at Havlock Street, off the Ormeau Road. One bullet struck a car which was being driven by a passing motorist. The shots are believed to have been fired from the direction of Joy Street.

Monday 7th August 1972
Man shot five times in South Belfast
A 25-year-old former Queens University President, Kevin Finnegan, is said to be seriously ill in hospital after he was shot five times by a gunman when he answered the door of his father's off licence in Tate's Avenue.

Monday 7th August 1972
Shotgun stolen
A 17-year-old Protestant youth has been detained in the Mater Hospital with gunshot wounds after a mystery-shooting incident in the city. The RUC have said that he is alleged to have been shot from a passing car on the Oldpark Road. His condition is not described as serious.





Monday 7th August 1972
Legal guns handed over to Garda
The Garda have revealed that there are in the region of 110,000 legal firearms being held in the south. The vast majority of these are shotguns. There are approximately 2,000 licensed military style weapons being held there but in the past few days, in response to the Governments weapons appeal, 80% of these weapons have been handed into the Gardai.

Monday 7th August 1972
Soldiers injured after GAA protest
Three soldiers have been injured and more than 200 rubber bullets have been fired during a protest against the occupation of schools, halls and the Gaelic football ground at Casement.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Armagh land mine attack
Six soldiers had a narrow escape as they travelled along the Killylea Road, Armagh in a four-ton truck. An Army spokesman has said that the driver of the vehicle spotted a spark as the 300lb device was detonated, and realising it was a bomb, swerved the vehicle off the road.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
UDR man shot dead
The UDR man who was shot overnight at his home at Magheraveely, which is a mile from the border, has been named as Lance-Corporal Henry Creighton. He was a 27-year-old single man and had been returning home in uniform after being on duty at Newtownbutler RUC barracks when he was shot.

TOP - A member of the UDA removing a barricade in the Woodvale area of Belfast.
BOTTOM - Rioting on the Andersonstown Road.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Weapons controversy
As the uncertainty about the future of legally held weapons grew, it has been learned that a gun-owner has been tricked into handing over his weapon to bogus RUC men.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Compensation statistics
In a Lords written reply by the Minister of State Lord Windlesham, it has been revealed that over £17,440,000 has been paid out in compensation to victims of the troubles. A further £15,000,000 as been paid out in relation to damage to property.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Soldier killed by stone throwers
The soldier who died after the armoured vehicle in which he was travelling was stoned by children crashed, has been named as Trooper Geoffrey Knipe. According to the Army, the Ferret car was stoned close to Drumarg Park housing estate in Armagh. A missile crashed through the driver's window and caused the vehicle to swerve out of control and tumble three times. The driver died instantly.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Bomb factory discovered
A bomb factory, which the RUC claim may be linked to the Claudy bombing, has been discovered at a derelict house near Swatragh. Amongst the materials seized were two bombs weighing 100 and 200 lbs, 400 rounds of ammunition, 10 detonators, a crossbow and arrows, combat jacket, a Thompson sub-machine gun and a pistol. Other bomb making materials were also found.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Tartan gang attacks RUC
RUC personnel and around 50 Tartans clashed in Lurgan overnight in the Market street area. Troops were called to disperse the youths. The Tartans later regrouped in the Mourneview estate where they smashed windows at the homes of three RUC men.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Anti internment meeting
An anti internment meeting in the Newington area of Belfast which was addressed by Bernadette Devlin has been stoned by 20 Protestants and several windows were smashed. The trouble escalated and eventually around 200 people were involved in the clashes.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Arms find in Belfast
Soldiers have have made an arms find in Edward Street, close to St Anne's Cathedral. The weapons seized in-





TOP - British troops escorting men to work at the Sirocco Engineering Works in East Belfast.
BOTTOM - Troops seal off the Short Strand area after two workers at the Sirocco Works were injured in a gun attack.

SMASH INTERNMENT

Brigade Staff and Volunteers (Provisional) 1st Battalion, Bogside; 2nd Battalion, Creggan; 3rd Battalion, Waterside.

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Creggan Company Cumann na mBann

Bogside Company na Fianna Eireann,
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Eamonn Rafferty Sinn Fein Cumann,
Patrick Pearse Sinn Fein Cumann
McCool, Coyle, Carlin Sinn Fein Cumann;
Colm Keenan/Eugene McGillen Sinn Fein Cumann,
Kevin Barry Sinn Fein Cumann,
John Starrs Sinn Fein Cumann.

Association For Legal Justice

INTERNMENT— STILL WITH US!

As the crime of internment reaches its first anniversary, the Association for Legal Justice reminds the people of Ireland and the World that

1. 283 men are still incarcerated in Long Kesh.
2. THESE MEN ARE LEGALLY INNOCENT.

The Association for Legal Justice wishes to remind all internees and detainees that far from being forgotten their plight is a constant spur to strive even harder for their Immediate Release!

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN !

THE STRUGGLE FOR YOUR RELEASE CONTINUES !

We are proud to show that we stand solidly behind the men behind the wire.

MR. & MRS. JAMES O'KANE & FAMILY

Also the Staff and Patrons of

"THE STARRY PLOUGH"
New Lodge Road

Special greetings from James O'Kane, EX-LK 141, Hut 32, Cage 4, to all the lads from New Lodge Road — F. Scapatticci, Donnie Marshall and Gerry Maguire.

THE OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE THIRD BATTALION

Oglaigh na hEireann

EXPRESS THEIR SOLIDARITY AT THIS TIME WITH ALL THEIR COMRADES DETAINED AND INTERNED UNDER THE EVIL AND INIQUITOUS

SPECIAL POWERS ACTS

AND PLEDGE TO ENSURE THEIR EARLY RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES.

"THEY MAY BREAK US IN BODY BUT THEY WILL NEVER BREAK US IN SPIRIT."

Signed:
O.C. 3rd Battalion

THE HENRY JOY McCRACKEN REPUBLICAN CLUB (Turf Lodge)

PLEDGE ITS SUPPORT TO THE MEN IN LONG KESH

on this historic day, 9th August and we call on the Turf Lodge people to support the protest picket at Holy Trinity School at 12 noon to-day and the N.I.C.R.A. meeting at Norglen Road roundabout at 8 p.m. to-night.

SMASH INTERNMENT

JIM SAUNDERS-SEAN MACAUGHEY SINN FEIN CUMANN

INTERNMENT IS ONE YEAR OLD ON WEDNESDAY

WE ASK YOU TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY

(1) Show your support for the internees by sounding the alarm at 4 a.m. on Wednesday morning (the hour at which the internment operation started).

(2) Join the Anti-Internment Rally, Butler Street, 6.45. Speakers: Mrs. Sarah Murphy, Mrs. Maire Drumm, Liam Mulholland, Mrs. Mary McGuigan.

LET US SHOW THAT WE ARE STILL BEHIND THE MEN BEHIND THE WIRE.

Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association

ONE YEAR OF INTERNMENT

PUBLIC MEETING

at The Post Office, Cookstown,
TO-NIGHT, TUESDAY at 7 p.m.

Speakers to include Bernadette Devlin, M.P., and Jimmy Doris

★ SMASH INTERNMENT ★

BELFAST REGION NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

TO WHITELAW

END INTERNMENT

END SPECIAL POWERS ACT

TIME-TABLE OF ANTI-INTERNMENT ACTIVITY ON 9th AUGUST, 1972, FOR BELFAST

Below is the timetable which the NICRA would like all its supporters in the Belfast area to observe on 9th August.

FAST A VIGIL starting at 6 p.m. on 8th August for 24 hours.

Lighting of bonfires in all areas as symbol of resistance.

4 a.m.—9th August: Bin Lid bashing for 15 minutes to be accompanied by whistle blowing, etc.

11 a.m. 9th August: Pickets on all Police Stations and Army Barracks for approximately 1 hour.

7 p.m. 9th August: Road blocking on Zebra Crossings, etc., continually filing across road until Army arrive and then move further down the road and begin again.

8 p.m. 9th August: March from all areas to Beechmount for Public Meeting.

8 p.m. 9th August: Public Meeting on Waste Ground, bottom of Monagh Road.

Detailed leaflets are available from the NICRA Office, 2 Marquis Street, which suggest further activity for "Internment Day" and "Internment Week."

DERRY CITY REGION NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

LONG KESH—What about this barricade Mr. Whitelaw?

TIME-TABLE OF ANTI-INTERNMENT ACTIVITY—9th AUGUST—DERRY CITY

NICRA, Derry, would like all its supporters in the Derry area to observe the following time-table on 9th August:

TUESDAY NIGHT, 8th August—Bonfires to be lit in as many streets as possible.

WEDNESDAY, 9th August—

4 a.m.—Bin lid bashing and as much noise as possible for 15 minutes.

11 a.m.—Pickets on all RUC and Army Barracks for 1 hour.

2 p.m.—Marches from all areas to a Mass Rally at Free Derry Corner.

6 p.m.—Every household with record-player to play Irish and Civil Rights songs for one hour.

8 p.m.—Public Meeting at the Shops at Creggan.

No Talks Until Internment Is Ended

SMASH INTERNMENT

THE REPUBLICAN CLUBS BELOW

WILLIAM ORR/BETSY GRAY (Ballymurphy)
WOLFE TONE (Lenadoon)
MICHAEL DAVITT (Riverdale)
GEORGE PLANT (Lower Andersonstown)
JEMMY HOPE (Andersonstown)
HENRY JOY McCRACKEN (Turf Lodge)
THOMAS RUSSELL (Gransha)
SEAN TREACY (Dermott Hill)
ROGER CASEMENT (New Barnsley/Moyard)
THOMAS CLARKE (Springhill)
JAMES LARKIN (Whiterock)
HENRY MUNROE (St. James')

wish to reaffirm their solidarity and support for the innocent men still locked up in Long Kesh on this the first anniversary of Internment, and we call on the working-class people to unite and support the various protests this week.

cluded a self-loading rifle, two .303's, a carbine and bomb making material.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Soldiers attacked in Derry
Soldiers in Derry have fired on gunmen at five different points in the west of the city during the night but did not claim any hits.

Tuesday 8th August 1972
Dead soldiers named
The two soldiers of the 4th Field Regiment (Royal Artillery), killed when a claymore mine exploded under their Land Rover at Lisnaskea have been named as Lance-Bombardier Davit Wynne, aged 21, of Caerphilly and 22-year-old Gunner Errol Leroy Gordon, of Kingston, Jamaica.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Internment protests
Belfast 3.50am. In the distance someone starts to bang a bin lid and within seconds hundreds of bin lids were being banged, whistles blown and pans rattled. It was the same in every catholic area all over Belfast. Internment protests had begun. There has been widespread protests against internment, organised by the Civil Rights Association. Buses have been withdrawn on the Falls, Glen Road, Whiterock and Turf Lodge routes after two vehicles were hi-jacked. The North Derry branch of the CRA have issued a statement saying it would not be holding any protests "because of the revulsion among members at the bombings in Claudy."





Wednesday 9th August 1972
Apprentice boys call off parade
The Apprentice Boys have called off their traditional parade in Derry following the Secretary of States decision to restrict the march to the Waterside area. . In a statement the Apprentice Boys said that in view of Mr. Whitelaw's statement there would not be a parade but instead a wreath laying ceremony and thanksgiving service would take place.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Goods train attacked
About ten youths have stopped the CIE goods train at Lurgan by altering signals at Bells Row crossing and ordered the crew off. Petrol bombs were thrown on to the wagons and tarpaulin covers were set alight. The blaze also damaged the cab of the train.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Castlederg bomb
An Army bomb disposal expert has blown up a suitcase which had been discovered in the grounds of a

TOP - The burnt out remains of the Wolfhill Bar in Ligoniel.
BOTTOM - A military Saracen in flames after a protest march to Casement Park following its military take over

Castlederg secondary school. The case, which contained between 50 and 100lbs of explosives, could not be defused. Three buses were completely wrecked; six others were damaged, as was the schools gymnasium.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Celtic Park attacked
Extensive damage has been caused to the stand at the St James's Road end of Celtic Park greyhound stadium. The blast shattered windows in a number of nearby homes.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Bomb explodes in New Lodge
A bomb, planted by a youth and a girl, has exploded outside the premises of Expandite, near the junction of the New Lodge and Halliday's Road, Belfast. Damage to the premises was slight.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
RUC men injured
Two members of the RUC have been injured when they were attacked by a crowd at Ardoyne. The RUC men were escorting youths down the Crumlin Road at the time of the attack.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
MP's shop is bombed
A shop owned by William Fitzsimmons, MP, has been badly damaged by fire. The store, on the Antrim Road has been the target of bombs in the past and it is not yet known if the present fire is malicious.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Ammunition find
A search of waste ground on the Springfield Road by soldiers has uncovered 12 rounds of .38 ammunition and 50 shotgun cartridges.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Shots fired at Aughnacloy
Fifteen shots have been fired from across the border at a patrol of the Ulster Defence Regiment at Ravella. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Fierce attack at Crossmaglen
Soldiers serving with the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders in Crossmaglen came under a fierce attack by several gunmen after they went to the scene of an explosion at Moybane. Around 160 shots were fired at the soldiers who returned 19 rounds. No injuries are reported on either side.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Armagh explosions
Seven small explosions have been heard in Armagh shortly after midnight but the actual locations are not known.



Members of the UDA at a military style training camp

The RUC have said that they appear to have been caused by thunderflashes.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Lorry hi-jacked in Cullaville
Seven men, three of them armed have hi-jacked a creamery lorry carrying 35 cwt of Butter on a concessionary road and set it on fire. The lorry is owned by the firm P.J. Gilmore of Monaghan.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Explosion wrecks Orange Hall
An explosion has wrecked the annexe of the local Orange hall at Mark Street, Glenarm which was badly damaged in a previous attack.

Wednesday 9th August 1972
Soldier killed
A 20-year-old soldier has been killed while flagging down traffic at a roadside checkpoint in Armagh City. The soldier, named as Lance-Corporal Albert Campbell Harper, was serving with the Gordon Highlanders. His elder brother who was also serving in Armagh has been given compassionate leave.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Bomb expert escapes death
An Army bomb expert had a narrow escape as he tried to defuse a bomb at an Armagh cattle market. The 30lb bomb contained in a duffle bag was in a shed in the shambles area of Armagh. The bomb exploded as the expert tried to examine it. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Bombs explode in Derry
Staff at a garage had a narrow escape when a youth threw a smoking parcel into the building and shouted a warning. Staff had just left the building when the bomb exploded, causing damage to the interior and to two cars.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Soldier shot
A soldier was grazed in the head when a gunman opened fire on an Army Land Rover in the Falls Road.
The soldier was in a patrol of the First King's Regiment which was shot at five times.

Thursday 10th August 1972
IRA man dies in bomb attack
The man killed last night as he was planting a bomb in a Newry petrol station was a 19-year-old volunteer in the Provisional IRA. He was Colm Murtagh of Drumlane Park, Newry.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Belfast attack on Recruiting Officer
A retired Army Major who works in the Army Recruiting Office has been shot and seriously wounded. The man, whose name has not been released, was shot from a passing car as he drove down the Cavehill Road in Belfast.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Armagh bomb attacks
Two 100lb bombs have caused a considerable amount of damage in Armagh. The explosions, which occurred within 20 minutes of each other, were at the offices of a building firm A. C. Simpson, in Railway Street and at Hillock's hardware store at Ogle Street.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Soldier shot in Armagh City
A soldier has been saved by his flak jacket when a gunman opened fire on him on the ring road on the outskirts of Armagh. An Army spokesman at Gough barracks has said that the soldier felt a thud and found a burn hole in the back of his jacket. A bullet was found lodged in the jacket.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Bomb factory discovered in Derry
Soldiers in Derry have discovered a bomb-making factory in a garage in Kildrum Gardens in the Creggan estate. Two one-cwt bags of explosive



Troops of the Royal Marine Commando cath up on a bit of sleep on the roof of one of the New Lodge tower blocks.

mixture, three petrol bombs, a stick grenade, a detonator, a quantity of chemicals used in bomb making and electrical and clockwork components. They also found a primed bomb which was blown apart with a small charge.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Protestant youths attack RUC
Around 20 Protestant youths have attacked RUC personnel with stones in the Newtownards Road area of Belfast. One RUC reservist was taken to hospital after being struck on the knee.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Man wounded in East Belfast
A 20-year-old man has reported that one of a group of youths fired a shot at him from an automatic pistol as he was passing Austin Street in the Newtownards Road area of Belfast. The RUC are said to be investigating the matter.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Gun attack in Carrick
A shotgun blast has shattered the window of a house in Prospect Road, Carrickfergus. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Arson attack in Strabane
In Strabane, a fire has caused extensive damage at Ballantine's timber yard for the sixth time in recent months.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Reports of UDA and Army fight denied
The UDA has denied television reports that they were involved in hand-to-hand fighting with troops on the Queen's Bridge. The reports have been officially denied by the Army. However, the UDA spokesman claimed that Army treatment of UDA personnel at a march could have provoked hand-to-hand fighting. The spokesman said that during a march several UDA members were struck by Army batons and at least one person was struck with a rifle butt. The marchers were taking park in a protest to Crumlin Road Jail.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Internment protests
Anti-internment protests have been held throughout the North
Strabane: The local Republican club held a picket to mark the first anniversary of internment. Rioting broke out and soldiers fired two shots in the air.
Belfast: A march took place from Divis Street to Casement Park. Some disturbances broke out as youths filtered past the Army
Lurgan: Protestors clashed with Army and RUC personnel. Two tricolours were seized.
Newry: At a civil rights protest there was a call for the GAA to suspend all games throughout Ireland until troops leave Casement Park.
Omagh: One of the main speakers at a protest in Omagh, Bernadette Devlin described the SDLP as the "smiling heroes" who first brought people on to the streets. She asked where are



Anti internment protest in the New Lodge area of North Belfast

Currie, Hume and Fitt now after breaking their pledge not to talk to Whitelaw until internment ended.

Enniskillen: A protest meeting heard the warning given out that girls, who fraternised with soldiers, would be ostracised.

Carnlough: A protest bonfire was set alight. The blaze was quickly put out by the fire brigade

Armagh: In Armagh protests were organised by the local civil resistance committee and also by Official Republicans. Soldiers were stoned at the ring road, a lorry was set alight and shots were fired. The ring road was blocked by barricades.

Derry: In Derry a number of protests were held. At Free Derry Corner several thousand protestors marked the introduction of internment with a march. A picket was also held at John Hume's home. During the day Army posts were stoned by youths and after clashes with soldiers one youth was taken to hospital with an eye injury. A soldier is also said to have fired his rifle up Westland Street hitting the gable wall of a house. The Army claim he was firing at a gunman.

