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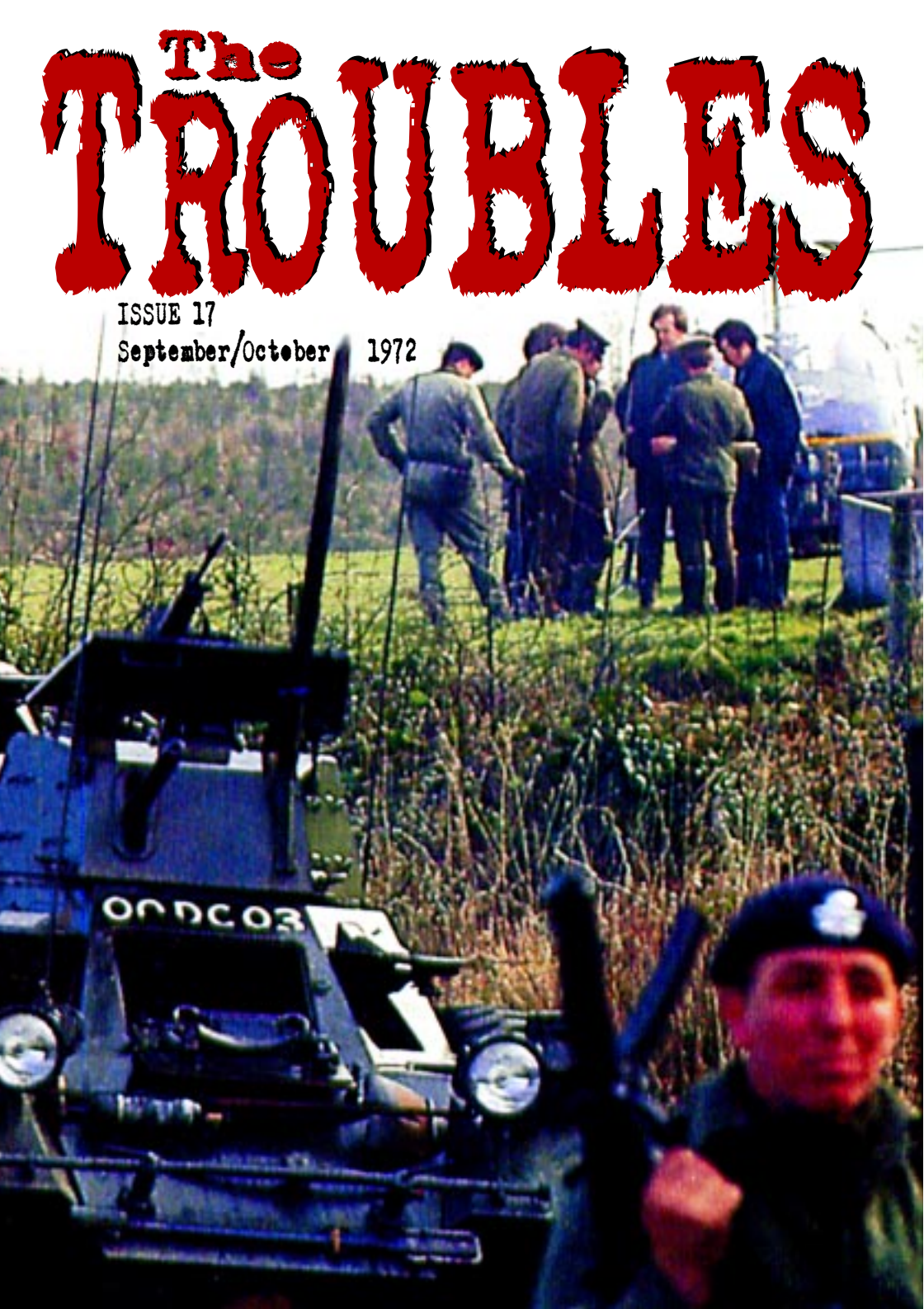

THE TROUBLES

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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Friday 1st September 1972
Man's body identified

The man who was found hooded and shot through the head in a lane near Queen's University has been identified as being a former soldier with the Royal Ulster Rifles. He has been named by the RUC as Patrick Vincent Devenney who had been living at an address in Rutland Street, off the Ormeau Road. Mr Devenney had been invalided out of the Army after a fencing accident, which left him with an eye injury and partial paralysis of his left arm. Mr Devenney's death is one of the most mysterious of all the assassinations during recent weeks. The RUC are unable to say where he had been before he had been picked up by his killers, shot and then dumped in Rugby Road.

Friday 1st September 1972
Body in River – Man was killed

The RUC are now treating the death of 19-year-old Eamonn McMahon, whose home was at Lisniskey, as murder. The exact details as to how Mr McMahon died are not known but it is understood he had not been shot. The RUC believe he had been beaten before his body was found floating in the River Bann. A length of heavy rope or clothesline was found wrapped around his body. Mr McMahon was last seen alive when he left a house at Glenholme Park at the Tegnavon estate in Lurgan on Saturday.

Friday 1st September 1972
Japanese company buys up Belfast property

An un-named Japanese organisation has bought property in Belfast city centre for £60,000 less than its 1969 evaluation. The property, Sinclair's of Royal Avenue, Belfast, is only one of a number of city centre businesses which have been bought by overseas investors who have taken advantage of the instability caused by the troubles.

Friday 1st September 1972
SDLP Senator attacked

SDLP Senator, Paddy Wilson, was attacked by pickets when he arrived at the City Hall to attend a meeting of Belfast City Council. The senator had just entered the grounds of the City Hall when he was attacked by three women pickets. Mr Wilson was dragged outside by the hair but was not seriously hurt. The picket was led by Ulster Constitution Party Councillor Lindsay Mason.

Friday 1st September 1972
Army moves out of more schools

With less than two days to go to the start of the new school term the Army have vacated two schools in the Andersonstown and Suffolk areas. Soldiers from the 1st Battalion of the Royal Green Jackets have moved out of St Teresa's school on the Glen Road and although the Army have formally handed over control of Blessed Oliver Plunkett School on the Glen Road, they will continue to maintain a presence on the campus and occupy a number of temporary huts. This arrangement is unacceptable to the teaching staff who have requested that the school be closed until there is a return to normal teaching conditions. Mr Whitelaw has said that the Army wish to move out of the schools but could not do so on security grounds. The Army will continue to maintain a presence at Blessed Oliver Plunkett's, St Peter's and St. Genevieve's. However it is intended that the Army will leave St. Genevieve's in October.





TOP - Workmen brush up after a car bomb attack on the Co-op Store at Loughview Street. BOTTOM - Bomb attack at a motor agents at Shaftesbury Avenue.

Friday 1st September 1972
Bomb defused at garage
A bomb which had been planted at the Automart garage at Lurgan has been defused by an Army expert. A ten-minute warning had been given after the device had been planted but it failed to explode. At daylight an Army expert was called to the scene at Portadown Road and made the explosives safe.

Friday 1st September 1972
Single shot sniper in Bogside
The Army in Derry is building up a dossier on a lone sniper who is thought to have been responsible for killing two soldiers and wounding four others in the city in recent weeks. Army intelligence chiefs believe the gunman uses a Japanese made Armalite rifle and that he works alone. He never fires more than a single shot and invariably it finds its target. Lieut Col Woodford of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, who is studying the snipers habits, has dismissed newspaper reports that the sniper is a hired gunman. He has stated that "the man comes from the Bogside and is motivated by staunchly Republican ideals. I do not go for these wild theories that paid killers are drafted into Ulster to shoot soldiers." "I think the Provisional IRA have skilled marksmen in their ranks although they are remarkably few. This gunman is a better shot than most of the men who open fire on us. Col Woodford also said that he believes the sniper has a higher than average intelligence and probably has a criminal background. Above all, he said, "He is very patient – more of a professional. He takes his time and waits for exactly the right target to appear in his sights, in the right situation. He is the sort of man who is prepared to wait hours to get one good shot.





Friday 1st September 1972
Vanguard Party
The Ulster Vanguard Movement has appointed a Larne councillor to the post of social and welfare officer. The full time worker is Councillor Tommy Seymour and his work will involve the setting up of advice centres and welfare offices throughout the North.

Friday 1st September 1972
Café bombed in Derry
A bomb which had been placed at the back of the Dolphin restaurant in Derry has caused slight damage to the premises. The bomb, containing between 5-10lbs of explosives, had been left under a table but was discovered by staff.

Friday 1st September 1972
Bomb explodes at garage
A bomb containing between 5-10lbs of explosives has exploded at a petrol station in Derry. The bomb, which was concealed in a duffle bag was, was placed on the counter in a temporary office. The blast caused extensive damage.

TOP - Vere Foster Primary School pupils tuck into their school dinner, while men of the 2nd Parachute Regiment smoke and watch TV. BOTTOM - Parents protest at the military presence at the Oliver Plunket School





LEFT - Rioting on the Crumlin Road
BOTTOM - Protestant school children are escorted down the Crumlin Road by British troops and members of the UDA.

Friday 1st September 1972
Bomb making equipment discovered
During a search of a hose at Cathedral Road, Armagh, soldiers have discovered a quantity of bomb making materials. The find included, 10lb of explosives, including a quantity of the highly unstable nitro benzene, three hand grenades, 70 rounds of assorted ammunition and four incendiary devices.

Friday 1st September 1972
Soldier discovers explosive materials in Belfast
A soldier with a keen sense of smell is said to have led soldiers to the discovery of a garage packed with explosive materials. The soldier, a member of the Royal Green Jackets, was patrolling the Falls Road when he smelt explosives and traced the telltale smell to a nearby garage. An Army bomb disposal expert blew open the garage door and discovered around 200lbs of homemade explosives and other bomb making equipment.