Long Kesh: Visitors staged a sit-in protest and demanded the release of all internees. Among the demonstrators was Ms Pat Arrowsmith and Mike Terry, Secretary of the National Union of Students.

Murder of UDR man brings toll to 500

CHILDREN KILL SOLDIER IN CAR



LEFT - A mobile crane which rioters tried to crash into Springfield Road Barracks

Thursday 10th August 1972
UVF taxi service

The Ulster Volunteer force says it will operate a "taxi/bus" service from the city centre to Springmartin and Glencairn estates similar to the service being run in some of the Catholic Areas of Belfast. The statement also warned that no one will be permitted to exploit passengers and that fares for the first week's trial will be the same as those on buses.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Martin Meehan arrested

Martin Meehan, who escaped from Belfast Prison eight months ago, has been recaptured by soldiers in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. An Army spokesman said that a man was seen acting suspiciously outside a house in Jamaica Street. He said that a man ran out of the house into another across the street. Meehan was found in an upstairs room. An IRA statement being circulated in Ardoyne said that Meehan had "given himself up" to prevent injuries to innocent people in the area.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Army to get new plastic bullets

A new "plastic" bullet is to be issued to the Army in the North within the

next few weeks. The bullets will back-up the controversial rubber bullet and will be harder and a different shape. At the moment it is being tested at a Ministry of Defence gunnery range which overlooks the Thames Estuary. The Royal Navy are believed to have been involved in its development and testing. The bullet is believed to have been made from a new type of tough nylon which makes the bullet lighter and tougher than its rubber counterpart. The Ministry of Defence have said that before the rubber bullet was introduced into service intensive tests were carried out under medical supervision and that subsequent experience has shown that the conclusions drawn from these tests were entirely valid. Large numbers of the bullets have been used in the North and the Ministry of Defence has claimed that very few serious injuries have been caused by them.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Explosives find
Paratroopers have found 80lbs of explosives and 16 sticks of gelignite in a garden at Whiterock Gardens, Belfast.

Thursday 10th August 1972
Sniper fire in Belfast
A soldier has been slightly injured by sniper fire at Casement Park, Belfast. Rioting has also been reported in Riverdale Gardens.

Friday 11th August 1972
Two die in Belfast explosion
At least two people, including a teenage girl have been killed when a bomb in a hi-jacked van exploded near an Army post in Belfast. The RUC are working on the theory that the couple had attempted to plant the bomb in a Kernohan's Cash and Carry store in North Howard Street. The couple, a 24-year-old man and an 18-year-old girl, are said to have driven up to the store. The girl was seen carrying two holdalls which she tried to place in a wire trolley. The RUC say that the management became suspicious of the couple and prevented the girl from doing so. The couple then bought some goods and went back to the van. As the van drove off and was passing over a ramp near the Army post, the 30lb bomb went off. Both passengers were killed instantly.

Friday 11th August 1972
Armed men raid bank
Armed raiders have held up a branch of the Northern Bank on the outskirts of Belfast and got away with an undisclosed sum of money. Shortly before mid-day two men entered the bank at Carryduff. They took some money and





TOP - Rioting on the Falls Road.
BOTTOM - Updating the records at the RUC Press Office when the deaths reached 501

escaped in a car along with two other men. Later a UDR patrol stopped a car on the Downpatrick-Killough Road and found four guns and a quantity of cash. Five people have been arrested.

Friday 11th August 1972
RUC attacked by Tartan gang in Lurgan
Tartan gang members have attacked the RUC outside the community centre in Pollock Drive for the second time in a week. Missiles were thrown at the patrol car and the RUC personnel inside fired two shots into the air.

Friday 11th August 1972
Man wounded in Belfast
A 35-year-old man was shot in the thigh when a gunman in a car opened fire as he and a companion were standing at the junction of Wilton Street and Shankill Road.

Friday 11th August 1972
Soldier in serious condition
One of two soldiers shot in Belfast yesterday is said to be very seriously ill in hospital. The soldier fell from scaffolding at Casement Park after he was hit by a single shot fired from Bingnian Drive.

Friday 11th August 1972
Blast bomb thrown in East Belfast
A blast bomb has been thrown in the Bryson Street area of East Belfast but there was no damage or casualties.

Friday 11th August 1972
Man attacked in Bangor
The RUC have said that a Catholic man who was with his Protestant girlfriend was attacked by a number of youths on the Newtownards Road, Bangor. Stones, Bottles and a nail bomb was thrown at the man. The bomb failed to explode properly and he was only slightly injured.

Friday 11th August 1972
Troops open fire at Crossmaglen
Soldiers have claimed to have shot one of four gunmen who fired on a foot patrol near the village of Crossmaglen in South Armagh. Three men escaped by car across the border. An Army helicopter in the area came under fire but was not damaged.

Friday 11th August 1972
Official IRA threat
The Official IRA in Belfast have warned that they will retaliate if the Provisional IRA harm any of their three members who have been accused of giving away Martin Meehan's hideout. The officials are denying that any of their members were involved in Meehan's capture. The Provisionals are said to have raided the homes of three members of the Officials. They also stated that Meehan's presence in the area over the past months was public knowledge and widely spoken of.

Friday 11th August 1972
Land mines discovered
Soldiers have discovered two landmines, one containing 350lbs of explosives near Mulladuff. They were defused by an Army bomb expert.

Friday 11th August 1972
Bomb explodes in Portadown
A large bomb exploded and extensively damaged the Shamrock Chalet bar in Portadown. No warning was given but there were no casualties. The building is on the Armagh Road near the Shamrock Park sports stadium.

Friday 11th August 1972
Soldiers attacked in Tyrone
A patrol of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders have come under attack in the New Well Road area of Dungannon. Five shots hit an armoured personnel carrier and one passed within inches of a soldier in the vehicle but there were no casualties. Fire was returned.



RIGHT - Searching the rubbish chutes at the high rise flats in the New Lodge area

Friday 11th August 1972
Arms theft in Carrick
Raiders who broke into a house in Carrickfergus got away with two .22 rifles and two air rifles belonging to the local British Legion small-bore rifle club.

Friday 11th August 1972
RUC attacked in Strabane
A crowd of about 150 have attacked an RUC vehicle in Bridge Street Strabane.
The windscreen of the vehicle was broken during a brief disturbance which also saw two lorries hi-jacked.

Friday 11th August 1972
Derry shootings
There have been five shooting incidents in Derry in the early hours of the morning but the Army say they were not involved in any of them and could not say who the shots were aimed at.

Friday 11th August 1972
Boy discovers bomb in Armagh
A 10-year-old boy has discovered a 40lb bomb in a zipper bag in a shed in the Shambles Yard cattle market. The boy lifted the bag and opened it. Realising that it was a bomb he fled the scene. The bomb exploded a short time later but no one was injured.

Friday 11th August 1972
Legal weapons
Weapons held by gun clubs are to be stored in supervised armouries, but there is to be no Government call in of shotguns, airguns, .22 rifles or the revolvers and pistols which 2,800 people in the North carry for their own protection. According to official statistics there are 77,000 certificates and permits covering 106,000 firearms of all kinds. Of the total 2,300 have been handed over to the RUC. 93 percent of licensed firearms are shotguns (73,160), airguns (12,125) or .22 rifles (13,767).

Friday 11th August 1972
Band members attacked
Members of the Liam Reid Band, all aged between the ages of 5 and 15, have been attacked as they walked through Gresham Street on their way to the New Lodge Road. The band members were set upon by uniformed members of the UDA. The Army intervened to prevent further attack and two girls who were injured were taken to hospital for treatment.

Friday 11th August 1972
Bomb expert buried
An Army bomb expert who was killed while attempting to defuse an explosive device near Strabane, County Tyrone, has been buried with full military honours. He was Warrant Officer William James Clarke, aged 34.





TOP - The filling station at Dublin Road near Newry where IRA member Colm Murtagh died in a premature explosion. BOTTOM - Members of the UDA marching on the Newtownards Road

Saturday 12th August 1972
Poison investigation by RUC
The RUC are investigating a newspaper report that a young man is dying in a Belfast hospital after being in contact with a chemical used in the manufacture of bombs. The report says that the man, a 19-year-old former internee was found suffering from nitro-benzene poisoning in the Lower Falls area. It is known that nitro-benzene, used in the manufacture of bombs, is poisonous but it is not clear just how much of the substance would make up a fatal dose.

Saturday 12th August 1972
Shots fired near Unity Flats
Three shots have been fired by a gunman after stoning between rival factions around Unity Flats. An Army spokesman said that it was not possible to establish where the shots came from.

Saturday 12th August 1972
UDA to drop masks
With the exception of a small number of UDA members in Derry who are to continue to wear masks as they feel their lives would be at risk, the UDA are to stop wearing masks. The reason behind the move, says a UDA spokesman, is the resentment felt by people in England and about the wearing of masks and the criticism of Mr. Whitelaw for allowing it. The spokesman said, "The masks were never worn in defiance of the Army as the troops know us personally and frequently call to our homes to enlist the help of our influence to quell trouble."

Saturday 12th August 1972
Omagh searched for bombs
A full-scale search is being carried out in Omagh's shopping area, following a fire at Wellworth's store which put 50 people out of work. . In the middle of the search part of the High Street had to be evacuated for a time because of a bomb scare. Two incendiary devices had been packed into cigarette packets left in stores around closing time yesterday. They were discovered in coats in the women's department. The devices, which had been left in W.J. Johnston's drapery store failed to go off.



LEFT - a girl is led away following an explosion in North Howard Street

Saturday 12th August 1972
Shops destroyed by fire
Two shops in market Square, Dungannon and the other in Killyman Street, Moy, have been extensively damaged by fire. Both shops were owned by Mr George Cuddy of Dungannon. The Dungannon shop suffered most damage with the ground and second floors being almost destroyed, The Attack on the Moy shop, The Ladybird House, was less severe.

Saturday 12th August 1972
Soldiers shot in Ardoyne
The IRA launched a gun attack on soldiers in the Ardoyne area of Belfast early today. The soldiers were questioning two civilians in Havana Street when they came under fire from a hidden sniper. Two of the soldiers and one of the civilians were injured in the attack. Fire was not returned.

Saturday 12th August 1972
Convent school searched after gun attack
Soldiers in Armagh have searched the Sacred Heart Convent grammar school after gunmen on the roof opened fire on two patrols of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Fire was returned and the school searched but no arrests were made.

Saturday 12th August 1972
Army gets new weapon
The Army in Derry has introduced a new weapon designed to help protect themselves from attack from the IRA. The weapon, an ultra-sensitive ground radar, is being used to survey the fields between the Creggan estate and the Donegal border two miles away. An Army spokesman said that an opera-

tor could detect whether it was a man or woman crossing a field based on the reading displayed on the devices screen. One of the scanners main advantages is that it can pick up movement even in pitch black or thick fog. The weapon is used in combination with infra-red night viewers and sound detectors delicate enough to pick up the flutter of a bird's wings.

Saturday 12th August 1972
Bomb victims named

The Provisional IRA has stated that the two teenagers who died when a bomb exploded in a van in North Howard Street, Belfast were volunteers in their organisation. They were 17-year-old Ann Parker of Whitecliffe Crescent and 19-year-old Michael Clarke of Glenalina Green. The IRA in a statement said that the couple aborted their operation when they realised the danger to civilians. "It was while withdrawing that they sacrificed their lives. The policy of the IRA is to avoid civilian casualties at all costs. It was in pursuance of this policy that Volunteers Clarke and Parker gave their lives."

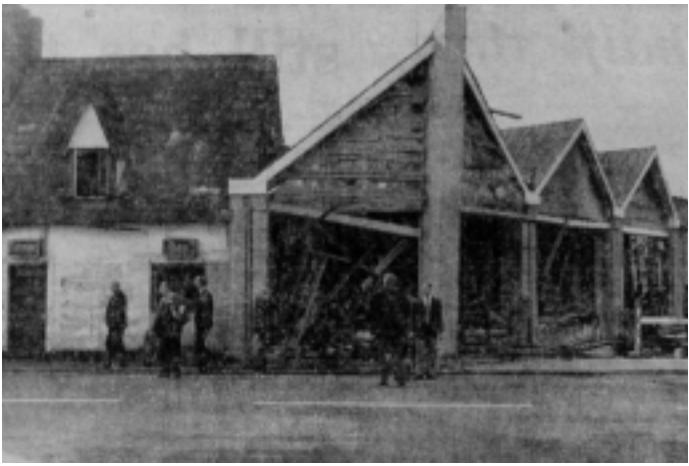
Saturday 12th August 1972
Bomb chemicals seized

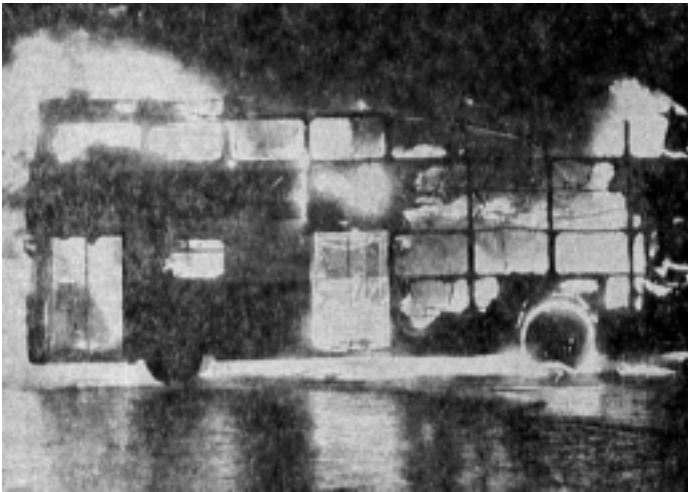
Large quantities of Sodium Chlorate, Ammonium Nitrate and other chemicals used in the manufacture of explosives have been seized during a large-scale swoop in the South. Backed up by convoys of Army trucks, the Gardai visited warehouses, chemist premises and co-operatives throughout the country and seized tons of the chemicals which now come under Ministerial restrictions governing explosives. The operation follows a Ministerial order by the Minister of Justice to reduce the sale and use of certain chemical substances.

Monday 14th August 1972
Claymore mine kills soldiers in Belfast

Two soldiers have died when a booby trap claymore mine exploded as an Army patrol was wading across a narrow river in the Riverdale estate at Andersonstown, Belfast. One of the soldiers who died was Major David Anthony Storrey, aged 36, who was the Commanding Officer of a Battery of troops at Casement Park. The identity of the second soldier has not yet been revealed.

The patrol was providing cover for a working party putting up high anti sniper screens near Casement Park following a number of shooting attacks in the area. It had been making its way from the Owenvarragh area and across open ground when the blast occurred. It is not immediately clear how the blast was caused but unconfirmed reports suggest that the explosives had been placed in a milk churn and detonated when one of the soldiers crossed





TOP - The remains of the Shamrock Chalet Bar on the Armagh Road, Portadown, following an IRA bomb attack.
BOTTOM - A bus burns across the Falls Road

a trip wire. Since 1969, 129 soldiers have died in the North. This figure includes 18 members of the UDR.

Monday 14th August 1972
Bombs in Derry and Belfast
A bomb has exploded inside the tight security net that the Army has set up around Derry city centre. The bomb was at the Leprechaun Café, in Strand Road, which is situated opposite an Army post and well inside the security zone. In Belfast bombs have also exploded at Thomas Dixon & Sons, building merchants at Corporation Street.

Monday 14th August 1972
Bombs discovered at Forkhill
Soldiers have defused two 100lb bombs near Forkhill. The bombs had been placed along the roadside at Tisscrum, near the "Gap of the North." Command wires were found leading to a derelict house.

Monday 14th August 1972
Pistols thrown from car
Two pistols have been thrown from a car which was being chased by a UDR patrol in County Tyrone. The UDR patrol is said to have become suspicious when they noticed a car avoiding one of their checkpoints near Moy. They gave chase and the vehicle was later found abandoned. Around an hour later soldiers using tracker dogs arrested two men.

Monday 14th August 1972
Bombs defused
Army experts have defused a bomb in the Rodney Parade area of Belfast. The device had been hidden under a manhole cover and was uncovered by a routine Army patrol.

Monday 14th August 1972
Blast bombs thrown in Belfast
Two blast bombs have exploded at Riverdale Park East, in Andersonstown. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 14th August 1972
Man stabbed to death in Belfast
A 48-year-old Catholic man from Cliftonpark Avenue has been found brutally murdered on the Oldpark





PUBLIC ORDER ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1951 to 1971

WHEREAS I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, am of the opinion in consequence of information furnished to me by the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary that the holding of any public procession on August 12, 1972, in the area mentioned below 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 WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 2 (2) of the Public Order Act (Northern Ireland) 1951, Section 1 (1) (a) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972, and after consultation with the Committee constituted by the Police Authority under Paragraph 15 (2) of Schedule 1 to the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970, do hereby order that the holding of all public processions in any part of the County Borough of Londonderry lying to the west of the River Foyle, or on any part of Craigavon Bridge in the said County Borough is prohibited at any time during the whole of August 12, 1972.

Dated this 9th day of August, 1972.

WILLIAM WHITELAW
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Road. The man, who has been identified as Thomas Madden, was found in a shop doorway, riddled with more that 50 stab wounds and was shot in the head. It is believed that Mr Madden's killers lifted his body over a six-foot high grill and tossed it into a doorway. After Mr Madden's body was discovered RUC tracker dogs were called in. A trail of blood led from the doorway, along Baden Powell Street, terminating in Hillview Street. His father was a member of the RUC. This is the second tragedy to strike the Madden family. In October 1971, Mr Madden's brother Hugh was shot dead as he stood outside his grocers shop on the Oldpark Road.

FACING PAGE - Members of the Royal Marine Commandos erected an observation post at the Unity Flats complex

Monday 14th August 1972
Man shot dead on Crumlin Road
On Saturday night the body of a man was found in a car at Jaffa Street off the Crumlin Road. He had been shot through the head. Wires were found leading from the car and the area was cordoned off for around two hours until the Army eventually blew open the boot of the car to find it was a hoax. The dead man has been identified as 37-year-old Frank Wynne, a Catholic from Elizabeth Street in the Lower Falls area.

Monday 14th August 1972
Screw bomb used in Andersonstown
Four soldiers have been injured in Commedagh Drive, Andersonstown when a screw bomb exploded. The bomb, similar to a nail bomb except that it is packed with six-inch screws was detonated from Slemish Way as a foot patrol of the Royal Greenjackets was passing. One soldier received a serious jaw injury; another had his arm punctured by a screw. A third soldier was hit in the right thigh and the fourth soldier was injured in the left earlobe. The RUC said that two people were detained shortly afterwards.