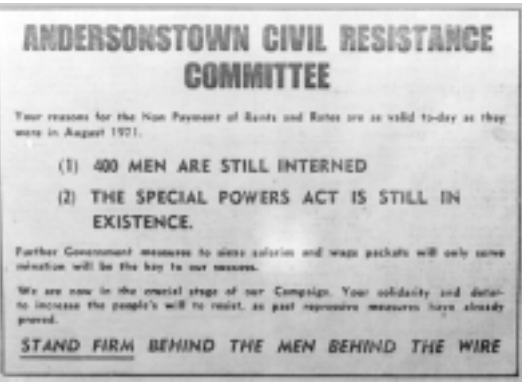
Friday 1st September 1972
Soldier shot in Armagh
A soldier serving with the 1st Battalion Gordon Highlanders has been shot and seriously wounded by a sniper in the Drumard estate in Armagh City. A sniper, using an M1 carbine ambushed a six-man Army patrol from the corner of Drumard estate. Five shots were fired by the gunman shooting the soldier in the buttocks. One shot was returned but no hits were claimed. The wounded soldier was rushed to Musgrave Park Hospital, Belfast, where he underwent emergency surgery.

Friday 1st September 1972
Troops open fire on gunman
Soldiers have opened fire on a gunman seen in the Beechwood Crescent area of the Creggan estate, Derry but they did not claim a hit.

Friday 1st September 1972
Soldiers attacked in Derry
An Army patrol in the Rosemount area of Derry has come under attack from six men. The soldiers are said to have opened fire with live rounds over the men's heads. Two men were arrested and handed over to the RUC but they were later released without charge.

Friday 1st September 1972
Claymore mine explodes at Newry
A claymore mine has partially exploded on the Newtownhamilton-Belleek road, about nine miles from Newry. The bomb exploded as the vehicle passed over it but there were no casualties. An Army expert went to the scene where he disposed of the remaining explosives.

Friday 1st September 1972
Civil Rights Association attacks detention without trial
The Civil Rights Association has claimed that many detainees have been held under detention orders for


ANDERSONSTOWN CIVIL RESISTANCE COMMITTEE

Four reasons for the Non Payment of Rents and Rates are as valid to-day as they were in August 1971.

(1) 400 MEN ARE STILL INTERNED

(2) THE SPECIAL POWERS ACT IS STILL IN EXISTENCE.

Further Government measures to deny [illegible] and wage packets will only serve [illegible] will be the key to our success.

We are now in the crucial stage of our Campaign. Your solidarity and determination to increase the people's will to resist, as past repressive measures have already proved.

STAND FIRM BEHIND THE MEN BEHIND THE WIRE

longer than is normally 'permitted' under the Special Powers Act. An Association spokesman said "Mr Whitelaw must release these men if his claim of not having interned any man is not to seem more ridiculous than it is now." The association repeated its demand that there be no talks with the Westminster Government until internment and detention without trial are ended.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Drowned man had been beaten

Pathologists have discovered that the Portadown youth whose body was recovered from the River Bann died from fresh water drowning, but detectives are still treating the case as murder. Mr Christopher Eamonn McMahon, of Lisniskey, Portadown, had been badly beaten and bound and gagged before being thrown into the water.

Detectives are also still investigating the mysterious death of another local man, Mr Felix Hughes (40) a father of five of Granville Road, Portadown, whose body, tied to a mattress, was found in a drain. He had been missing for three weeks. The mattress had been weighted with stones and had to be recovered by an Army skin diver. SDLP MP, Austin Currie, stated there were similarities between the two deaths and they were the culmination of months of intimidation of Catholics in the area. However these claims have been denied by an RUC detective, who said that that there was no evidence to show that there were assassination squads operating in the town. The only similarity, he said, was that both men were recovered from water and were Catholics.



LEFT - Protest march in Andersonstown against the Army occupation of Catholic schools

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Dungannon fire

Firemen have prevented a large quantity of timber from being destroyed by a blaze at Milltown factory in Dungannon. The fire was confined to one floor of the three-story building and it was brought under control within an hour.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Soldier embarrasses Army

A soldier who received an estimated £5,000 in "sympathy money" after he was fined £30 for swearing at a youth has gone missing from his unit. Private Brown, aged 26, who was serving with the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, was fined for swearing at a youth who was reportedly throwing stones in what the soldier claimed was an unprovoked attack. Money poured in for him from all over Britain. In a new development the soldier was again fined £42 for leaving his guard post without being relieved, using insubordinate language to a superior officer and not wearing a flak or a hat. The soldier has now gone AWOL. This latest incident involving the same man has caused the Army embarrassment. An Army spokesman has said that it would have been better if the money had been sent to the relatives of those killed or wounded.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Explosives found in Bogside

During a selective search of the Gartan Square are of the Bogside, troops have uncovered a quantity of bomb making equipment. The find included 45lbs of explosive mix, 10ft fuse wire, four detonators and an alarm clock. Also uncovered in the search was a Lugar pistol and six rounds of ammunition.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Army post bombed in Derry

Part of Derry's City Walls has been damaged by a blast at a former Army observation post near Walker's Pillar. The explosion shattered windows in the nearby Apprentice Boys memorial hall and St Augustine's Parish


KILLER SQUADS CLAIM 3 VICTIMS

Reports of inhuman treatment by Army continue –CDR

Church. Troops moved out of the post more than a week previous to the attack and there were no injuries.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Fire at UDA's Portadown Headquarters
Fire has caused slight damage to the UDA's headquarters in Wasson Street, Portadown. No one was injured in the attack. Petrol bombs have also been thrown into a fish and chip shop in West Street, a vacant house in Bridge Street and a telephone kiosk at Edenderry.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Belfast car bomb attack
A car containing explosives has been set on fire by the Army outside Wilson's bar at Holland Drive, Ballyhackamore. No warning had been given about the bomb and most of the explosives were burnt off by the fire. The area was cleared before the remainder exploded.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Bar owner robbed
The proprietor of the Rex Bar on Belfast's Shankill Road was struck on the head when six armed and masked men robbed the bar near closing time. The raiders wore combat gear and carried a sawn-off shotgun. They got away with around £600.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Incendiary device in Lurgan
A fire started by an incendiary device has extensively damaged the Automart motor showrooms on Portadown Road, Lurgan.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Petrol bomb attack on Chapel
A petrol bomb has been thrown into a Catholic church at Nuns Quarters, Kirkcubbin. A window in the building was broken but there was no other damage. A brick and a petrol bomb were also thrown into Blackhall Street church. Two windows in the building were broken and there was some slight scorch damage.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Public houses attacked
Two public houses in the Eglington area have been robbed by armed raiders. In one of the attacks, shots were fired in the air but no one was injured. An undisclosed sum of money was taken in the raids.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Larne garage robbed
Three hooded men carrying two guns have held up a garage on the Glenarm Road, Larne. The Fort Cortina car used in the raid was later found abandoned at Ballygally.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
GAA to mount protest campaign
The Gaelic Athletic Association is to mount an international campaign against the Army's occupation of Casement Park – the main sports ground in Ulster. The campaign will be launched at Croke Park, Dublin on Sunday before the beginning of the All-Ireland senior hurling final between Kilkenny and Cork.

Saturday 2nd September 1972
Vanguard leader appeals for unity
Mr James Rodgers, who is a Vanguard leader and a Young Unionist has, in a call for unity, said that proposals for future government in the North would go a long way in satisfying the rank and file of Vanguard. He also suggested that the leaders of LAW should think again about going political since the power of the organisation was on the shop floor and should remain there. He added that the UDA should reconsider its decision to break with Vanguard as this would only help the enemies of the state.

Monday 4th September 1972
Army continues to occupy school
Six children out of nearly 900 have turned up for class on the first day of term at Blessed Oliver Plunkett Boys' Primary School in Andersonstown. There was a similar response in the girls section where only a handful of children answered roll call. All 27 teachers in the school turned up for work but issued a statement saying that the school was unfit to carry on. The Army had earlier claimed that they had withdrawn to a position west of the school, however there is still a heavy concentration

RIGHT - IRA landmine attack on a military Saracen in Dungannon.





of military in the school with twelve temporary classrooms still being occupied by soldiers. The Army have also erected an observation post on top of an infant classroom and a second post under the roof of the main building.

Monday 4th September 1972
IRA names given to Lynch
Conservative Prime Minister, Edward Heath is believed to have handed over a list of IRA men who are now in the Republic when they met in Munich. A British spokesman has disclosed that Mr Heath had asked for tougher steps to stop the IRA from using the Republic as a base for attacks against the North.

Monday 4th September 1972
Shots fired at Army foot patrol
Four shots have been fired at an Army foot patrol in Elmfield Street in the Crumlin Road area of Belfast. There were no Army casualties. Troops returned fire at the gunman in Oakfield Street but no hits were claimed. Soldiers also uncovered two rifles and a quantity of ammunition in a street off Belfast's Falls Road. The find of a Belgian SLR rifle with a telescopic sight, a 303 rifle and 20 rounds of ammunition was made by soldiers at Rockdale Street.



Monday 4th September 1972
Unexploded bomb
The Army have detonated an estimated 30lb of explosives which were found at the back of Hughes Bakery on the Springfield Road. The bakery was the target of a bomb attack yesterday morning and it is thought that the explosive device destroyed today had failed to go off at the time.





TOP - Bomb attack on shops in King Street
BOTTOM - Remains of a car bomb which exploded in Little King Street.
BELOW - Members of the UDA march through Belfast City centre.