Monday 14th August 1972
Shots fired in New Lodge
A Royal Marine Commando was injured when a gunman fired five shots at a patrol at the corner of new Lodge Road and Lepper Street. The patrol returned fire but no hits are claimed.

Monday 14th August 1972
UDR man is wounded
A man, believed to be a member of the UDR, has been shot in the thigh as he was walking near his home. He has been taken to Musgrave Park Hospital where his condition is described as comfortable. The man's name or details of the shooting have not been released.

Monday 14th August 1972
Single shot fired in Unity Flats
An RUC patrol car has been fired on from the direction of Unity Flats after it had gone to investigate reports of children stoning passing traffic. A single high velocity shot was fired and the

bullet struck the ground a few feet in front of an RUC man.

Monday 14th August 1972
Weapons find in Belfast
Soldiers have found three .303 rifles and around 100 rounds of ammunition at the rear of a house in St James's Crescent.

Monday 14th August 1972
Newsagents shop attacked
Three men and a girl have held up staff in a newsagent's shop in Belfast's Great Patrick Street before setting fire to it. Firemen were hampered by a hoax shouted by one of the raiders that there was a bomb in the shop.

Monday 14th August 1972
Explosives and ammunition discovered in Derry
An Army patrol has found 240 rounds of small arms ammunition in a hedge at Ramore Gardens in the Creggan estate, Derry. Troops also found 230 rounds of ammunition, some magazines, four grenades and a small quantity of explosives.

Monday 14th August 1972
Customs post attacked
The Customs post at Killea, a few miles from Derry, has been badly damaged by an incendiary device. Three men, two of them armed, ordered out the customs officers and planted the device, which went off seconds later. The post, which is housed in a caravan, was destroyed.

Monday 14th August 1972
Army vacates school in Derry
British soldiers have now vacated St Eugene's Primary School in Derry. An Army spokesman has said that they now only occupy part of three schools, St. Peter's, St. Columb's and the Model. He said that they will have vacated all three of them by the start of the new school term.

Monday 14th August 1972
Man dies from injuries
The ninth victim of the Claudy bomb blasts has died in Altnagelvin Hospital. He was Mr. Arty Hone, a 40-year-old married man from Claudy.

Monday 14th August 1972
Incendiary devices in Omagh
An attempt to set fire to Omagh town centre at the weekend has failed because the incendiary devices were discovered before they exploded. Three devices were discovered at W. J. Johnston's drapery store in High Street. Three devices were also discovered in Black's furniture store. One of these devices was discovered shortly before closing time and exploded as staff threw it into the street. Alf Gidley's drapery store, opposite Wellworth's, had two devices planted in it. They were timed to go off at the same time.





TOP & FACING PAGE - Clearing up after a landmine attack in the Riverdale area of West Belfast in which two soldiers were killed.
BOTTOM - IRA leader Martin Meehan is taken from the Belfast Courts in a military convoy



One store, Wellworth's department store in Market Street was destroyed in the attack. All the incendiaries were contained in cigarette packets.

Monday 14th August 1972
Soldier is wounded in Strabane
A soldier, a member of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, has been slightly injured when gunmen opened fire on an RUC barracks in Strabane. Around eight shots were fired from Barrack Street, about 50 yards from the base. The soldier, who was on sentry duty at the time, was not seriously injured.

Monday 14th August 1972
Gun attack at Comber
Two youths have opened fire at a motorist in Comber. The driver of the vehicle was uninjured but the motive for the attack is unknown.

Monday 14th August 1972
Soldier held by UVF
The Army is unable to confirm that a 19-year-old private in the Black Watch, absent without leave since Friday, is in the hands of the UVF. A report carried in a local newspaper has claimed that the soldier who was stationed in Lurgan was picked up by the UVF "lest he fall into the hands of the IRA."
The report also said that the soldier wanted out of the Army and he would be returning to his unit tonight. It also stated that he hoped that he would be allowed to buy his way out of the Army.

Monday 14th August 1972
Gelignite discovered in Carrickmore
Soldiers have discovered a box containing 50 1lb sticks of gelignite on the roadside at Carrickmore. It was dealt with by an Army explosives expert.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
UVF men refuse to recognise court
Four men who appeared at Belfast Recorder's Court on charges of armed robbery have said in court that they were all members of the Ulster Volunteer Force and addressing the judge one said: "My Lord, as volunteers in the Ulster Volunteer Force we refuse to recognise this court, as it is an instrument of an illegal and undemocratic regime." The men were charged with stealing the sum of £500 from John Rainey & Co, Steeplejacks, Somerton Road. They were further charged with having two loaded revolvers on the same date.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
Bomb wrecks boat club
A 50lb bomb has wrecked a top Belfast sports clubhouse owned by the Belfast Boat Club. The bomb, which was planted by three men, exploded a short time after the fifteen-minute warning given by the bombers expired. The bomb, according to one club official, was strategically placed to cause maximum damage and although it has yet to be confirmed, it is expected that the building will be demolished.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
IRA members buried in Belfast
The funeral has taken place in Belfast of two teenage members of the IRA who were killed when a bomb they were transporting accidentally detonated. The couple who died were 17-yar-old Ann Parker of Whitecliff Crescent and 19-year-old Michael Clarke

Two soldiers die in Belfast blast

of Glenalina Road. As the funeral cortege made its way to Milltown Cemetery, local women held up sightscreens made from sheets and poles to prevent soldiers from photographing the IRA guard of honour. A lone piper played a lament as she walked behind the coffins.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
Man shot dead in Ardoyne
68-year-old Charles McNeill, of Brompton Park has been killed near his home when an Army foot patrol came under fire from three positions. About 23 shots were fired at the soldiers at the junction of Brompton Park and Jamaica Street. One of the soldiers was shot in the attack and is said to be in a serious condition. Mr. McNeill, who was deaf, was hit by a stray bullet and his death brings the number of people killed in the troubles to 510.

In a separate shooting attack earlier in the day, a member of the Light Infantry was slightly injured in the thigh in an ambush at the junction of Farringdon Gardens and Berwick Road.

During a third shooting incident in Ardoyne soldiers opened fire on a gunman in Jamaica Street but didn't claim a hit. In the New Lodge Road area shots were also fired at a gunman but no hits were reported.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
Arms finds in Belfast
During recent searches in the Gweedore Gardens, Whiterock Drive and Dermot Hill Drive areas of Belfast, soldiers have uncovered more than 3,000 rounds of ammunition, a Winchester rifle, 20lbs of explosives, a ready-made bomb and incendiary materials.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
Military vehicle attacked at Ballykelly
Two single shots have been fired at military vehicles in Ballykelly, County Derry. No one was injured and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
Claymore mines discovered
Soldiers have found two large Claymore mines near Forkhill in South Armagh. The bombs, which had wires leading from them to a nearby derelict house were dealt with by Army experts.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
GAA protests over occupation of Casement Park
South Antrim GAA clubs have begun a week of protest at the occupation of Casement Park by British troops with the playing of several matches outside the ground on the Andersonstown Road.
Players were togged out in their full strip, complete with football boots and played for several hours up and down the main road outside the ground. Around 300 people turned up to watch the games. Four clubs took part in last night's games. They were Dwyer's, Rossa, Gael Uladh and St Enda's. Other clubs have been instructed to take part each night. There was no violence during the protest but spectators have said that the Army tried to provoke trouble by driving Saracens down the Andersonstown Road while one of the games was in progress. The Secretary of the County Antrim Board of the GAA, Mr Al McMurray, has said that the vigil which is held each night from eight o'clock to midnight is to bring to the eyes of the general public the fact that thousands of members in the city cannot use their own major ground and administration headquarters.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
IRA bomb chemicals
The poisonous liquid Nitro Benzene, used by the Provisional IRA in the manufacture of chemical bombs, may be brought under strict Government control. Lord Windlesham, Mr. Whitelaw's deputy, has directed the Minister for Home Affairs to see whether the substance, and others used in bomb making should be brought under the Northern Ireland Explosives Order. Already two chemicals, sodium chlorate and ammonium nitrate, are

under the control of the order. Both substances have been used by the IRA to make bombs.
Nitro Benzene is a highly toxic substance and death or serious illness can result from any contact with it. A spokesman at RUC headquarters has said that they are still investigating reports that a young man was dying in a Belfast hospital after having been in contact with the substance.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
Bomb defused in Belfast
An Army bomb disposal expert has dealt with a small quantity of explosives which have been found at the rear of a shopping complex in Belfast. Around 5lbs of explosives which were wired up as a bomb, but not connected to a battery was found at Gransha on the Glen Road, Andersonstown.

Tuesday 15th August 1972
Shots fired at IRA funeral
A volley of six shots has been fired at the funeral of IRA members Ann Parker of Whitecliff Crescent and 19-year-old Michael Clarke of Glenalina Road.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
£50,000 reward offered
The Government has offered a £50,000 reward in a dramatic bid to break the wall of silence surrounding the assassination of around 40 people in the North over the last few months. The decision has been taken by Minister of State, Lord Windlesham after a meeting with senior civil and military advisors at Stormont.
In 1969 a reward was first offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people planting bombs. In March 1971 the reward was extended to include information relating to the killing of RUC personnel and soldiers. It was also increased from £25,000 to £50,000. No money has ever been paid out and as far as is known no claims have been made.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
25 Internees freed
Another 25 internees have been released from Long Kesh, leaving 243 internees and detainees still in Long Kesh. Since direct rule 703 men have been released.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Child shot by soldier in New Lodge
A 5-year-old child has been shot and rushed to hospital after a soldier discharged his weapon in the New Lodge area of Belfast. First reports have said that the boy was shot in the chest in Burlington Street. He was rushed to the mater hospital. Soldiers of 42 Commando were patrolling the area at the time and it is believed the shot came from a machine gun. An Army spokesman said, "We very much regret a terrible accident."

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Soldier shot in Ardoyne
A soldier serving with the 1st Battalion, The Light Infantry, has been very seriously wounded in an IRA sniper attack. The soldier had been part of a unit tasked with going to Ardoyne and to removing around 100 derelict cars as well as paint out slogans. He was shot in the leg by a gunman operating from the vicinity of St Gemma's School.
Later a .22 rifle and ammunition was seized by troops in Glenpark Street, off Oldpark Road. A 15-year-old youth has been arrested by the RUC in relation to the find.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Army harassment
The Central Citizens' Defence Committee say they have received reports of widespread and unnecessary harassment by the Army in Catholic areas. They say the report will form the basis of a formal complaint to military headquarters.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Soldiers detonate bomb
A bomb, estimated to contain between 100 and 150lbs of explosives has been



RIGHT - Secretary of State, William Whitelaw, on a visit to Derry where he watched an Apprentice Boys parade from an army helicopter

THE MOST SADISTIC MURDER YET—POLICE

detonated by the Army at Irvingstown, County Fermanagh The bomb, in a car, had been planted outside Magee's Coach Builders on the Enniskillen Road. The area was cordoned off and at 3.00am the Army detonated the explosives and in doing so caused severe structural damage to the garage. 46 cars were damaged in the showroom, some of them were beyond repair.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Booby trap bomb in Belfast
A booby trap bomb has exploded prematurely in an alleyway in Andersonstown but no one was injured. According to an Army spokesman the bomb was set off by means of a trip wire close to Gartree Place. In the nearby Knockdhu Park a man was taken to hospital suffering from a heart attack.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Cow detonates bomb
A cow has detonated a 100lb booby-trap bomb in fields near Dungannon. The blast left a crater four feet deep and eight feet wide. The cow was blown over a hedge into an adjoining field.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Shots fired near Ship
The Army has reported that a number of shots have been lodged in a tar storage tank near the former prison ship. Maidstone. No one was injured.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Man admitted to hospital after shooting
A man from the Suffolk area of Belfast has been admitted to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds. The Army have said that they were not involved in the incident.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Bomb explodes at Sion Mills
A large part of Sion Mills was left without electricity overnight after a bomb exploded at an electricity transformer shortly after 10.00am.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Arms found in Derry
Soldiers have discovered six pistols, 50 rounds of assorted ammunition, 30ft of fuse, 20 detonators and 10lbs of plastic explosives in a garden shed in the Bogside.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Sniper attack
A single shot has been fired at the Army in Derry overnight. The shot, which was aimed at a foot patrol operating in the Creggan, missed its target. Fire was returned but no one was injured.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Bomb explodes in showroom
A 50lb bomb which was left by two teenage girls and a young man has exploded at the premises of Eirco in Ormeau Avenue. The blast ripped out one wall of the building and shattered hundreds of windows in nearby offices. According to reports the girls entered the building and asked to speak with the personnel manager. They were followed by a young man carrying a suitcase. When a security man tried to stop them, both girls produced revolvers and the man set down the suitcase. As they left another man tried to stop the trio but the girls once again pulled out revolvers and threatened to shot them. As they made their escape in a white 1100 car a group of workers followed them in a van but lost them in the heavy traffic.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Victims buried
Two men who were killed by assassination squads in Belfast at the weekend have been buried. The victims, both Catholics, were Mr Thomas Madden, age 48, of Cliftonpark Avenue. Mr Madden's body had been found in a shop doorway after he had been stabbed and shot through the head. The second victim to be buried was Mr

Frank Wynne, aged 37, of Elizabeth Street in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. He had been shot in the head and his body was found in a car in Jaffa Street, off the Crumlin Road.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Soldier shot in Belfast
A Corporal in the Royal Anglican Regiment, who was shot by a sniper in the Lower Falls area of Belfast last night is reported to be well in hospital after receiving an operation. The soldier was shot in both ankles by a single shot as he manned a roadblock in Lady Street. An Army spokesman said that the bullet did not damage the soldier's ankle bones.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Landmine defused
A 10lb Claymore mine, filled with explosives and shrapnel has been defused in Andersonstown. It was found by soldiers from the Royal Artillery near Oliver Plunkett School. The mine had wires attached to it, which led to a nearby garden.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
IRA rejects conference offer
The Provisional IRA have rejected a proposal by Republican Labour M.P. Mr Paddy Kennedy that they should attend the all party conference on the future of the North as his advisors. In a statement issued by the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau, Kevin Street, Dublin, has stated that the proposal was "completely unacceptable" and added "Mr Kennedy should know this." Mr Kennedy has said that his party would give sympathetic consideration to a request from the Provisional or Official IRA to join the Republican Labour delegation if they attended the talks. There has been no response from the Official IRA but it is expected that they will also reject the proposal.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
Black Propaganda
The Provisional IRA have issued a statement concerning the arrest of Martin Meehan in which they stated that they had not accused the Officials of betraying Meehan to the British Army. The statement said, "The circumstances of his arrest are being investigated. It is apparent that the National Liberation Front (so called Officials) have accepted a British black propaganda story designed to worsen the friction between the members of the Republican Movement and the NLF.

Wednesday 16th August 1972
IRA claim killings
The IRA, in a statement, has said that in the past eight days they have killed





TOP - IRA bomb attack on the Belfast Boat Club.
BOTTOM - Bomb attack at Thomas Dixon's, Coporation Street.

two soldiers and one member of the UDR, as well as wounding 32 soldiers and two members of the UDR.

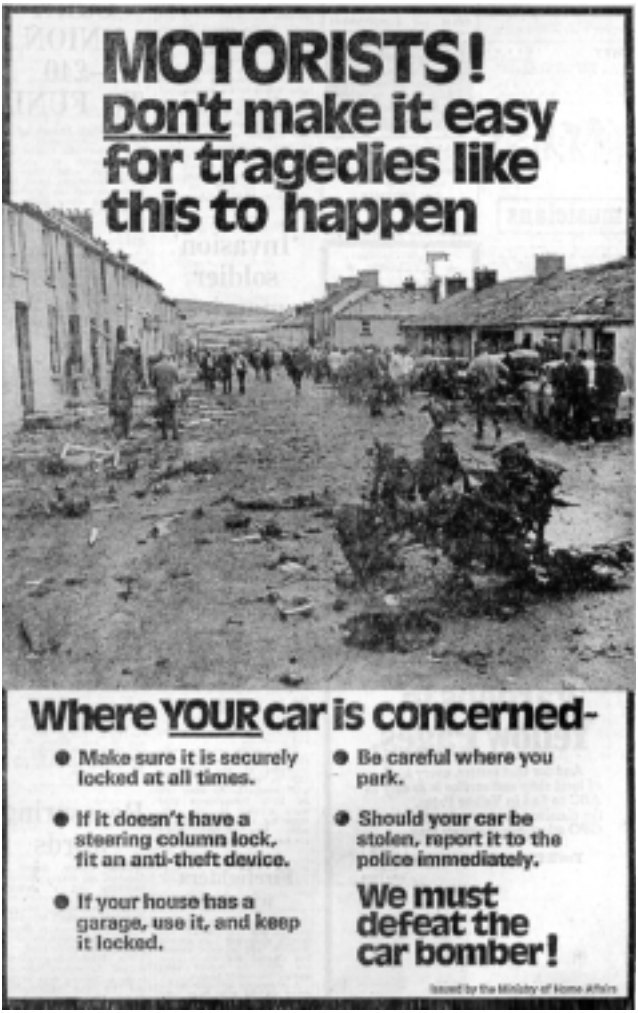
Thursday 17th August 1972
60 people injured in bomb
More than 60 people have been treated in hospital for cuts and shock after a bomb wrecked a well known loyalist bar on the Shankill Road. The Standard Bar at the junction of Agnes Street was almost completely demolished by a bomb in a hi-jacked Post Office van. The van bomb exploded around 30 minutes after a telephone warning had been given to at least two newspapers. The bomb, which shattered a water main, left the Shankill Road under six inches of water and shopkeepers tried in vain to keep the water away from their premises and traffic as diverted away from the area.



Thursday 17th August 1972
Man shot in Shankill Road bar
RUC detectives are investigating the killing of a 32-year-old Protestant barman in a Shankill Road Public house. The man, named as William Spence, of Blackmountain Parade, Springmartin died instantly when two gunmen entered the Long Bar, near the junction of Northumberland Street shortly after closing time. One of the men asked for Mr Spence by name and when he appeared he was beaten over the head and then both men opened fire with revolvers. The dead man, according to the RUC is not thought to be a relative of "Gusty" Spence who is alleged to have been kidnapped by the UVF while on parole from Crumlin Road.

Thursday 17th August 1972
Top IRA man freed in error
A top IRA officer, wanted for questioning about the killing of a soldier and an RUC man has walked free from a Belfast court. The man, who has not been named, had charges of killing an RUC man and a soldier, dropped on the direction of the Director of Public Prosecutions. However he left the court before other RUC men, who were waiting to question him about the killing of two bomb disposal officers, could arrest him. There is anger within the RUC at the way in which the man was released and they claim that insufficient inquiries were made to discover if he had to be held for questioning about other matters. It is thought that the man may have slipped across

LEFT - There's always a bit of humour! The bombed out Co-op Store on York Street



the border and is now in hiding in the South.

Thursday 17th August 1972
Bombs explode at Warrenpoint

An IRA unit of at least 11 strong have carried out a bomb attack at Warrenpoint in which a hotel was destroyed and a Magistrates home was attacked.

The attack, which has been described as being carefully planned and executed began with armed men hi-jacking three cars outside the seaside town. The drivers were held hostage and four men drove off in one of the cars to the home of Resident Magistrate, Mr J. Ritchie Wilson. Mr Wilson was not at home at the time of the attack and when his wife answered the door, the men burst in and left a brown parcel on the kitchen table. She was told it was a bomb and had three minutes to get out. As the raiders made their escape, Mrs Wilson picked up the bomb and carried it into the garden. The bomb exploded a short time later , leaving a crater six feet across and two feet deep.

At the same time as this attack was taking place – 5.35pm, five raiders, at least four of them masked and at least one of them armed walked into the Balmoral Hotel. They planted two bombs. The bombs exploded ten minutes later and it is expected that the hotel will have to be demolished.

Thursday 17th August 1972
Shots fired in Belfast

Two shots have been fired from an Anglia car at a joint RUC-Army patrol in the Cliftonville Road area of Belfast. Fire was returned but it is not known if anyone was injured.

Thursday 17th August 1972
Bomb explodes in Sion Mills

A bomb, contained in a creamery can has exploded on the steps of Sion Mills library in Church Square. A warning was given and no one was injured.

Thursday 17th August 1972
Youth injured

An 18-year-old youth has lost his right hand and has received severe facial injuries when a bomb he is believed to have been carrying exploded in Finaghy Road North. He was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital for treatment.

Thursday 17th August 1972
UDA parade

Thousands of members of the Ulster Defence association are expected to march through Belfast on Saturday for the first time without their masks or hoods. Companies will parade from many areas and it expected that up to 25,000 men may join the march from Templemore Avenue to the rally in Victoria Park. The rally will be addressed by the UDA vice-chairman and the chairman of the Loyalist Associa-

tion of Workers, Billy Hull. It is expected that 10,000 UDA men will go on parade in other towns throughout the North.

Thursday 17th August 1972
16-year old sent to prison

A 16-year-old juvenile who was arrested at Ardilea Street in the Oldpark area and accused of possessing a loaded .303 rifle has been remanded in custody. A defence application was made to have the boy remanded to a training home. The Magistrate, Mr Charles Mullan refusing the application said "Such a weapon loaded with six rounds of ammunition, with one spent round alleged to have been found in the accused's possession, is sufficient to convince us that the accused is of such an unruly character that he could not safely be committed to an open establishment until the next hearing." He ordered that the boy be remanded to the Long Kesh.

Thursday 17th August 1972
Alliance Party condemns Political Status

Alliance Party Chief, Mr Bob Cooper, has condemned the granting of political status to some prisoners in Crumlin Road Prison. It was intolerable, he said, that thanks to pressure from the Republicans acting in league with certain so-called loyalists organisations some weeks ago, anyone sentenced for "blowing up a child or a sectarian murder" was entitled to preferential treatment in the prison. He went on to say, "In prison, as everywhere else, there is no room for first class citizens and second class citizens."

Thursday 17th August 1972
Unionist book

Another 80,000 copies of the booklet "The Terror and the Tears," published by the Unionist Party, are to be printed because of the demand. A spokesman said that 4,000 copies of the book went in the first 24 hours.

Friday 18th August 1972
Newtownabbey bombs

A public house and a garage have been bombed in Newtownabbey. The explosions were at the Cloughfern Arms public house and the nearby Gordon's garage on the Doagh Road. The bombs went off within a minute of each other but only caused superficial damage to the premises.

Friday 18th August 1972
UDA criticises Vanguard

The Ulster Defence Association has strongly criticised the decision by the Vanguard movement to form itself into a political party if it fails to get an endorsement of its policies at next weeks Orange sponsored convention. Vanguard's statement that "we have the capacity to take the country alone" was described as a "dictatorial attitude" by the UDA. "How can they get agreement when they have already alienated the UDA and the Vanguard leader has





TOP - Bomb attack on Magee's Car Showroom in Irvinestown.
BOTTOM - British troops clear barricades in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast.

already castigated the Orange call for the conference." The association's statement said. Vanguard has already decided to dispense with all opinions except their own. Do the middle class, self-appointed Unionists leading this organisation ever realise that the people of Ulster are never again going to be swayed by fine speeches and sabre rattling. Up until now that is all Vanguard has done. Not one jailed, shot or bombed loyalist has received help from them. Vanguard are too busy financing and preening themselves for the political arena. The UDA will protect the rights of the people and will ensure that the will of the Ulster people as a whole will prevail. To this end the UDA are committed."

Friday 18th August 1972
CRA to patrol Creggan

The Civil Rights Association in Derry have announced today that they are planning to set up a defence association to patrol the Bogside and Creggan areas at night. The association said that the decision follows complaints from local residents since the Army moved into the areas and because of increased vandalism. An association statement stressed that the new body would not be an armed force or give allegiance to any political party. The statement added that the meetings would be held on a street-to-street basis to set up the new body.

Friday 18th August 1972
Soldier Killed in Belfast

A soldier has been shot dead and another lost both legs in a bomb attack in Belfast. The latest killing happened at a military check point on the Falls Road. The soldier, whose name has not yet been released, was hit by a single bullet fired by the sniper who was in the vicinity of the Beehive Bar, opposite Broadway. He was one of several soldiers operating the vehicle check at the junction of Falls Road and Beechmount Avenue. The Army said he died immediately.

The soldier who had both legs amputated was in a patrol of the 1st battalion, The Kings Regiment. He was caught in an explosion when a mine, detonated in house in Cupar Street, as they passed by. Kingsman Roy Christopher, aged 20, is said to be very seriously ill and a second soldier injured in the same attack is said to be satisfactory.

Friday 18th August 1972
Soldier injured in Armagh

Three shots have been fired at an Army vehicle by a gunman operating from the safety of trees near St. Patrick's College, Armagh. The vehicle was on its way to Armagh when the shooting occurred. One soldier, a member of the Gordon Highlanders, was hit by flying glass. He was treated in hospital but his injuries are not thought to be serious. It is thought that gunmen using M1 carbines carried out the attack.

Friday 18th August 1972
Soldier killed in Belfast

A soldier with the 2nd Anglican Regiment has been shot dead in Belfast. The 24-year-old soldier, named as Corporal Mick Broddy, a married man





TOP - British troops take over St Teresa's Hall on the Glen Road.
BOTTOM - British troops set up a post at the gates of Holy Child Primary School, Andersonstown.

from Peterborough, was leading a routine patrol in Selby Street in the Lower Falls area of Belfast when a single shot was fired from Excise Street. Corporal Broddy was struck in the head and died two hours later in the operating theatre at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Friday 18th August 1972
Soldier shot in Derry

A soldier has been shot and seriously wounded in the Lecky Road area of Derry Last night. The soldier was shot in the chest and although the gunman was spotted fire was not returned. He is the first soldier to be shot in Derry since the Army took over the former no-go areas. Derry MP, John Hume, has condemned the shooting.

Friday 18th August 1972
Ammunition found in Waterside

During the night troops have found 59 rounds of assorted ammunition in the Bligh's Lane area of Derry and a pistol and 11 rounds at Strabane Old Road, in the Waterside area.

Friday 18th August 1972
Rubber bullets fired

A number of rubber bullets have been fired at youths who stoned military vehicles in the Shantallow area of the Derry.

Friday 18th August 1972
Belfast car bombs

Three car bombs have exploded in Belfast today. At around 1.00am a bomb which had been left in a car behind Willowfield RUC Barracks exploded and went on fire. The RUC base and about 20 houses in the vicinity were damaged in the blast but no one was injured. An RUC spokesman said that only about 20lb of the 100lb bomb went off. The remaining explosives were burned in the fire.

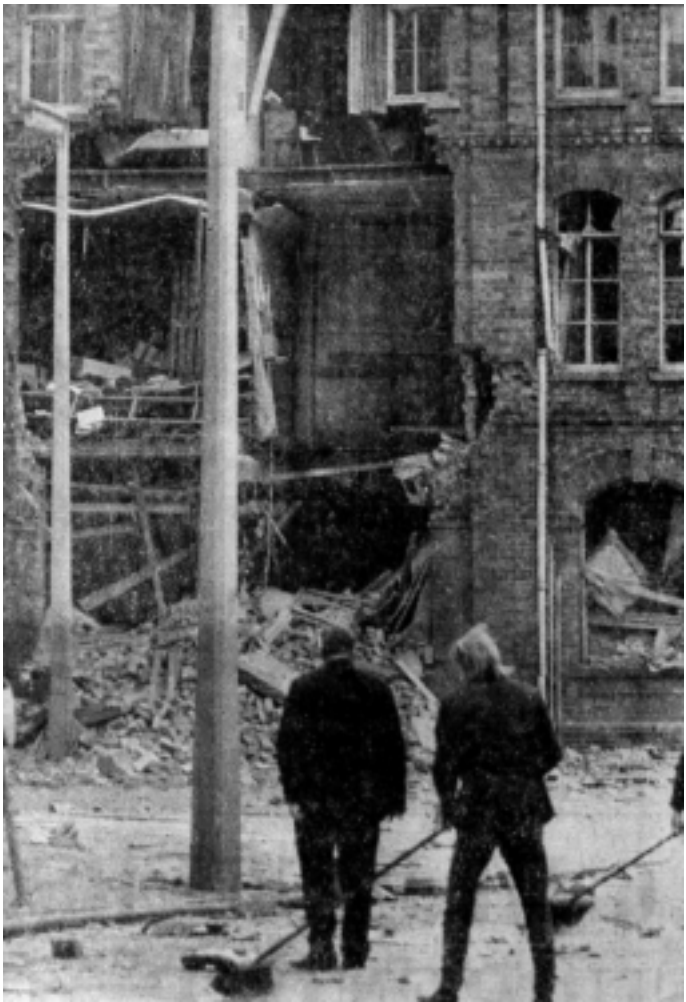
At the Hibernian Club in Union Street, three youths abandoned a car which had been hi-jacked earlier in Duncairn Gardens, in North Belfast. An Army bomb disposal expert managed to set fire to the bomb before it could explode in an attempt to defuse the device. The bomb did explode around a half hour later and caused extensive damage to the surrounding area. According to an Army spokesman around half of the explosives in the 150lb device had been burned off.

At Vulcan Street in the Short Strand area of Belfast two beer barrels filled with explosives and placed in a car went ff shortly before 2.00am. The blast damaged many houses in the vicinity. According to an RUC spokesman around 100lbs of the 250lb bomb exploded.

Friday 18th August 1972
Army claims hit in Belfast

A gunman was seen to be hit when the Army fired at him after a confrontation between rival crowds at Roden

BELOW & FACING PAGE - IRA bomb attack at Eirco Ltd., Ormeau Avenue



Street. According to an Army spokesman soldiers belonging to the Royal Anglican Regiment had moved into the area to disperse the crowds when the sniper opened fire. Fire was returned and the man was seen to fall and was carried away. A follow up search was carried out by Welsh Guards but nothing was found.

Friday 18th August 1972
UDA street patrols

There was little evidence in loyalist areas of Belfast of the renewal of Ulster Defence Association patrols following the organisations announcement of a "return to the streets." The association's vice-chairman said this morning that his men were carrying out very discreet patrols in all their areas. The UDA's resumption of patrols came after the IRA admitted responsibility for an explosion on the Shankill Road. The bomb which was used in the attack on the Long Bar was transported there in a Post Office van. The UDA have stated that the Army take over of Republican areas has failed and that if they caught IRA bombers they would be subject to "UDA justice." They would not elaborate on the warning.



Saturday 19th August 1972
Hotel Bombed in Belfast

Three youths, one armed with a pistol, have left a bomb in the reception area of the Greenan Lodge Hotel at Dunmurry. Four wedding receptions, consisting of over 300 guests, were being held in the hotel at the same time, when the bombers struck. Entering the building the bombers gave a 20 minute warning and planted the device. It exploded 30 minutes later. No was injured in the attack which caused extensive damage to the building. An Army spokesman later stated that 50lbs of explosives were used in the attack.

Saturday 19th August 1972
UDA show of strength

Thousands of unmasked UDA men returned to the streets of Belfast today in a massive show of strength. They came from many parts of the North and in Belfast alone they set out from nine centres. There were traffic jams in the centre of Belfast as the UDA men, wearing paramilitary uniforms, made their way to Templemore Avenue where they were marshalled into companies to march to Victoria Park at Sydenham.

More than 2,000 UDA men, led by 40 women dressed in blue anoraks and trousers marched down the Shankill Road, past Unity Flats but there were no incidents.

High-ranking UDA officers wearing staff tabs and carrying batons marched with their men. Wearing a type of blue battledress were the UDA's junior wing. The association's "police" dressed in a dark blue uniform were also on the streets. Near Templemore

Avenue UDA men wearing white helmets, boots and puttees were drilled before taking part in the march. There were no masks but many of the UDA men wore dark glasses to disguise their identity. Many there also wore the metal badge of the outlawed UVF.
At Templemore Avenue, company after company were marshalled by high-ranking officers and drilled as hundreds of spectators looked on. They then started to march towards Victoria Park where they were addressed by Mr William Craig, Mr Billy Hull and Mr Tom Herron. All the speakers at the park made an appeal for unity within loyalist ranks. After the rally ended the UDA began their march back through Belfast..

Saturday 19th August 1972
Shankill Road barman is buried
The Shankill Road barman shot dead in the Long Bar on Wednesday night has been buried at Carnmoney Cemetery. A dozen cars were in the cortege which left the home of William James Spence's mother in Rathcoole Estate.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Dead man is named
The RUC have named the 21-year-old Catholic waiter who was found shot dead at his home in Island Street, East Belfast, yesterday morning. He was Mr Philip Fay, a native of County Cavan. He was unmarried. Mr Fay was a headwaiter at a hotel in East Belfast.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Juveniles held in Long Kesh
Nine juveniles are being held on remand in the North's prisons because of the recent spate of escapes by teenagers from the North's four training centres. A Ministry of Home affairs spokesman has revealed that in the past six months 27 juveniles have escaped and of these 14 are still free. At present of the juveniles held in prison, two are under the age of fourteen and are being held at the Maze Prison which is part of the Long Kesh complex. The other seven are being held with other prisoners in Crumlin Road prison who are awaiting trial.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Armour piercing rounds discovered
A quantity of deadly tungsten tipped armour piercing bullets were among a haul of arms and ammunition uncovered by soldiers in Riverdale Park North, Andersonstown, last night. These are the kind of bullets which have made it necessary for the Army's "pigs" to have their armour reinforced. The find in a stolen 1100 car, also included dum-dum bullets. The soldiers also found a Thompson sub-machine gun, an Armalite rifle, two .303 rifles, two shotguns – one sawn off, a nail bomb, two telescopic sights, a revolver, a Mauser pistol, five radios, magazines and some postal orders.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Dead soldiers named
The Army have named the two soldiers who were shot dead yesterday. They were Kingsman Rennie Ronald Layfield, aged 24, of the 1st Battalion, The Kings Regiment, who was shot at a checkpoint on the corner of the Falls Road and Beechmount Avenue. He came from Burnley. The second soldier was shot as he sat in a Land Rover while returning from a visit to a wounded soldier in the Royal Victoria Hospital. He was Private Richard Vercoe Jones, aged 23, of the 1st Light



LEFT - The remains of a car bomb which exploded in Willowfield Crescent

Infantry, who came from Taunton. Both men were single. The Provisional IRA have claimed responsibility for their deaths.

Saturday 19th August 1972
UDR man attacked
A UDR man was seized by four armed men last night who hooded him and taped his mouth before questioning him and beating him up. He was seized after he had been dropped off from his work in Craigavon. The men took him to a house where they questioned him about the UDR before taking his revolver, warrant card and fire-arm certificate. They drove him to a spot near Antrim where they beat him up before pushing him from the car. The UDR man is now recovering in hospital but he was not seriously injured.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Bomb explodes at Unity Flats
Four civilians have been taken to hospital suffering from shock and cuts after a bomb was dropped on the protective netting around the Army post at Unity Flats. The bomb is thought to have been dropped from a flat above the post but there were no military casualties. A hostile crowd gathered after the incident and hampered investigations.

Saturday 19th August 1972
UDR patrol attacked
A UDR patrol has returned fire after they were shot at in Lislea Drive. Later they found blood stained clothing and a bandolier near where the gunman was operating.

Saturday 19th August 1972
French journalists arrested
Two French journalists have been arrested by the RUC after a minor incident as a RBP parade was passing Ponsonby Avenue in the Antrim Road area.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Robberies
A bar and restaurant in East Belfast have been robbed for the second weekend in succession. Two armed men stole just over £100 from the Raven Bar, Ravenhill Road. Two masked men, one armed with a .303 rifle and the other with a sawn off shotgun took around £30 from the Royal Restaurant on the Beersbridge Road. A similar amount was taken by two youths with revolvers who held up McMorrow's off-licence on the Holywood Road.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Shop bombed in Belfast
A pipe bomb has been thrown from a Cortina car through the window of a sweet shop in North Road. Slight damage was caused to the premises.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Celtic Park attacked
A fire, believed to have been started maliciously has caused extensive damage to the stand at Celtic Park. Slight damage was also caused to a house in



RIGHT - A fractured water main floods the Shankill Road after a bomb attack on the Standard Bar

Mount Vernon Park when a petrol bomb was thrown through a window.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Carnlough Town Hall destroyed
The town hall in Carnlough, which dates back to the 1860's has been destroyed by a fire which the RUC believe may have been malicious. The blaze stared on the top storey of the two storey building and firemen from Larne had to use three jets to bring it under control.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Golf club attacked in Dungannon
The golf clubhouse at Dungannon has been completely destroyed after two men left a bomb in the building. One man held up the occupants with a pistol while the other planted the explosives.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Explosion cuts off power
Power at Ballygawley was cut off over a wide area when an explosion caused extensive damage to a sub-station. And at Newtownstewart another blast caused slight damage to an electricity pylon.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Soldier wounded in Derry
A soldier has been wounded in the ankle in Derry when a foot patrol was fired on in the Meenan Square area of the Bogside. The gunman was not seen. A second foot patrol came under fire at Leenan Gardens in the Creggan area just after midnight. Fire was returned but there were no casualties on either side. Soldiers also came under fire at 5.30am near Rossville Flats. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed. The Army has also reported a shooting in the same area but have said that the security forces were not involved in the incident.