Monday 4th September 1972
UDA men resume wearing masks
Members of the Ulster Defence Association have been instructed to resume wearing masks and dark glasses and to stop co-operating with the security forces. The orders come in a statement from the UDA command which says that the decisions have been taken because of the continual harassment of UDA members by the security forces. UDA clubs and premises are now declared out of bounds to Army personnel. A UDA spokesman said that soldiers had being going into these premises "for amusement and to consult UDA leaders."

Monday 4th September 1972
Monks fines are paid
Fines totalling £750 which were imposed on two Cistercian Monks from Portglennone for helping two escapees from Crumlin Road prison to evade capture. The monks, Faher Thomas O'Neill (45) and Brother Patrick Skehan (43) were fined £500 and £250 respectively and would have faced sentences of nine and six months had the fines not been paid.

Monday 4th September 1972
UDR collusion
The Mid-Ulster MP, Bernadette Devlin has written to the Secretary of State, William Whitelaw, concerning allegations of collusion between members of the UDR and para-military organisations regarding what she describes as the significant number of self-loading rifles which have gone missing from UDR armouries in County Tyrone and South Derry. Miss Devlin also wished to know if UDR men had been implicated in shooting incidents, the intimidation of Catholics and the operation of illegal roadblocks in some areas. She said that the name of some members of UDR were already in the hands of the RUC who were either unwilling or incapable of acting on the information they possess.

Monday 4th September 1972
Loyalist protest
The main Derry Limavady road was been blocked for a time on Saturday during a protest over the imprisonment of Loyalists. The protestors picked the local RUC barracks before dispersing.

Monday 4th September 1972
Soldier killed as Army patrols fire at each other
A soldier has been shot dead during an incident in the New Lodge area of Belfast. The soldier was Gunner Robert Stephen Cutting, aged 18, from Manchester. A second soldier, a Marine, is also said to be very seriously ill. The shooting incident took place at around 4.00am yesterday at the junction of Lepper Street-Stratheden Street. Local people said that there were a



number of shots when two patrols apparently mistook each other for gunmen. An Army spokesman has confirmed that no civilians were involved in the incident.

Monday 4th September 1972
Soldiers attacked
A soldier has been slightly injured when he was fired on by a gunman at the junction of the Woodvale and Crumlin roads. A number of shots were also fired at the ambulance which took the wounded soldier to hospital.

Monday 4th September 1972
Rocket fired at car bomb
A car bomb, which was spotted by soldiers in the back of a mini car at Colinward Street, has been destroyed by an Army expert who fired a rocket launcher round into the vehicle. One of two gas cylinders in the vehicle was destroyed while the second detonated, damaging houses in the area.

Monday 4th September 1972
Civilian-type Army truck attacked
Three gunmen have ambushed a civilian-type Army truck in the Leeson Street area of Belfast. The driver and co-driver of the vehicle were dressed in civilian clothing while the remaining soldiers were in combat gear. Armoured vehicles came to their aid and all eventually were gotten to safety.

Monday 4th September 1972
UDR attacked at Magherafelt
UDR men setting up a checkpoint at The Loop have been attacked by a crowd leaving a dance in a marquee. Bottles and stones were thrown at the part-time soldiers who fired nine shots over the heads of their attackers after two low velocity shots were fired at them. The crowd grew smaller but did not disperse until regular troops arrived and fired rubber bullets at them.

Monday 4th September 1972
Incendiary attacks
Business premises were the targets of a new wave of incendiary attacks on Saturday evening. In Ballymena fires caused extensive damage to two shops and slightly damaged five others. The worst attack was at a furniture store in Wellington Street and a drapery shop in Church Street. At Cookstown a girl is reported to have received facial injuries when an incendiary device went off in a drapers shop in Millburn Street. The device had been planted by three young girls. Three other devices were later found on waste ground in the town and in Dungannon an incendiary device was quickly put out by staff in Wellworth's store.

Monday 4th September 1972
Territorial Army centres attacked
Six or seven shots have been fired at the Territorial Army Centres in Charles Street, Portadown. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 4th September 1972
Bar attacked in Lurgan
There has been a minor riot at the International Bar in Market Street, Lurgan after a gang entered the Catholic owned premises and began to damage the interior.

Monday 4th September 1972
Army come under fire in Derry
Two shooting incidents have been reported in Derry. An Army spokesman has said that one shot was fired from Gartan Square at a patrol in Westland Street in the Bogside and later in the same area a patrol came under fire. Shots were returned but no hits were claimed.

Monday 4th September 1972
Teenage girls wounded
One of two teenage sisters who were admitted to hospital on Saturday night is still being detained. The 15-year-old girl from Melmore Gardens was wounded in the back but her condition is not said to be serious. Her 17-year-old sister was wounded in the leg but was discharged from hospital. An Army spokesman said the security forces were not involved in the incident.

Monday 4th September 1972
LAW meeting
The Loyalist Association of Workers are holding a delegate conference in Belfast to hammer out their political policies. LAW representatives from many of the large factories will attend the meeting in a social club on the Newtownards Road. It is thought that some senior officers from the Ulster Defence Association will be there as observers.

Monday 4th September 1972
Arrest figures
According to an RUC spokesman since Operation Motorman began around one month ago approximately 130 people have been charged, mostly with firearms and explosives offences.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Army occupation of Belfast school
The Army has revealed that the cost of moving troops out of St Genevieve's school in Andersonstown and billeting them in a camp being built on playing fields and wasteland south of the school will cost in excess of £100,000. Work has started on the camp which will be situated between Slievegallion Drive and Slieveban Drive in the heart of the Andersonstown estate.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Blaze destroys marquee
A large dance marquee at Loup near Magherafelt has been destroyed by fire. Firemen were called out at around 3.30am this morning to deal with the blaze. There had been trouble near the marquee on Sunday night when people attending a dance there clashed with members of the Ulster Defence Regiment manning a roadblock. There was no function being held in the marquee last night.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Tartan attacks
An Army Major has said that overnight attacks by Tartan youths on military personnel and vehicles in East Belfast were a deliberate attempt to stretch and test Army strength. The Major said that the trouble began with a preconceived plan of bomb hoaxes which used up considerable military strength. There was no sign of the UDA in uniform among the crowd and the action was carried out by youths. Corporation buses were hi-jacked and shots were fired at Willowfield RUC barracks

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Soldier seriously ill
The Army have said that the soldier who was shot in the leg yesterday while escorting children from school is still seriously ill in hospital. He is a 23-year-old Corporal from Penzance and is a member of the 1st Battalion Light Infantry. A second soldier was shot in the hand in the same incident but he is not seriously ill.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Chief Constable visits RUC barracks
The RUC Chief Constable, Sir Graham Shillington, has visited Willowfield RUC barracks. Mr Shillington spent about 30 minutes talking to personnel at the station and heard first hand accounts of the attack in which more than 100 panes of glass were smashed in the building and cars belonging to RUC personnel had been damaged.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
RUC men in narrow escape
Two RUC men had a narrow escape when they went to investigate a car bomb which exploded after lunchtime damaging a Co-op in Belfast's Crumlin Road. The RUC men had gone to the boot of the parked car at Loughview Street but had second thoughts and walked away. Minutes later the bomb exploded damaging the Co-op, a Mace store and a large number of houses. Several people were treated for shock.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Loyalist threat
The Loyalist Association of Workers has warned that unless loyalist leaders can get together LAW will go ahead with plans to set up a new political party. LAW chairman, Mr Billy Hull said his association would not be used to return "the old brigade" to power. "In any future NI Government we will insist that the workers must have representation." The Association is also urging loyalists to boycott PR elections.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Bomb explodes at bar
A bomb has exploded at a Belfast bar. The bar, the London Bar in Garmoyle Street, was so badly damaged in the explosion that it will have to be demolished. A near by barbers was also damaged, as were windows off neighbouring buildings.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Men shot outside restaurant
Two men who were shot outside a Chinese restaurant on the Antrim Road, Belfast, shortly before midnight are reported as being "not seriously ill."

Tuesday 5th September 1972
RUC car attacked – youth arrested
A youth has been arrested after an RUC car was attacked and its windscreen smashed by a crowd of youths at Glandore Avenue, off the Antrim Road Belfast.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Cylinder bombs defused
Two cylinder bombs, containing 60lb of explosives have been discovered in a car parked at the rear of the SDLP HQ at Killen Street. The Army received a warning about the car and were able to set fire to it.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Arms find in Belfast
Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion Royal Anglican Regiment have discovered n M1 carbine, a rifle, two auto-

RIGHT - Bomb attack on the home of Belfast councillor James O'Kane in which a family friend died.



matic pistols and 89 rounds of assorted ammunition in a garage at Little Distillery Street, off the Grosvenor Road.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Army Saracen bombed
An Army Saracen vehicle was blown six yards off the roadway by a claymore mine as it travelled between Lisbellaw and Maguiresbridge. None of the soldiers were injured.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Soldiers attacked in Derry
A Lance Corporal with the 2nd Queen's Regiment has had a narrow escape in Derry when a bullet was deflected off his flak jacket. The soldier, who had been part of a foot patrol in the Creggan estate, was able to return fire. No hits were reported.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
UDR man wounded in Tyrone
A UDR man has been shot in the leg during a gun attack on his patrol in Dungannon. A burst of eight shots was fired but he was not seriously hurt.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Shots fired at Strabane
Five shots have been fired at troops across the border near Clady. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Opposition to new Catholic school
Nearly 1,500 people, including a 500 strong contingent of masked UDA men, marched in military style sections to Carrickfergus Town Hall where councillors were to discuss plans for a Catholic voluntary primary. Work has been held up for two weeks on clearing the site for St Paul's School in the Predominantly Protestant Woodburn estate by mothers who are claiming the school could lead to a Lenadoon or New Barnsley situation developing in the town. A 5,000-name petition has also been handed into the council appealing for another site for the school to be found.