Saturday 19th August 1972
IRA issue warnings
A warning that anyone in Derry caught fraternising with troops would be dealt with "most severely" has been given by the local Provisional IRA. The Brigade has warned that anyone found guilty of willingly letting "the enemy" occupy premises or property will be dealt with most severely. Anyone found guilty of "treasonable offences" leading to the arrest of IRA volunteers, of homes being raided and arms being discovered will be "regarded as an enemy."

Saturday 19th August 1972
Back to the streets - warns Civil Rights Association
Derry Civil Rights association has issued a statement warning the security forces that it will take the people back on to the streets and make the simple task of a foot patrol practically impossible unless their treatment by troops improves. The association claims it is compiling a dossier on the behaviour of troops and plans to take civil action against the Army.

Saturday 19th August 1972
UDA road checks
The Ulster Defence Association in County Derry has announced that it is setting up searches throughout the country. In a statement they said, "We

LEFT - The remains of a van bomb which exploded in Agnes Street in the Shankill area of West Belfast.
FACING PAGE - Members of the UDA searching cars after the Shankill bomb attack.



understood that the military intention was to hound the terrorist to such an extent that he would be unable to operate, but this has not happened."
"Since 'Operation Motorman' military activity against the IRA has gradually tapered off until we find ourselves back to the old position of daily explosions and the daily murder of our soldiers."
The statement claimed that the security forces had disregarded the effectiveness of a 'static patrol' and have ignored the fact that the IRA can spot a Land Rover patrol a mile off and take evasive action. As a result, the IRA could roam freely.

Saturday 19th August 1972
Paisley calls for death penalty
Ian Paisley has called for the introduction of the death penalty. Calling for the death penalty at a meeting in Cookstown the leader of the Democratic Unionist Party said "Surely it is better that the criminals should die than the innocent people in our community."

Saturday 19th August 1972
Arms find in Waterford
Special Branch detectives and Civic Guards have discovered an arms cache in a disused quarry at Mooncoin, about seven miles from Waterford City, following reports that several young men had been seen acting suspiciously in the area, which has been regarded as a stronghold of the IRA. The find included some rifles and a sawn-off shotgun, as well as a two way radio transmitter which had been stolen earlier from the headquarters of the Automobile Association in Waterford. A number of military type uniforms were found and taken away. The Guards are investigating the possibility that the arms may have been connected with the robbery of £3,000 from the Bank of Ireland branch in Kilmacthomas, County Waterford, in July.

Monday 21st August 1972
Fire bomb wrecks paint store
A huge ball of flame leapt into the air when a 60lb bomb exploded at the premises of Stuart K. Henry & Co, off the main Lisburn Road. The bomb at the paint depot exploded about 30 minutes after three armed youths planted it. After the blast the huge flames quickly subsided but the air was filled with choking fumes from burning paint and several more blasts caused by exploding paint cans could be heard.

Monday 21st August 1972
Bomb explodes in GPO sorting office
A bomb has exploded in the GPO sorting office in Pilot Street, Belfast, causing a fire which was quickly brought under control. It was shortly after 1.00pm that three armed youths entered the premises with a five-gallon drum which is thought to have contained 40lb of explosives. A half hour later part of the bomb exploded. The bombers had given the staff a 30-minute warning and no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 21st August 1972
Shot man not in UDA say RUC
Detectives investigating the killing of father of four, Mr James Neill, who was found shot dead in the Lower Falls area on Saturday have said there is no evidence to support an IRA allegation that he was a Member of the UDA. In a statement the IRA have said that he was a spy for the UDA. Mr Neill's widow, speaking from her home on the Limestone Road has denied that her husband was a member of any political organisation. It has emerged that Mr Neill, along with a friend had been involved in a collision with an Army vehicle. After reporting the matter at Springfield Road barracks the two men decided to go for a drink in a pub in the area. The men were recognised as strangers and accordingly the IRA challenged the two men. For reasons which are not clear Mr Neill was handed over to the Provisional IRA, while his friend was held by the Officials. According to the IRA statement, it was quickly established that the men were members of the UDA. The Officials, after beating up Mr Neill's friend, released him. The Provisionals shot dead Mr Neill and accused the Officials of going back on an undertaking to kill the other man. The Officials

have denied releasing a statement at the weekend which blamed the Provisionals for the killing.

Monday 21st August 1972
Sinn Fein Leader banned from America

Leading Belfast Republican, Mrs Maire Drumm, has been banned from entering the United States where she planned to give lectures on the situation in the North. Mrs Drumm, of Glassmullan Gardens, Andersonstown, was to have gone to America in September but it is understood that her application for an entry visa was turned by consular officials.

Monday 21st August 1972
Army claim hit during Belfast gun battle

One gunman is believed to have been shot dead during a gun battle in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. The gun battle flared when at least three gunmen fired 15 shots at the Army observation post in North Howard Street. The soldiers then fired back several rounds at the gunmen who were operating from the direction of Plevna Street-Balaclava Street. A mobile patrol was then sent into Plevna Street in an attempt to draw the sniper's fire. As the patrol entered the street a gunman stepped out and started firing a Thompson sub-machine gun. The soldiers fired back as they dived for cover and believe that they shot the gunman in the chest.. When the soldiers moved in to collect the man's body they came under blast bomb attack. As this was happening the body was then placed in the back of a car which then drove off. Around 300 people then began to throw stones at the soldiers who replied with rubber bullets.



Monday 21st August 1972
Bomb planted at East Belfast Chapel

An attempt to wreck St Colmcille's Catholic Church with a massive car bomb has failed when most of the explosives failed to go off. The RUC have said that no warning was given after a man abandoned the car in the chapel grounds. The car had been stolen earlier in the Mountpottinger area and is said to have contained three beer barrels packed with 200lb of explosives. An RUC spokesman said that one of the barrels detonated and partly exploded, the detonator in the second went off but did not set off the charge and the third device was dismantled by the Army.

Monday 21st August 1972
Parcel bomb explodes in Holywood

A pedestrian was injured when a parcel bomb, which had been left outside a Holywood off licence, exploded.

Monday 21st August 1972
Shots fired at motorist

Four shots have been fired at a motorist in Broadway from an overtaking car but he was not injured and in the same

LEFT - The remains of a house in Cupar Street after an IRA bomb in which two soldiers were injured.
FACING PAGE - UDA parade at Victoria Park

area a burst of automatic fire was aimed at a taxi. The shots shattered the windscreen and the four occupants were taken to hospital and treated for lacerations and shock.

Monday 21st August 1972
UDA protest outside RUC barracks
The RUC have reported that 150 UDA men drilled outside Dundunold RUC barracks as a protest after an arms find in the Ballybeen area. The arms find was made after firemen extinguished a blaze in a lock up garage. The blaze is believed to have been started by children. The security forces later found five flare pistols, ten flares, two empty SLR magazines, two empty sub-machine gun magazines, a CS gas grenade and canister, 138 rounds of assorted ammunition and two boxes of cartridges. After the discovery troops carried out a search operation in the estate and the UDA men gathered outside the local RUC barracks in protest. No incidents were reported.

Monday 21st August 1972
Bomb thrown at Barracks
A small bomb was tossed on to the roof of Springfield Road RUC-Army post but there were no casualties or damage.

Monday 21st August 1972
Shots fired
Missiles were thrown by opposing factions in the Mayo Street area. Three shots rang out during the confrontation but there were no casualties and the small crowds eventually dispersed. A short time later an Army patrol was fired on in Cupar Street but there were no casualties.

Monday 21st August 1972
Bomb explodes at Mallusk
An Army bomb disposal expert had a narrow escape when a device he was working on at the Roughfort Inn, Mallusk, suddenly went off without warning and caused extensive damage to the premises. The bomb had been planted by three young men who left it sitting on the bar counter and escaped in a van.

Monday 21st August 1972
Café bombed
A Springfield Road café has been wrecked by a bomb. An elderly man who was in the area collapsed and was rushed to hospital after the blast at the café, which was situated near the junction with Ainsworth Avenue.

Monday 21st August 1972
Soldiers come under fire in Derry
Soldiers came under fire in Derry three times during the night but there were no casualties. Early today a patrol was fired on in the Westland Street area. The soldiers returned fire but did not claim any hits. During the night troops also exchanged fire with a gunman at Eglinton Place and at around the same time a patrol near the border at Buncrana Road came under fire. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed.



After a selective search by the Army in the Shantallow area of Derry today, four men were handed over to the RUC for questioning. During the search operation , soldiers fired rubber bullets to disperse the crowd which had gathered.

Soldiers have claimed that they shot two gunmen in a border gun battle at Elaghmore, County Derry, early on Sunday morning. Later a gunman opened fire at a patrol in the Bogside. Fire was returned and troops said later that they found a trail of blood at the spot.

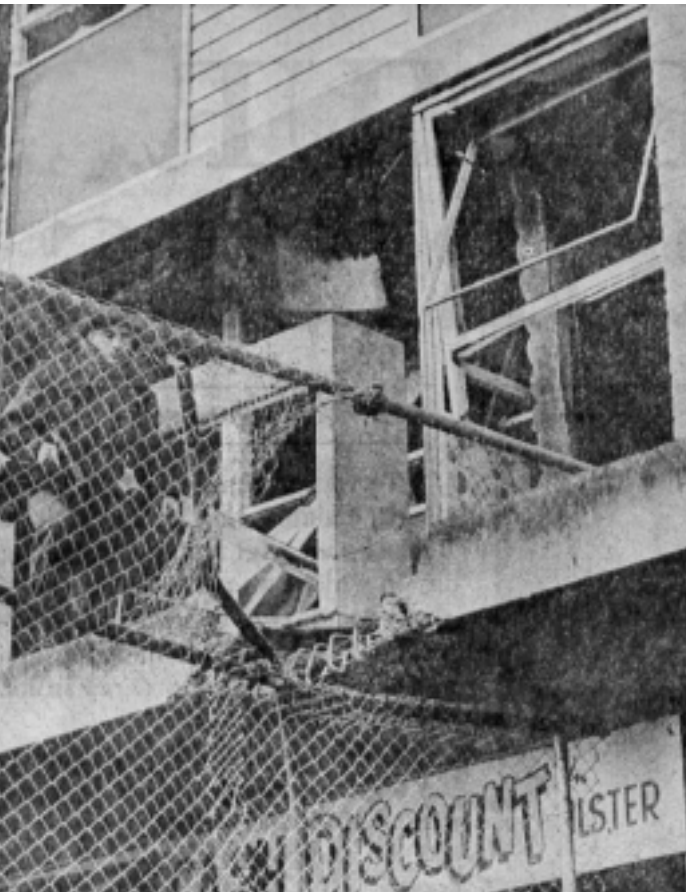
Monday 21st August 1972
Soldier shot near Crossmaglen
A soldier has been shot near the village of Crossmaglen in South Armagh. He is said to be seriously ill in hospital. The soldier, a Lance-Corporal, was part of a security squad supervising civilians carrying out blasting at a sewage works. He was hit in the thigh and abdomen by a burst of fire from a Thompson sub-machine gun.

Monday 21st August 1972
Bomb factory discovered in Armagh
Soldiers from the Gordon Highlander Regiment have discovered what is believed to be a bomb making factory on the Cathedral Road in Armagh. In addition to the bomb making equipment, troops seized 8cwt of explosives, several hundredweight of chemicals, detonators, fuses and 15 nail bombs.

Monday 21st August 1972
GAA bus is burned
A bus owned by the local Gaelic club in Enniskillen has been set on fire and extensively damaged.

Monday 21st August 1972
Arms find in Armagh
An arms cache has been discovered in the Banbrook Hill area of Armagh late on Saturday night. Troops found three shotguns, a telescopic sight and 32 cartridges at Walnut Street. One of the shotguns had a sawn-off barrel. An Army bomb disposal expert also rendered harmless a 25lb duffle bag bomb which was dumped on waste ground outside Armstrong's bar at Linenhall Street near the city centre.

Monday 21st August 1972
Girl tarred in Glassdrummond
Mystery surrounds an incident in the County Armagh area in which a girl was tarred and feathered early yesterday. The 19-year-old girl from Glassdrummond, Crossmaglen, arrived at mass at St Bridget's Church Glassdrumond. The girl, who was in a car, was dragged from the vehicle by two armed men and tied to a pole beside the church where tar and feathers were poured over her. The incident was witnessed by a number of church goers. None of the girl's family were prepared to discuss the incident and a report in the area has said that the girl's brother was attached to the British Services.



LEFT - Bomb attack on an army lookout post at Unity Flats.
FACING PAGE - Troops carry away the remains of a bomb which failed to detonate in the Upper Newtownards Road

Monday 21st August 1972
Gun victim named
The RUC today have named the man who was shot dead in the Glencairn area of Belfast at the weekend. He was James Lindsay, aged about 50, from Danube Street in the Shankill area of Belfast. The RUC have said that Mr Lindsay was a lorry driver who had come to live in Belfast from Scotland around 5 or 6 years previously. Mr Lindsay was found lying on a grass verge and died on his way to hospital. He was identified by a workmate and the RUC are still waiting for relatives to come forward.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Eight die in Newry bomb
Eight people, including two members of the IRA are believed to have been killed when a huge bomb exploded prematurely during an attack on a customs clearing station on the outskirts of Newry. Six people were injured, three seriously, as the bomb exploded seconds after it was planted at the station on the Dublin Road. One of the bombers is thought to have escaped. Three, possibly four customs officers were among the dead but the remainder have yet to be identified. The bomb tore the customs station apart. Half the station was demolished and the remainder was badly damaged. A Thompson sub-machine gun and a revolver have been discovered among the wreckage. The explosion occurred a short distance from where IRA volunteer Colm Murtagh died in an accidental explosion at a garage.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
IRA leader transferred to Long Kesh
A senior member of the Provisional IRA's 1st Battalion in Andersonstown who was arrested by soldiers last week has been detained under the Special Powers Act at Long Kesh. The man, Seamus Loughran, who worked closely with Provisional IRA leader Seamus Twomey in negotiations with the Army and officials from Mr Whitelaws department during the housing controversy at Lenadoon is said to be the Battalion Adjutant.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Hooded body discovered in Belfast
The hooded body of a man has been found in a van parked in a side street in the Grosvenor Road area of Belfast. It is thought that the man had been shot but the exact details of his death are not yet clear. The van was found parked at Turin Street, near Roden Street and the man's hands were tied behind his back. A local resident said he was unsure when the van, owned by Denny's the meat people, arrived in the street but he thought it may have been around lunch time. The dead man is said to have been wearing blue overalls.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Tyre depot bombed
A 50lb car bomb has exploded at a tyre depot in Belfast early today. The bomb, which had been planted by two men at the National Tyre Depot in Cooke Street, off the Ormeau Road exploded after the area had been evacuated. There were no casualties. An Army expert attempted to defuse the bomb by firing two bazooka shells into the BMC 1100 car in an attempt to ignite some of the explosives. Just as more bazooka shells arrived the device exploded hurling debris over a wide



area. The blast caused the roof of the entrance to collapse but the main part of the building was not badly damaged.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Arms find in Belfast
Soldiers from the Life Guard Regiment have discovered an Armalite rifle, an M1 carbine and a quantity of assorted ammunition in a house in Carlton Street in East Belfast.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Army blows up suspect car
A car, which was suspected to have been booby-trapped has been blown up by the Army near Carrickmore, County Tyrone. The vehicle, a Ford Cortina, is believed to have been used by raiders who yesterday robbed three sub-post offices in the area.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Ship to be a dormitory for soldiers
The 4,000 ton former escort maintenance vessel, Rame Head has been towed to Derry to provide extra accommodation for troops stationed in the city. The vessel, which is docked near Fort George, will accommodate 350 men and will enable the Army to fulfil its commitment to vacate schools occupied in the Bogside and Creggan areas before the new school term starts next month.

Other accommodation is being provided by building a new camp on high ground to the west of Creggan Heights and extending to the Foyle Road beside Craigavon Bridge. In addition the Armoury in Hawkins Street is to be reopened. An Army spokesman has said that by using this extra accommodation the will be able to vacate the schools by 31st August.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Harbour policeman shot
A temporary Belfast harbour policeman has been shot twice by armed raiders who entered his home in the Springmartin area of Belfast yesterday. There is no apparent motive for the shooting of the man who is a temporary constable and has been in the force for only a matter of months. Two youths are said to have entered the man's home at Black Mountain in the Springmartin area and shot the constable twice in the legs. He is not seriously injured.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Bomb explodes in Ardoyne
A 10lb bomb has exploded extensively damaging Sloan's newsagents in Alliance Avenue on the fringe of the Ardoyne area. There were no casualties but a number of nearby houses were also damaged in the attack.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
M1 Bridge attacked
An attempt to blow up a bridge over the M1 Motorway has failed early today. The explosion was at a crane parked on a bridge over the motorway at Kilvergan, Lurgan. Although the crane was extensively damaged and debris flung on to the carriageways below, the RUC have said that the bridge was undamaged by the blast.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Armed raids in Tyrone
Armed and masked men operating within a ten mile radius of Omagh have gotten away with around £1,000 in three Post Office raids yesterday. The first was at Altamuskin, Sixmilecross, the second was at Carrickmore and the third at Mountfield village.

Tuesday 22nd August 1972
Incendiary attacks in Strabane
Staff at Wellworth's in Main Street, Strabane, have discovered an incendiary device. The device was thrown into the street where it burst into flames. Earlier a device had been found in another shop and the RUC had appealed to shop owners to search their premises.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Hotel bombed in Belfast
Three men and a girl have planted three bombs at the Chichester Park Hotel on Belfast's Antrim Road. A warning was given and staff and guests were evacuated before the blast. The bombs have caused extensive damage to the building.



Wednesday 23rd August 1972
LAW member killed in Belfast

The man found shot dead in a van in the Falls Road area of Belfast has been identified as 40-year-old James Fredrick Johnston, a lorry driver for Northern Ireland Carriers. Mr Johnston, who was also a senior member of the Loyalist Association of Workers and who sat on its executive is believed to have been snatched as he walked through the Falls Road on his way to work. It is understood that the dead man who lived in Muckamore, had parked his car at his brother's house in the Shankill and then walked to the NIC yard on the Grosvenor Road. At 1.15pm a Ford Transit van was hi-jacked in Clonard Street by two armed men. The red van, owned by Denny's meat firm and the driver was not harmed. It was in this van that Mr Johnston's body was later discovered. He had been shot several times in the head. Mr Billy Hull, leader of LAW said that he was horrified at the "cold blooded assassination" and added that Mr Johnston was one of the organisation's most prominent officers.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Four are taken to hospital after assassination attempts

Four men are in hospital after assassination attempts during the night. The first attempt was carried out at the home of a 62 year-old chemist in Dromore Street in the Cregagh area of Belfast. Gunmen knocked on the door and when it was investigated by the man, who is a Protestant, they fired a shot through the door which struck him on the leg. He was taken to the Royal Victoria for treatment.

A 24-year-old Catholic barman was shot and seriously wounded in the Oldpark area of the city early today. According to the RUC, the man was shot four times when he answered the door at his home in Formby Park, off the Oldpark Road. He was hit in the shoulder, forearm, left side and one side of the head. He has been rushed to the Royal Victoria Hospital and he is described as being seriously ill.

A taximan had a narrow escape when he was called out to a bogus call. The Holywood taximan received a call at around midnight to go to an address in Helen's Bay. When the driver reached the village he found that no one had called a taxi at the given address. As he returned to his car a figure, believed to have been a woman, fired six revolver shots. They struck the car and the taximan. He was taken to Ards Hospital for treatment. His name has not been released.

The fourth attack was on a 24-year-old Lurgan man who was shot from a passing car as he walked along Levin Road. The RUC say he was shot in both legs and has been taken to the local hospital with serious injuries.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Soldier wounded in Andersonstown

An Army Corporal has been seriously injured in a sniper attack on the Holy



FACING PAGE - The remains of the Roughfort Inn, Glengormley, after a bomb attack.
RIGHT - A soldier guarding his sleeping comrades at the former Woodbourne House Hotel.

Child School in Andersonstown. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, Royal Green Jackets. He had been loading stores into an Army vehicle at the time of the attack .

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Attack on Belfast pub
A customer in a Springfield Road bar has thrown a 50lb bomb out of the premises on to the street minutes after it was planted there by two men. According to RUC reports two men entered the Divis Castle Bar, left a black box on the counter, told the bar staff it was a bomb and left. The bomber said that the bomb would explode in 30 minutes but after he left the bar, a man there grabbed the bomb and threw it out into the street where it was later defused by the Army.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Lurgan bomb attack
A bomb which was planted by three armed and masked men at the home of a Protestant family on the Old Portadown Road, Lurgan has exploded. Five members of the family who were at home at the time were told that they had a half hour to get out. The 30lb bomb eventually exploded causing considerable damage to the house.

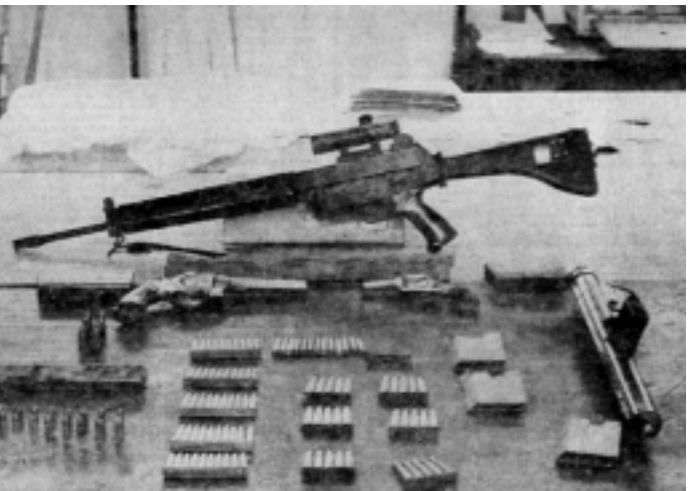
Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Rubber bullets fired in Derry
There have been two brief stone throwing incidents in the Shantallow and the neighbouring Carnhill areas of Derry. Troops used rubber bullets to disperse youths in both incidents.
A shot has also been fired at soldiers in William Street but there were no casualties.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Electricity pylon bombed
An explosion has damaged an electricity pylon at Stewartstown, County Tyrone but electricity supplies were not interrupted.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Transformer attacked in Strabane
Fire has damaged an electricity transformer in the Mourne Avenue area of Strabane. The flames were quickly brought under control but a wooden kiosk attached to the transformer was destroyed.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
IRA bombs become increasingly unstable
According to the security forces the IRA has been forced to turn to Europe to look for explosives and chemicals to make up their bombs. This is due to the tighter restrictions here in relation to explosives and bomb making chemicals. France is said to be one country from which the IRA are importing quantities of sodium chlorate which is increasingly a constituent of recent IRA bombs. It has been mixed along with nitro benzene and diesel oil to make explosives. However security sources have said that the sodium chlorate from Europe is different from the what the IRA normally use and this is making their bombs more unstable. A spokesman said that he could not reveal the reason for this but that recent premature explosions can be viewed as evidence of this instability.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Newry IRA men named
The RUC have named the two members of the Provisional IRA who were killed when the bomb they were carrying exploded prematurely at a Newry customs clearing station. They are 22-year-old Oliver Plunkett Rowntree from Monaghan Row and 18-year-old Noel John Madden, from Ravensdale Villas, Warrenpoint Road, both in Newry. The Provisional IRA, in a statement released in from Dublin admitted responsibility for the blast which also killed four customs officers and two lorry drivers. All but one of the dead were Catholics.
The four customs officers who died in the explosion were Mr Frank Quinn, aged 30, a single man of Kennedy Park, Hilltown; Patrick Joseph Murphy, aged 41,married, of Armagh Street, Newtownhamilton; Michael Joseph Gilleece, aged 32, of Francis



LEFT - Weapons found by troops in a garden in the Ballymurphy area

Street, Newry and Marshall Craig Lawrence, married, of Dora Avenue, Newry. Mr Lawrence, a native of Scotland was due to return home on Tuesday and had already sold his home in Newry.

The two lorry drivers who died are named as Mr. Joseph Fegan, married of Clare Road, Warrenpoint and Mr John McCann, married of St Daith's Terrace, Inniskeen, Dundalk.

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Carrick women oppose new school

A group of Loyalist women are today standing guard at Woodburn, Carrickfergus, to prevent work starting on a proposed Catholic voluntary primary school in a predominantly Protestant estate. Work was due to begin this week but scores of women have prevented workmen from entering the site. The local Labour and Alliance parties have claimed that earth moving equipment has been sabotaged with oil in the fuel. The women say they are protesting against the building of a Catholic school and against overcrowded conditions in local State schools. Two local councillors have pledged their support for the fight to keep a school out of the district. Councillor James Craig, of the DUP has said, "The people can win this fight. The Protestant and Loyalist residents of this estate will not have any Catholic school here."

Wednesday 23rd August 1972
Caged shop loses trade

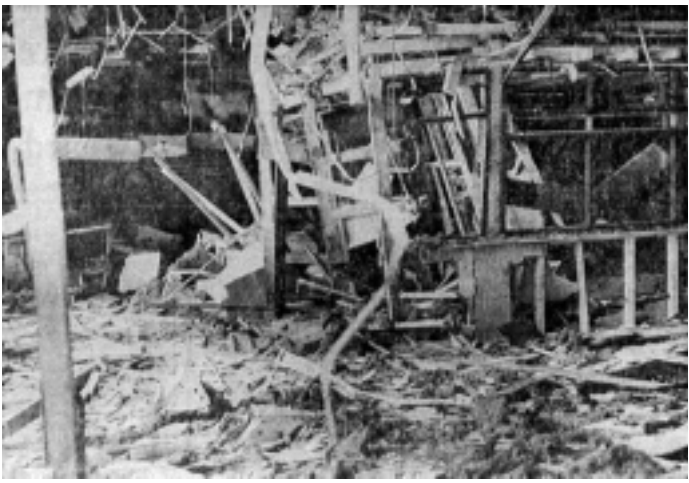
The man who owns the handbag shop beside the Grand Central Hotel in Royal Avenue, Belfast has said that he has lost 75% of his trade since the Army erected a cage around the front of the hotel. Soldiers are now billeted in the hotel which closed last year.

Several shops are situated inside the "Birdcage" which has been erected by the soldiers and shoppers have to be searched by soldiers.

Thursday 24th August 1972
RUC men shot in Tyrone

Two RUC men have been wounded in a gun attack in the County Tyrone village of Killeter near Castlederg.

The RUC men were in their Land Rover outside the Labour Exchange which is situated in the local Orange Hall. According to witnesses, around 15-20 shots were fired from a machine





TOP - Bomb attack on the Greenan Lodge Hotel.
BOTTOM - Bomb attack on the premises of Stuart Henry & Co., Lisburn Road.

gun. One RUC man was hit in the head and another was struck by flying glass. The gunmen were in a car which had arrived in the village from the direction of Castlederg. The gunmen were then pursued by a Land Rover and further shots were heard. The condition of the RUC men is not known but it is not thought that either of the men are seriously injured.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Man shot in Sandy Row

A man who is said to come from the Short Strand area of Belfast and is in his early thirties has been shot and seriously wounded in the Sandy Row area while on his way to work. The man, who has not yet been named by the RUC was walking along Linfield Street at around 7.50am and was heading for the nearby Linfield Industrial Estate, when a gunman approached him. Several shots were fired and the man fell to the ground wounded.



Thursday 24th August 1972
Soldiers injured in Land mine attack

Two soldiers have been injured when a land mine exploded under their Ferret scout car as they patrolled the border near Crossmaglen. One of the soldiers was flown to hospital in Belfast by helicopter. The second soldier is said to be trapped inside the scout car. Their conditions are not known. It is believed that the mine was detonated from a farmhouse on the northern side of the border.

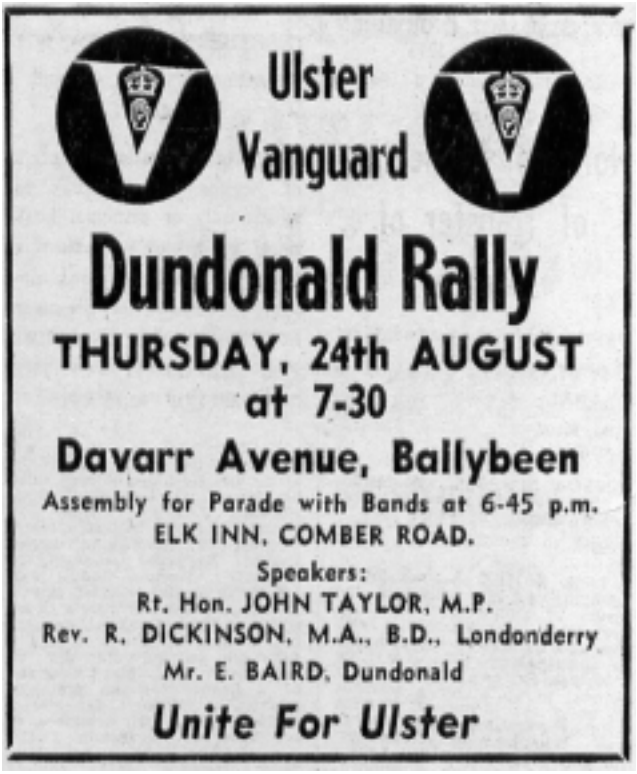
Thursday 24th August 1972
Belfast hotel is bombed

The Drumkeen Hotel on the outskirts of Belfast has been partly demolished by a 100lb bomb which was planted in the hotel foyer by four men. Warnings were given and the bomb exploded one-hour later sending clouds of grey smoke and debris into the air. According to a receptionist, the bombers were carrying four holdalls but although a search was made of the building no other bombs were found.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Gunman shot in Derry, claims Army

The Army in Derry are claiming a possible hit after a gunman open fired on a patrol at the junction of Abbey Street and Fredrick Street in Derry at around lunchtime. The gunman who was positioned on top of a building in Great James Street fired one round at the soldiers. Fire was returned and a man was

LEFT - Bomb attack on the North Belfast Orange Hall at Alexandra Park Avenue



seen to fall. A search of the area has been mounted.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Army ambushed in Tyrone
Work is expected to commence today on a water main which had been fractured in an overnight bomb attack which left Dungannon and Moygashel without water. The blast is believed to have been part of an IRA plot to lure troops into the area by blowing up a mechanical digger on the Dungannon –Donaghmore road. When soldiers reached the spot the IRA then detonated a 150lb mine in a culvert under the road. The explosion blew a crater twelve feet by five feet in the roadway and lifted the armoured car off the ground. The soldiers inside the vehicle were shaken but were not hurt. Little damage was caused to the vehicle. The crew of a Land Rover accompanying the armoured car also escaped injury. Four rounds were fired at the troops from a Thompson sub-machine gun. Soldiers then opened fire on a man seen crossing in front of the Land Rover but a hit was not claimed. The damaged water main is said to carry 1 million gallons of water a day.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Newry death toll rises to nine
The death toll from the Newry customs station explosion has risen to nine with the discovery that a third member of the IRA died in the attack. So far the RUC has not named the ninth victim but a death notice in this morning's Irish News refers to the death of Volunteer Patrick Hughes "on active service in Newry."

Thursday 24th August 1972
IRA uses shotgun to launch bomb
The IRA in Belfast are believed to have used a shotgun to launch a small bomb at an Army post in Broadway. The bomb exploded causing little damage. Three shots were also directed at the post but no one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Belfast bomb attack
The RUC are investigating the fire which started after a bomb in a hijacked van exploded in McCavana's Place, off Linenhall Street. They are checking to see if any incendiary material had been planted in the building but it is known that at least one of the firms occupying the building did use inflammable material in its business.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Arson attack on bedding manufacturer
Three men had spread inflammable material around a bedding manufacturers premises in Fredrick Street and then started fires in three separate places. The fire caused only slight damage to the building.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Soldier killed in Andersonstown
The soldier who was killed by a single shot in Canard Avenue, Andersonstown, has been named as Fusilier Alan Preston Tingey, aged 25, who served with the 2nd battalion, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Gun attacks on Army
One shot has been fired from a shotgun at an Army Land Rover near the Rosslea RUC barracks. A high veloc-

ity shot was also directed at an Army patrol in Annagher, Coalisland. No one was hurt in either incident.

Thursday 24th August 1972
Transformers bombed
Army experts have detonated a bomb at an electricity transformer in Newtownkennedy Street, Strabane. The device only partially exploded and caused little damage. Later a small charge which had been planted at an electricity transformer at Milltown exploded but it caused little damage.

Friday 25th August 1972
Belfast bomb attacks
A plain-clothes member of the RUC has opened fire on and claimed to have shot one of two gunmen who planted a bomb in a Belfast car showroom. The incident happened at the premises of A & S Baird at Bankmore Street, off Dublin Road. The RUC man had been in the building and saw the two bombers but said he was unable to shoot at them because they were holding a security man prisoner but after they left the building he ran into the street and fired at their getaway car





A bomb has exploded at the car brake lining firm of Ferodo Ltd, in Linenhall Street. The building was demolished. In the harbour estate Army experts have detonated two small bombs by way of controlled explosions and two more soldiers have been shot and wounded at Broadway, off the Falls Road.

Friday 25th August 1972
Soldier shot dead in Derry
A soldier has died after being struck in the head when a gunman opened fire on his patrol in the Shantallow area just before midnight. According to Army sources the gunmen opened fire on the soldier at Moyola Park. Other members of the patrol returned fire but no hits were claimed. Three men have been arrested in relation to the shooting. A second soldier was seriously injured when a single shot was fired at his patrol in the Meenan Square area of the Bogside. He is a member of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.
Eight shots have also been heard in the Creggan district but a Army spokesman said that the security forces were not involved. Elsewhere in the Bogside soldiers fired at a man who was handed a rifle by two other men in Elmwood Street but he was not hit. Later another gunman fired on soldiers in the same area. Soldiers fired one rubber bullet.

Friday 25th August 1972
Shot soldier is named
The soldier shot dead by a sniper in the Shantallow area of Derry last night has been named. He was Sergeant

LEFT - Bomb attack on the Newry Customs in which eight people died

Arthur Bainbridge Whiterock, aged 24, who was serving with the 2nd Battalion, Light Infantry. He is the 117th soldier to die in the North.

Friday 25th August 1972
Soldiers killed in South Armagh

A soldier has been killed when the scout-car he was driving was blown up by a massive bomb near the South Armagh border. Flames and exploding ammunition hampered rescuers after the massive bomb exploded in the path of a Ferret scout car near Crossmaglen. The vehicle's commander was thrown clear by the blast but Trooper Ian Hunter Caie, aged 19, of the Scots Dragoon Guards died in the flames which engulfed the scout car after the explosion. A helicopter rushed the commander, who is seriously ill, to hospital in Belfast. Two soldiers were injured, one seriously, in an identical attack at Killeter in Tyrone. In that attack, a 250lb bomb exploded under the leading scout car, lifting it off the ground. One soldier sustained a fractured skull and the other crew member was badly bruised.

Friday 25th August 1972
Bombs explode in Belfast

Two youths were seen running away shortly after an explosion caused extensive damage to the premises of a plumbing contractor in the Springfield Road at 10.00pm. No warning was given but no one was injured in the attack.

Two 5lb bombs have been thrown into a derelict house in Cupar Street. Slight





RIGHT - Doctors and troops search through the rubble of the bombed Customs Office

damage has been caused to the house which was formally occupied by soldiers.

An RUC spokesman has stated that soldiers have reported that several shots have been fired from a white car travelling on the Cregagh Road last night. Soldiers fired on the car and are claiming a hit.

Friday 25th August 1972
Vanguard Rally in Dundonald

The RUC have said that an estimated 2,000 people have taken part in a Vanguard rally in Dundonald. The rally was addressed by several speakers, including Mr John Taylor MP, Rev Martin Smith and Captain Austin Ardill.





Friday 25th August 1972
Civil Rights meeting in Enniskillen

There has been one arrest for disorderly behaviour at a civil rights meeting held at the GAA ground on Sligo Road. Around 1,500 people attended the rally which was addressed by several speakers, including Mr. Frank McManus MP.