Tuesday 5th September 1972
Bomb alert during news
A bomb scare has forced everyone to leave the UTV studios at Havelock House seconds after a newsreader began to read the six o'clock news. The programme was off the air for 35 minutes while soldiers and RUC personnel checked the building. Nothing was found during the search.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Spigot bomb fired at Army post
A bomb has damaged a loading bay at the Royal Victoria Hospital. The device, a spigot bomb, which weighs around one pound, is fired from a specially adapted shotgun. The device was fired at a nearby Army observation post but missed its target. No one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
UDR man killed in Portadown
A UDR man has been burned to death in his car after it overturned and burst into flames after an explosion outside a Portadown bar. The dead man, named as 54-year-old Victor Smyth had been returning from the UDR centre along High Street when a bomb exploded in a Jaguar car outside McGurk's Bar. The deceased man was also a hairdresser of Jervais Street. No warning was given about the explosion.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
TAVR man shot in Lurgan
The man shot in Lurgan as he left his home in Drumlin Drive, Lurgan was a Catholic member of the TAVR. Nine shots were fired at him and he received wounds to the leg, neck and chest but they are not serious.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Man wounded in Ballygowan
A Catholic man has been shot and wounded by two men after he answered a knock at the front door of his Ballygowan his home. The man received a graze from a bullet and was treated by a local doctor.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Bomb at Club Orchid
A bomb has exploded at the rear of the Club Orchid, off King Street. No warning was given about the bomb which had been left in a car parked on waste ground. Some patrons of the club were treated for shock in hospital but no one was injured.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Army attacked near Celtic Park
A soldier has been taken to hospital after a claymore mine exploded near an Army vehicle at Celtic Park on the Donegal Road. The mine is thought to have been detonated by remote control from the area around Rodney Place. The soldiers condition is not thought to be serious. Just prior to this attack a blast bomb had been thrown at an Army post near the M1 motorway. No one was injured and no damage was caused to the post.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
UDA men hi-jack bus
The Army has reported that uniformed UDA men hijacked a Corporation bus at Century Street and took it to Butler Street in the Oldpark. The bus was placed across the street and set alight.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Soldier shot in neck
The soldier shot in the Ardoyne area on Tuesday was hit by a single bullet to the neck. His injury is described as being not serious.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Arson attacks in Derry
A school, a site office of an engineering firm and hay barns were all damaged in a series of small fires in the County Derry village of Eglington. The fires all occurred within three-and-a-half hour period. Firemen found it difficult to bring the blazes under control because of a shortage of water in the area and water had to be pumped about a mile to the scene.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Soldier's attacked in Bogside
A Scots Guard, the second in two days, has had a narrow escape when soldiers were fired on in Derry's Bogside. He was shot at while on patrol and the bullet went his pistol grip and lodged in his flak jacket. He received a bruise but continued on patrol.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Guardsman wounded in Creggan
A soldier, a member of the Coldstream Guards was shot at by a gunman while on patrol in the Creggan area of Derry. He was hit in the leg by what the Army believe was a .22 bullet.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Shooting in Rosemount area
A single shot has been fired at an Army patrol in the Rosemount area of Derry but fire was not returned.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Holiday for Belfast children
A party of children from the Turf Lodge and Shankill districts of Belfast are at present on a holiday in Cambridge. The holiday for the 16 children – eight Protestants and eight Catholics was financed by the recently


SECOND NIGHT OF RIOTING
ON THE SHANKILL

2 men shot dead as Army and UDA clash

TWO civilians were shot dead and two others wounded during street gun battles between British troops and the militant Ulster Defence Association in the Shankill Road area of Belfast last night. One of the dead was reported to be a prominent member of the U.D.A.

Following a massive build-up of U.D.A. personnel and their supporters on the Shankill, the second night of trouble flared when a two-vehicle patrol of the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment encountered a U.D.A. "officer" in the middle of the Berlin Street-Malchett Street road junction, backed up by a 60-strong party of U.D.A. men armed with batons and sticks.