Friday 25th August 1972
Explosions heard in Strabane

Two explosions which were heard in the area of Strabane have been traced. The bombs caused extensive damage to a electricity sub-station at Milltown but supplies were not affected.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Three killed in Downpatrick

It is now thought that three members of the IRA may have died in an explosion which wrecked part of the main grandstand at Downpatrick racecourse early today. It is thought that the bombs being used by the IRA have become highly unstable because of the use of chemicals instead of gelignite. The bombers are placing themselves at greater risk when planting bombs.

The explosion at Downpatrick is thought to have happened at around 3.00am when local people heard a loud bang. It was not until the caretaker arrived for work that the blast was found to be at the racecourse.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Two men shot dead in Belfast

The bodies of two men, believed to have been in their early 20's, have been

TOP - Firemen place fragments of bodies into plastic bags at the Customs Office.

BOTTOM - A forensic expert labels a plastic bag containing part of the body of one of the people who died in the blast.

found shot dead in the early hours of the morning. One man, who had apparently been shot in the head, was found in an abandoned car at Haldene Court, off Agnes Street. The body of the other young man, dressed only in a shirt, trousers and shoes, was dumped in the centre of Benwell Street, off Oldpark Road, at 12.30. He was discovered by a woman who heard a car in the street and thinking that it was her husband opened the door to see a body lying on the roadway, ten yards from her door. Only a few hundred yards separated the two finds. The RUC have said that both men have now been identified but that their names would not be released until relatives had been informed.

Saturday 26th August 1972
UDR men killed in Fermanagh

The Army has released the names of the two UDR members who died when a booby-trapped car exploded as they were about to check in near Enniskillen. They were Lance-Corporal Alfred Johnston, aged 32 and Private James Edward Eames, aged 33. Both men came from Enniskillen. The UDR men died at Cherrymount, which is a mile outside the town. RUC personnel have uncovered batteries and wires leading to the scene of the 150lb bomb. According to one member of the UDR men's patrol as they approached the vehicle, an 1100 car, which had been stolen earlier at Kinawley, there was a terrific blast and a binding yellow flash. Thirteen soldiers from the 97th battery Field Regiment, who were passing in a truck on their way back to camp at St Angelo were treated for cuts and shock. It is thought that the bomb may have been meant for a regular Army patrol. The four-ton truck in which the soldiers were travelling was blown about 30 yards along the road after it had passed the spot of the bomb.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Youths shot in Portadown

Trouble has flared in Portadown after two Catholic youths were shot from a passing car in Obin Street just before 1.00am. The youths who are aged 20 and 21, were both shot in the legs and are not seriously injured. An angry crowd greeted soldiers who were sent to the scene, and two of them became separated from their patrol.

The soldiers were forced into an alleyway where they fired warning shots at the crowd on two occasions before firing into the crowd. The soldiers said that he was aiming at one of the ringleaders. Three men were later admitted to hospital.





TOP - IRA bomb attack on Fivemiletown's Main Street
BOTTOM - Searching through the remains of the Downpartick Race Course after a bomb attack

Saturday 26th August 1972
Soldiers wounded in Lurgan
Two soldiers have been shot and wounded in Lurgan when a sniper opened fire on a patrol of the Queen's Own Highlanders at Levin Road. Seven shots were fired at the soldiers and one of the soldiers was hit in the head, the other in the ankle. Neither of the soldiers are seriously injured. Other members of the six-man patrol returned fire but did not claim any hits.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Bomb explodes at Donaghadee
One man was injured and five women were treated for shock when a 20lb bomb exploded without warning at a Catholic Church in High Street, Donaghadee. The RUC have said that the bomb exploded inside the rear of the building and caused extensive damage. The inured man was cut in the face and neck.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Man wounded in East Belfast
A 27-year-old Protestant man has been shot in the leg from a passing car at Ravenhill Avenue-Carlingford Street junction. The injured man came from Willowfield Parade.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Bus burned
A Corporation double-decker bus, which was hi-jacked at Springfield Road-Whiterock Road, has been set on fire and pushed into Divismore Crescent.



Saturday 26th August 1972
Youths arrested
Soldiers are said to have detained three youths who were armed with .22 pistols and attempted to set up a checkpoint at Springfield Road-West Circular Road.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Public house robbed
Three men dressed in black and carrying revolvers have held up staff at the First and Last pubic house on the Newtownards Road and got away with £207.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Claymore mine explodes in Derry
A Claymore type mine has exploded beside a Saladin armoured car at Springfield north of Derry early today. The Saladin's crew was shaken by the attack but were unhurt.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Soldiers come under fire in Derry
The Army has reported five shooting incidents in Derry overnight. Four of the attacks involved members of the security forces. Just after 11.00pm soldiers fired on a gunman at Meenan Square but he wasn't hit and was seen to run away. Three shots were fired in Edenmore Street but the security forces were not involved. At 1.00am soldiers manning a checkpoint on Racecourse came under fire from several gunmen. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed on either side.



LEFT - Soldiers, police and firemen examine the remains of a hijacked van after bomb disposal expets set fire to a 300lb bomb outside the Europa Hotel

THE LOYALIST ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS, BELFAST

Due to unforeseen circumstances the weekly meeting to-night (Wednesday) is cancelled and will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, when all delegates are requested to attend.

W. SNODDY,
Secretary.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Controlled explosion at Moy

A controlled explosion has caused extensive damage to Moy Post Office when an Army explosives expert blew up a bomb which had been planted in the building several hours earlier. Two youths are said to have left the package on the post office counter and said it that it was a bomb and would explode in two minutes. The area was cleared and three hours later the bomb was detonated.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Land mine uncovered at Toome

Following an anonymous alert soldiers have discovered a 150lb booby trap bomb under a culvert on the main Toomebridge-Ballymena road. Wire was found leading from the scene and the charge was detonated by troops. The road is now closed to traffic.

Saturday 26th August 1972
Customs Post attacked

A caravan which has been used as a temporary Customs Post at Mullen, near Kinawley has been destroyed.

Monday 28th August 1972
Garda quiz soldier at Omagh

Detectives from the South have crossed the border to interview a British Army sergeant whose brother died in a shooting incident at his father's farm at the weekend. But it is now understood that the Garda are now treating the shooting of 20-year-old Noel Gray, of Castleshane, County Monaghan as an accident. The dead man's brother is a sergeant the Irish Guards attached to the 16/5 Lancers at Lisanelly Barracks, Omagh. An RUC spokesman has said that they expect important development in the case later in the day and it is likely that a man will be charged. Rumours in the area had suggested that Mr Gray had been shot by the IRA in mistake for his brother but these rumours now appear to be unfounded. An IRA spokesman has also stated "None of our members were in the area at the time of the shooting on Saturday and we had absolutely nothing to do with it." Mr Gray, a Protestant died at his father's farm near Monaghan town about one and a half miles from the Armagh border. He was found shot through the heart in a field by his father who heard a shot and went to investigate it.

Monday 28th August 1972
RUC investigate Belfast shooting

The RUC are attempting to trace the last moments of a man who was shot dead in front of his wife at around 5.00pm yesterday. The dead man, Mr Thomas Boyd, a Protestant, aged 28, of Carlisle Street had just arrived home and left the front door open when masked gunmen burst into his home. Mr Boyd grappled with one man but the other shot him dead. His wife was injured in the attack. According to the RUC the flats were Mr Boyd lived were once exclusively Protestant but now there is an equal mixture of Catholics and Protestants.



RIGHT - Bomb attack on the N.I. Tyre Centre, Cooke Street



Monday 28th August 1972
Antrim men killed in Belfast
RUC detectives, who are investigating the killing of two Catholic men from Antrim, now believe they set out together for Belfast late on Friday night. One man, John Michael McNulty, aged 26, of Woodland Grove was dumped in Benwell Street, off the Oldpark Road. The other man, Patrick Francis Kelly, aged 26, of Oakdene Drive was shot through the head at Haldene Curt, off Agnes Street. Neither man was known to be in any political or militant organisations.

Monday 28th August 1972
Arms find in Ballymurphy
Soldiers carrying out a routine search in a garden in Ballymurphy have discovered arms and ammunition. Members of the 2nd Parachute Regiment uncovered a Sten gun, an Armalite rifle, a .45 revolver and a 9mm pistol. There were also magazines for all the weapons as well as 150 rounds of assorted ammunition.

Monday 28th August 1972
Gun attack on Falls Road
Troops have claimed to have hit a gunman during an attack on an Army post in the Falls Road area of Belfast. Four gunmen fired shots at Broadway near the Royal Victoria Hospital. Soldiers returned fire and one of the gunmen was seen to fall.

Monday 28th August 1972
Weapons discovered after car chase
Members of the RUC Special Patrol Group have captured two weapons after being involved in a car chase near





FACING PAGE & TOP - Bomb attack on buildings in Linenhall Street.
RIGHT - Car bomb attack in business premises in the Ormeau Road area



Armagh. An RUC spokesman said that a car was seen acting suspiciously near the Moy roundabout and drove off as the RUC approached it. After a half-mile chase, the car was stopped and the occupants, who all had Dublin addresses, were detained. A shotgun, rifle with telescopic sight and thirteen rounds of ammunition were seized.

Monday 28th August 1972
IRA disrupts Downpatrick races

There has been strict security at Downpatrick racecourse with all race goers being searched by soldiers and RUC personnel before they entered the grounds. This follows a threat by the IRA that the meeting would not be allowed to take place. No Southern horses arrived for the meeting and there were only three runners out of an original 15 in the first race.

Death notices in a local morning paper has named of the men who died in explosion at the racecourse as being the Officer Commanding the South Down Brigade of the IRA. He was James Carlan, who lived at Fountain Street, Downpatrick. The second man to die in the attack was Martin Francis Curran, who lived at Stream Street, Downpatrick. The RUC still believe that at least three people died in the blast but they still have not officially identified any of them.

The IRA have issued a statement in which they said that they blew up the stand because proceeds from meetings at the course went to the Army Benevolent Fund. This has been denied by officials at the racecourse.

Monday 28th August 1972
UDR men buried

Two members of the UDR who were killed in a booby trap explosion on the outskirts of Enniskillen have been buried with full military honours. The men who died were Lance-Corporal Alfred Johnston, a butcher at the Ulster Swift bacon factory at Enniskillen and Private James Edward Eames, a post office engineer.

Monday 28th August 1972
Shots fired in Armagh

Gunmen have opened fire on soldiers who challenged them in the vicinity of St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral in Armagh.

Soldiers from the Gordon Highlanders regiment became suspicious of the two men and called on them to halt. The men dived for cover and produced a gun. Two shots were fired at the soldiers who fired one round in return. Both gunmen fled.

Monday 28th August 1972
Soldier's death investigated

Army investigations are continuing into an incident in Belfast last night in which a soldier was fatally wounded. The soldier, Private Ronald Rowe, of the 1st Battalion, the Light Infantry died in hospital after being shot in the chest. An Army statement said it was believed that no civilians were involved in the incident.

Monday 28th August 1972
Weapons uncovered in Carrickmore

Six members of the UDR carrying out a search near Carrickmore, County Tyrone have discovered an SLR rifle, an M1 carbine, a .22 rifle and a soldier's identification pass, along with 600 rounds of ammunition, two detonators, a gas mask and 300ft of Cortex. A driving licence and four car number plates were also discovered. All the material was discovered packed into a milk churn which was buried in a field.

Monday 28th August 1972
Sniper kills soldier

A 28-year-old Army sergeant has been killed by a sniper in the Creggan area of Derry last night. The soldier, named as Anthony John Metcalfe from Beverley, Yorkshire, was serving with

the Coldstream Guards when he was shot in the neck by a sniper who was operating from open country near the new Army camp which is being set up above the Creggan estate. The soldier was in a working party building a sand-bag observation post when the shot rang out. Around ten minutes later a sentry at the camp fired at a gunman spotted in the same area. No positive hit was claimed but a civilian ambulance was later seen in the area.

Monday 28th August 1972
Protest at new Army base
Around 750 people have taken part in a march from the Bogside to the new camp overlooking the Creggan. The protest against building of the new Army base, which was organised by Sinn Fein, was said the Army, organised and dignified.

Monday 28th August 1972
Man loses hand in bomb attack
A 19-year-old man has had his hand blown off following an explosion at an Army checkpoint on the Lifford Road, Strabane. The man, a guitarist with the one of Ireland's leading showbands, Clipper Carlton, was returning home from a dance in Lifford. He picked up a torch which had been booby-trapped and left beside an Army post. The bomb exploded and the man's hand was blown off. He later lost an eye. Two sisters who were in his company were treated in hospital for facial injuries.

Monday 28th August 1972
Soldier wounded in Belfast
A soldier serving with the 2nd Royal Anglican Regiment has been shot in the arm by a gunman who opened fire on him in Upper Library Street. A short time later a man was shot by Marine Commandos in the Unity Flats area of Belfast who alleged that he was seen carrying a rifle. His condition is not known.

Monday 28th August 1972
Shots fired in Ardoyne
Shots have been fired at the Army observation post in Alliance Avenue from the direction of Etna Drive. No soldiers were injured but a young girl, who was caught in the line of fire, is thought to have been shot in the arm . She ran away.

Monday 28th August 1972
Man wounded in Unity Flats
The 24-year-old man who was shot and seriously injured during shooting at Unity Flats yesterday has said that he was out for a walk at the time. The man was hit twice during the shooting.

Monday 28th August 1972
Bomb explodes at Orange Hall
An explosion has extensively damaged the North Belfast Orange Hall at Alexandra Park Avenue around lunch-time yesterday. No one was hurt but dozens of windows were smashed.



RIGHT - soldiers among the smoking ruins of a bomb attack in Belfast City centre.

Monday 28th August 1972
Paratrooper comes under fire
A member of the Parachute Regiment has had a narrow escape when he was struck in the chest by a bullet fired from the direction of Ardoyne into the yard of Tennant Street RUC barracks. The bullet failed to penetrate his flak jacket.

Monday 28th August 1972
Mobile Patrol attacked
An RUC-Army mobile patrol has come under attack in the Lower Falls area. The gunmen who carried out the ambush had taken up four different firing positions. Around 30 shots were fired but no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 28th August 1972
Blast bombs thrown
Two blast bombs have been thrown in the Ardoyne area last night but no one was injured in the attack A third, which was thrown from a passing car damaged the gate of business premises in Corporation Street.

Monday 28th August 1972
Army post attacked
Heavy gunfire has been directed at Springfield Road RUC-Army base last night. The shots came from the direction of Cavendish Square. Army sentries returned fire and claimed a possible hit.

Monday 28th August 1972
Weapons uncovered
A Garrand rifle, 70 rounds of ammunition and the butt of a sub-machine gun have been discovered during a search in New Barnsley Parade. Three men were arrested.

Monday 28th August 1972
Lurgan bomb attack
The Causeway textile factory at Kilmore Road, Lurgan, has been slightly damaged when a 15lb bomb was left in a doorway. There were no casualties in the blast.

Monday 28th August 1972
Shots fired at MP's home
The RUC have said that they are investigating reports that shots were fired at the home of Unity MP, Mr Frank McManus's mother.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Major gun battle in Belfast
A major gun battle has taken place in Belfast between the IRA and British Army and its height gunmen, operating from the Protestant "Village" area of Belfast joined in. The gun battle, which raged all night saw the IRA fire around 1,000 bullets and the Army returned 450, which also included 50 heavy machine gun rounds. The Army are claiming to have shot eight and as many as fifteen IRA men during the battle. Unconfirmed reports have said that Protestant gunmen had used a Bren gun during the gun battle. An Army spokesman has said that the IRA were operating from different positions.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Bomb at tobacco store
A bomb has extensively damaged a tobacco storage shed owned by Gallahers in the harbour estate. A warning was given and the area evacuated. No one was injured.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Army patrol attacked
Soldiers belonging to the Argyle and Sutherland Highlander regiment have come under heavy fire near Forkhill in County Armagh. Twenty shots were fired at a vehicle on patrol but there were no casualties and fire was not returned. Later in the day, a single shot was fired at men of the same unit but no one hurt.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Assassination victim buried
The latest assassination victim in Belfast has been buried. He was 28-year-old Mr Thomas Boyd, a Protestant of Carlisle Street, who was shot dead in front of his wife early on Sunday morning.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Soldier shot dead in Belfast
Corporal Ian Morrill, aged 29, of the 3rd Battalion Royal Green Jackets, has died in Belfast a short while after be-



ing shot by a sniper in the Beechmount Avenue area. The soldier was part of a foot patrol. Other members of the patrol spotted the gunman at a nearby bakery and fired at him but did not claim a hit.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Body discovered after explosion
The body of a man and a dog have been discovered near Newtownbutler on Sunday night. A local man had heard shooting close to his home which was followed by an explosion. On going to investigate this, he came across the body of the man and dog. It is thought that the man walked into a booby trap, which had been left for soldiers who had been patrolling the area since the shooting.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Europa hotel attacked
The IRA have left a massive bomb in a van outside the Europa Hotel in Belfast. The van was abandoned in Glengall Street and had been earlier hijacked in the Falls Road. In order to defuse the bomb, estimated to have been at least 200lb, Army experts fired a rocket launcher round at the vehicle and successfully burnt off the explosives.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Ardoyne shooting
Soldiers have claimed to have hit one of three gunmen who opened fire on a patrol making its way along Flax Street. The gunmen, positioned at Herbert Street-Butler Street fired three shots towards the patrol. There were no casualties. Fire was returned and one man was hit. He was carried away by the others. A trail of blood was found leading to a nearby house but a subsequent search was hampered by a missile-throwing crowd.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Holy Cross School attacked
A crowd of youths have set fire to the Holy Cross School at Chief Street. The school has been the subject of several attacks in the past.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Belfast bomb attacks
A bomb which was placed against the wall of a furniture firm's premises in Battenberg Street in the Shankill Road area has caused little damage. Another blast has caused slight damage to a bookmaker's premises at Josephine Street, off the Newtownards Road.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Rifle found in New Barnsley
Soldiers from the 2nd Parachute Regiment have discovered an Armalite rifle a loaded magazine and a .22 rifle at a house in New Barnsley Park.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Shots fired in Derry
Army patrols in the Creggan area of Derry have come under frequent stone throwing during the night and one soldier has been injured in a shooting incident. The Derry shooting came shortly after 8.00pm when a single shot was fired at a patrol in the Linsfort Drive-Central Drive area. The soldier was grazed on the side of the head but was not seriously hurt.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Incendiary attack in the Waterside
An incendiary device has caused a small fire in a coal importers office in Spencer Road in the Waterside area of Derry but there was little damage.



FACING PAGE - Funeral on the Shankill Road of James Johnston, a leading member of the Loyalist Association of Workers, who was found shot dead in his van in the Republician Grosvenor Road area.
RIGHT - Bomb attack on the builders merchants of H. Catherwood, Hopefield Avenue.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Army attacked in Strabane
Two shots have been fired at an Army patrol near the railway bridge on the main Lifford Road. No one was injured in the attack.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Claymore bombs explode in Tyrone
Eight soldiers have escaped injury when an electrically detonated Claymore mine blew up as their armoured personnel carrier drove along the Caledon Road, at Dungannon. Another Claymore has also exploded near Moy but there were no security forces in the area at the time.

Tuesday 29th August 1972
Ammunition find in Lurgan
Soldiers have found ammunition and bomb making materials in a lead lined box opposite St. Teresa's Convent.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Belfast gun battle
The Army has said today that as yet it cannot be confirmed if Protestants had taken part in Yesterdays gun battle in the Broadway area of Belfast. Reports of a Bren gun being used have yet to be confirmed and a spokesman has said that investigations are still on going. However many residents from the Rodney Parade area said that many of the shots fired during the night into their area had come from the "Village" area. A speaker at a Sinn Fein conference in Belfast has claimed that less than 100 rounds were fired by the IRA at troops during the battle and that none of them were injured.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Attempted assassination
An assassination attempt on a man, whose identity has not been revealed has failed in Belfast. The attempt came at around 2.00am when four shots were fired at the man as he left his mother's house on the Springfield Road. It is thought that the shots were fired fro the opposite side of the road.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Bomb destroys garage
A 25lb bomb has exploded at a garage in Whiteabbey just after midnight. A short time later two members of the RUC arrived at Logan's Garage and saw a box with a clock attached. The box is said to have smelt heavily of explosives. The bomb exploded several minutes later and caused extensive damage to the showrooms.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Sniper spotted on rooftop
Soldiers have engaged a sniper who was seen on the roof of a house in Gortfin Street just before midnight and claimed a hit. A search was carried out but no trace of the man was found.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Belfast shootings
Occasional sniper fire has been aimed at soldiers on duty at the Broadway and Springfield Road posts but there were no casualties. At Unity Flats shots were fired from a black Ford Consul at a military police patrol. No one was injured and the vehicle drove off in the direction of the Shankill Road. Two shots have also been fired at the Army in the Lower Falls area. Fire was returned but no hits were recorded. Two shots have been heard in Strathearn Park area but nothing has bee found in the area. At Ballymacarett, soldiers belonging to the Life Guard Regiment have seized a loaded .45 revolver during a routine search in the Ballymacarrett area

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Customs post attacked
The Customs caravan at Killeen, Newry has been attacked twice within an hour last night. On the first occasion petrol was poured around the caravan and set on fire. Later the caravan was gutted by another blaze.



LEFT - The body of Patrick Devenney lies where his Loyalist killers dumped him.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Armagh gun attacks
An RUC mobile patrol has been attacked in Armagh by stone throwers. Shots were also fired at a foot patrol in the Drumarg estate but none of the soldiers, members of the Gordon Highlanders, were hurt and fire was not returned. Later soldiers found 12lbs of sodium chlorate concealed in a hedge near school playing fields at Moy Road. Soldiers with tracker dogs combed the Drumarg estate after the shooting but no arrests were made.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Soldier wounded in Derry
A soldier has received a slight flesh wound in the arm when a single shot was fired at an Army post in the Creggan last night. Fire was returned. Throughout the day there was periodic, and sometimes intense stoning of Army patrols. Two soldiers were slightly injured and rubber bullets were fired.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
IRA recruits
The Sun newspaper, of Sydney, Australia has carried a story which says that the IRA have offered an Australian explosives expert $500 dollars (£233) for every British soldier he killed in the North and for every bomb he made. The man, who was not identified in the front page story, says he was promised free passage to Ireland and $2,000 (£933) advance on future earnings. The newspaper said that its London office had established that there are at least two Australians fighting with the IRA Provisionals. They are said to live in London and moved to Belfast when needed. The explosive expert, who said he refused the offer on moral and practical grounds, claimed he was approached by an Irishman in a Sydney bar. The newspaper added that the Irishman said his organisation "wanted a bomb that could be wrapped in plastic and put inside a big steel can of milk with a long time fuse."

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Curragh camp is rat infested
A temporary prison in the Curragh Camp, County Kildare, where Republican prisoners are being held, is according to Official Sinn Fein, infested with rats and flies. A statement smuggled out of the prison claims that conditions have deteriorated to the extent that they now present a serious health risk the prisoners. Prisoners are refusing to eat food provided by prison authorities and are relying on food parcels sent in by friends and relatives.

Wednesday 30th August 1972
Soldier dies from injuries
A soldier, Kingsman Roy Christopher, who lost both legs in an explosion at Cupar Street earlier this month, has died in hospital

Thursday 31st August 1972
Hooded body discovered
The body of a man aged about 35 has been found hooded and shot through the head in a lane near Queen's University. The man was found lying on a grass verge underneath a hedge at the Presbyterian Community Hostel of Queen University at Rugby Road The RUC believe they know the man's



RIGHT - Mr John Taylor speaking at an Ulster Vanguard rally in Dundonald

identity but will not be releasing his name until after relatives have been informed

Thursday 31st August 1972
Derry bombs
Two bombs have exploded in the centre of Derry. The first attack was at the Rainbow Café causing extensive damage. The second attack at McIvor's Plastics, at Strand Road was evacuated after two youths planted a bomb. Two hours later the device went off causing extensive damage. A third bomb has exploded at a Customs caravan, just outside the city at Muff. Staff were evacuated and a bomb planted inside the caravan. It exploded a short time later.

Thursday 31st August 1972
Pedestrian fires at Bombers
One of three bombers who planted a 150-250lb bomb in a Belfast car engineer works is believed to have been wounded by a man in plain clothes who fired three shots at the getaway car. The bomb had been left at the premises of David Marshall's at Shaftsbury Avenue off the Ormeau Road. An eyewitness has said that the driver slumped over the wheel and the car went slightly out of control.

Thursday 31st August 1972
Weapons found in Andersonstown
Two members of the IRA managed to evade capture when the car in which they were travelling came face-to-face with an Army Saracen in Slemish Way, Andersonstown. The two passengers jumped from their vehicle and ran off. A search of car revealed not only a 25lb bomb but also two deadly Japanese Armalite rifles and a quantity of armour piercing ammunition.

Thursday 31st August 1972
Soldier is shot dead in Belfast
A soldier, Rifleman David Griffiths, aged 20, and a member of the Royal Green Jackets has been shot dead while on patrol at the junction of Clonard Street and Odessa Street in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. He was shot by a single shot which has been the pattern of recent attacks on soldiers in the same area in recent weeks.

Thursday 31st August 1972
Bombs at Sion Mills
Three 10lb bombs have been planted by the IRA at a water pumping station near the village of Sion Mills. Two of the bombs exploded damaging the pumping house and damaging machinery. The third charge failed to explode.

Thursday 31st August 1972
Belfast shootings
Three shots are reported to have been fired in the Duncairn Gardens-Halliday's Road area of Belfast early today. The security forces were not involved and no-one was reported injured.

Thursday 31st August 1972
Pistols thrown from van
Two pistols, which were wrapped as a parcel have been thrown from a van as it travelled up the Shankill Road. The van was later found abandoned in the Highfield area. The Army and RUC are said to be puzzled about the incident

Thursday 31st August 1972
SAS not here says Army
The Army has denied a claim made at a Civil Rights Association press conference that Special Air Service squads are operating in the North. The CRA has challenged Mr Whitelaw to admit that the squads were operating in the North after giving details of an incident at a Catholic vigilante barrier at Dandy Street, Bawnmore on Tuesday at 1.15am. It was claimed that vigilantes stopped a blue Hillman Hunter saloon and questioned the three occupants asking for proof of identity. Two of the men in the car spoke with English accents and claimed to be members of the security forces but refused to produce evidence of this. The man in the back of the car was pulled out and was found to be carrying an Army issue Browning pistol in a shoulder holster. An attempt to get the other men out of the car failed and one shot was fired at the vigilantes before the car drove off.

The CRA spokesman said that the man taken from the car gave his name as Peter Holmes of the SAS, Palace Barracks, Holywood. It was claimed that soldiers from 40 Commando, Royal Marines arrested him and one of the soldiers was overheard saying "I suppose you are one of the £200 a head blokes." An Army spokesman has said that the SAS are not operating in the North and that the three men were members of a plain clothes Army patrol.

Thursday 31st August 1972
Body found in river
The RUC, along with civilians, have recovered the body of a man from the River Bann at Edenderry, Portadown. The RUC initially said that the man had not been identified or the cause of death known. However it has emerged that he was 19-year-old Eamon McMahon who had been missing from his home for four days.

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THOSE WHO DIED

WILLIAM CLARKE
AGED 34
3rd August 1972
A soldier in the Ordnance Corps, he was killed while examining an IRA bomb on the main Sion Mills to Clady road.

ROSE McLAUGHLIN
AGED 52
3rd August 1972
From Main Street in Claudy, she died as a result of injuries received in car bomb attack on the village on the 31st of July.

DAVID CARD
AGED 21
4th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Green Jackets, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper in the Andersonstown area of West Belfast.

TERENCE HENNEBRY
AGED 17
6th August 1972
He was shot dead by Loyalists in the Donegall Road area while walking home from his girlfriends house.

DAVID WYNNE
AGED 21
7th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Artillery he was killed in an IRA landmine attack near Lisnaskea.

ERROL GORDON
AGED 21
7th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Artillery he was killed alongside David Wynne.



David Wynne



Errol Gordon

GEOFFREY KNIPE
AGED 24
7th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Dragoon Guards, he died after his ferret armoured car crashed after being hit by stones in Armagh.



Geoffrey Knipe

HENRY CREIGHTON
AGED 27
7th August 1972
A member of the UDR, he was shot dead by the IRA outside his home near Magheraveely.

PATRICK CONNOLLY
AGED 15
8th August 1972
He was the eighth person to die as a result of the car bomb attacks in the village of Claudy on the 31st of July. He was injured in the first blast and rushed to the Altnagelvin Hospital.

JAMES JONES
AGED 47
8th August 1972
From Kirby in Lancashire, he took his own life after his only son James was shot dead by the IRA in Belfast. At his sons funeral he had talked of joining his son.

COLM MURTAGH
AGED 19
9th August 1972
A member of the IRA, he did when a bomb he was planting at a filling station in Newry exploded prematurely.



Colm Murtagh

ANNE PARKER
AGED 18
11th August 1972
A member of the IRA, she was killed alongside Michael Clarke when a bomb they were transporting exploded at North Howard Street in West Belfast.



Anne Parker



Michael Clarke

MICHAEL CLARKE
AGED 19
11th August 1972
A member of the IRA, he was killed alongside Anne Parker.

FRANK WYNNE
AGED 37
12th August 1972
Mr Wynne's body was found in a stolen car in Jaffe Street in the Crumlin Road after after he had been killed by members of the UDA. He had been abducted, badly beaten and shot twice in the head.

THOMAS MADDEN
AGED 48
13th August 1972
Mr Madden was killed by members of the UDA who had stabbed him a total of 110 times. He was found in a doorway in the Oldpark area of

North Belfast and local people had told police that they had earlier heard someone scream "kill me, kill me." His bother Hugh had been shot dead two months earlier on the same road.

ARTHUR HONE
AGED 38
13th August 1972
Mr Hone was the ninth and last victim of the Claudy car bomb attack on the 31st of July.

DAVID STORREY
AGED 36
14th August 1972
A major in the Royal Artillery, he was in charge of the military take over of Casement GAA Park, he was killed by an IRA bomb as he supervised the erection of anti-sniper screens. Another soldier, Brian Hope, died in the same blast.

BRIAN HOPE
AGED 20
14th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Engineers, he was killed in an IRA landmine attack alongside David Storrey.

CHARLES McNEILL
AGED 68
14th August 1972
He was shot dead during an IRA gun attack in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast.

PATRICK McGOLDRICK
AGED 70
16th August 1972
From Sion Mills, he collapsed and died following a bomb attack in the village.

WILLIAM SPENCE
AGED 31
16th August 1972
Mr Spence was shot dead by members of the UVF as he was counting the nights takings in the Long Bar in the Shankill area of West Belfast. His friend, Thomas Boyd, was killed on the 27th of August for telling people he was going to find out who was behind the shooting.

MICHAEL BODDY
AGED 24
17th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Anglian Regiment he was shot dead by an IRA sniper in the Grosvenor Road area of West Belfast.

PHILIP FAYE
AGED 21
18th August 1972
The first victim of what became known as the McCreery or Ginger Baker gang, he was killed at his home in Island Street when the UDA members burst in and shot him several times.

RONALD LAYFIELD
AGED 24
18th August 1972
A soldier in the King's Regiment, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper as he manned a checkpoint on the Falls Road.

RICHARD JONES
AGED 21
18th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Regiment of Infantry, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper in the Grosvenor Road area of West Belfast.

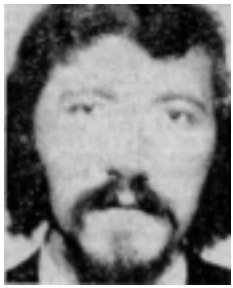
JAMES NEILL
AGED 44
19th August 1972
Mr Neill was abducted and shot dead by the IRA who accused him of being a spy for the UDA.



James Neill

JAMES LINDSAY
AGED 45
20th August 1972
Mr Lindsay was found shot dead in the Glencain area of West Belfast. From Scotland, it is believed that he was killed by the UVF because he was going out with a catholic woman.

FRANK QUINN
AGED 30
22nd August 1972
Mr Quinn was one of nine people killed when an IRA bomb exploded prematurely at Newry Customs Clearing Station. A former customs officer told the inquest that he was at his desk around 9.45am when he heard someone shout, 'Get out, get out' and then the alarm bell. The explosion occurred almost immediately.



Frank Quinn

PATRICK MURPHY
AGED 41
22nd August 1972
A customs official from Newtownhamilton he was killed in the bomb at the Newry Customs Office.

MARSHALL LAWRENCE
AGED 33
22nd August 1972
A customs official from Newry he was killed in the bomb at the Newry Customs Office.

MICHAEL GILLESSE
AGED 32
22nd August 1972
A customs official from Francis Street in Newry, he was killed in the bomb at the Newry Customs Office.

JOSEPH FEGAN
AGED 28
22nd August
A lorry driver from Waringstown, he was killed in the bomb at the Newry Customs Office.

OLIVER ROWNTREE
AGED 22
22nd August 1972
A member of the IRA he was killed when a bomb they were plating at Newry Customs Office exploded prematurely.

NOEL MADDEN
AGED 18
22nd August 1972
A member of the IRA he was killed when a bomb they were plating at Newry Customs Office exploded prematurely.

PATRICK HUGHES
AGED 41
22nd August 1972
A member of the IRA he was killed when a bomb they were plating at Newry Customs Office exploded prematurely.

JOHN McCANN
AGED 60
22nd August 1972
A lorry driver from County Louth he was killed in the bomb at the Newry Customs Office.

JAMES JOHNSTON
AGED 40
22nd August 1972
A member of the UDA and a leading figure in the Loyalist Association of Workers, Mr Johnston was found shot dead in his van in the Republican Grosvenor Road area of Belfast.

ALAN TINGEY
AGED 25
23rd August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper while on foot patrol in Kenard Avenue in West Belfast.

ARTHUR WHITELOCK
AGED 24
24th August 1972
A soldier in the Light Infantry, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper while on foot patrol in the Shantallow area of Derry.

IAN HUNTER
AGED 19
24th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, he was killed in an IRA bomb attack on a scout car he was driving in Moybane near Crossmaglen.

JAMES EAMES
AGED 33
25th August 1972
He was one of two UDR member killed while checking a car which the IRA had booby trapped at Cherrymount near Enniskillen.

ALFRED JOHNSTON
AGED 32
27th August 1972
A member of the UDR, he died as a result of injuries received in an IRA bomb attack which also killed James Eames.

JAMES CARLIN
AGED 26
27th August 1972
A member of the IRA he was killed alongside Martin Curran when a bomb they were placing at Downpatrick Racecourse exploded prematurely.

MARTIN CURRAN
AGED Not Listed
27th August 1972
A member of the IRA he was killed alongside James Carlin (see above)

JOHN NULTY
AGED 26
27th August 1972
His body was found with that of his friend Patrick Kelly in the Oldpark area of North Belfast. They had been abducted by the UVF, tortured and killed with the coroner describing the killings as 'particularly horrible and brutal.'

PATRICK KELLY
AGED 26
27th August 1972
See above.

THOMAS BOYD
AGED 28
27th August 1972
He was shot dead in his home at Carlisle Street by the UVF. It is believed the reason for his killing was because he had said he was going to find out who shot dead his friend, William Spence, on the 16th of August.

ANTHONY METCALFE
AGED 28
27th August 1972
A soldier in the Coldstream Guards, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper while building an army observation post in the Creggan area of Derry.

WILLIAM TROTTER
AGED 57
28th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Green Jackets, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper in the Beechmount area of West Belfast.

RONALD ROWE
AGED 21
28th August 1972
A soldier in the Light Infantry, he was shot dead by a colleague from an observation post as he patrolled the Ardoyne area of North Belfast. He had mistaken him for an IRA gunman.

ROY CHRISTOPHER
AGED 20
30th August 1972
A soldier in the King's Regiment, he died as a result of injuries received 12 days previously in an IRA bomb attack in the Clonard area of West Belfast.

DAVID GRIFFITHS
AGED 20
30th August 1972
A soldier in the Royal Green Jackets, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper in the Clonard area of West Belfast.

PATRICK DEVANEY
AGED 27
30th August 1972
He was abducted and tortured by members of the UDA before being shot dead. His body was then taken from a club in the Sandy Row district and dumped in the University area.

EAMON McMAHON
AGED 19
31st August 1972
His body was found floating in the River Bann with a rope around his neck. He had been killed by members of the UDA.

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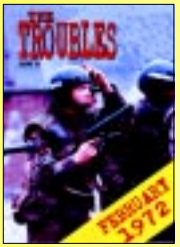

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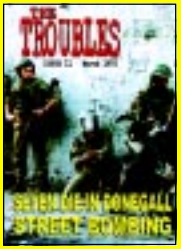

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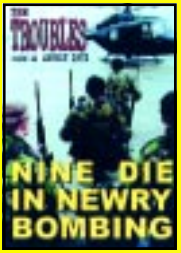

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