formed British Irish Association and arranged by the Northern Ireland Parents Association and the Advisory Centre for Education. The children have been swimming, boating, walking and playing together. If the holiday is successful it is hoped to take more children next year.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Loyalist women in march
The Loyalist Women's Action Association have claimed that it was their members and not women of the Loyalist Association of Workers who took part in a march to Carickfergus Town Hall on Monday night.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Appeal to Tartans
A leading member of the Ulster Vanguard executive has appealed to members of Tartan Gangs who were involved in a confrontation with the security forces on Monday night in East Belfast not to fall into the IRA trap. Mr James Rodgers told the Holywood branch of the North Down division of Vanguard that the main aim of the IRA was to see confrontation between loyalists and the security forces.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Helicopter in border chase
An Army helicopter has been damaged near the border at Dungooley, Forkhill, last night as it tried to intercept four men in a car with no number plates. The helicopter caught on telephone wires during the chase in which the car was driven at high speed through a maze of roads. The four men escaped across the border.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Claims for damage in County Armagh
The escalated IRA bombing campaign in County Armagh has led to the county council receiving a total of 3,305 claims for damage to property and personal injury over the past 16 months. In the last five weeks alone 520 claims have been lodged.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Controversial album to be released
A controversial double album by ex-Beatle John Lennon and his wife Yoko Ono, which includes songs about the troubles, is to be released in Britain next week. The tracks include "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" about the shooting of 13 people by the Army in Derry and "Luck of the Irish" another song about the North. A personal assistant to John and Yoko has said that the LP called "Sometime in New York City" had been banned on radio stations all over America.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
RUC anger at Political Status
The Secretary of State, Mr William Whitelaw, has been told by representatives of the Police Federation that there is widespread dissatisfaction and anger in the RUC at the granting of political status to prisoners.

Wednesday 6th September 1972
Alliance woman kicked during protest
The Carrickfergus branch of the Alliance Party has claimed that its members had to be rescued by the RUC after leaving a meeting of the Borough Council last night. A statement from the local branch said that a section of those protesting against the building of a Catholic voluntary school in Carrick, attacked a local Protestant woman who they thought was a Catholic woman from the Falls.

Thursday 7th September 1972
UDA tells Paras – Get out of Ulster
The UDA has called for the removal of the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment from the North after last night's fierce clashes in the Shankill area of Belfast, during which at least one man was shot and four others injured. The trouble is said to have arisen after youths attempted to burn a bus as a protest against "Army inactivity." The youths were arrested and brought to Tennent Street RUC barracks. A crowd gathered and the barracks was stoned. The UDA clamed that during the night troops fired at point blank range at into the crowd. The Army in turn has said that they did not shoot anyone during the night and that the three men who were reported as being shot during the riots were in fact hit by the metal fragments of a pipe bomb which had been thrown at soldiers.





Thursday 7th September 1972
Riots near Belfast school

A mini riot took place on the Crumlin Road yesterday as the UDA insisted that 150 Protestant children from Somerdale and Everton schools, escorted by UDA men and troops, were allowed to walk down the Crumlin Road. The disturbance took place after the UDA insisted that the children had the right to the nearest route home after school. Previously the children had been diverted by the Army along the predominantly Protestant Woodvale Road.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Sixteen held after arms find

Sixteen men have been arrested by the RUC after an arms dump was uncovered in the Protestant Monkstown area. The weapons, which were found under the floorboards of a farmhouse and its outbuilding, included 6,260 rounds of ammunition, a sten gun, a .303 rifle, four .22 rifles, two .38 revolvers, one .45 revolver, one .32 automatic pistol and a .22 pistol. Around 30lbs of gelignite, which was in a dangerous condition, a hand grenade, detonators and a remote control bomb device was also found.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Woman killed in bomb attack on home

A 33-year-old woman, Miss Bridget Breen, of Glentrasna Drive, has been killed in an explosion at the home of a Belfast City councillor. The woman who died had been visiting the family home of Republican Labour councillor in Cedar Avenue, when a bomb was thrown into the living room in which she and some were talking. Mr O'Kane said that he believes the duffle bag bomb was the work of the UDA however the organisation has rejected what they described as his "wild allegation" and said that if he had any evidence to support his allegation he should present it to the RUC Director of Prosecutions.



LEFT - The Lord Mayor of Belfast, William Christie, visiting bomb damaged homes RIGHT - UDA parade past the Nationalist Unity Flats complex. UDA leader James Anderson can be seen with black belt on.

RIGHT - The remains of a car bomb which exploded in Killen Street.



Thursday 7th September 1972
Footballer found shot dead
Glenavon football club's outside left, Sammy Boyde, has been shot dead in Belfast. M Boyde, who was in his second season with the club is the 51st person to be assassinated in the North since July. According to the RUC his body was discovered in an entry at the rear of La Salle Drive. He had been shot in the head

Thursday 7th September 1972
Second man killed in overnight shooting
The second victim of mystery overnight shootings in Belfast has been named as Mr William Moore, a 20-year-old Protestant of Highcairn Drive. Mr Moore was found with a gunshot wound at Euston Street, off the Beersbridge Road and died forty minutes after being admitted to hospital. The RUC have said that he was either shot from a passing car or he had been hit by a high velocity bullet, possibly fired from the Mountpottinger area.

Thursday 7th September 1972
South Armagh gun battle
Two soldiers have been injured, one seriously in a 25 minute gun battle at Glassdrummond, near Crossmaglen in South Armagh. Gunmen are said to have attacked an Army patrol with automatic weapons sometime after noon. Fire was returned and reinforcements were moved in to set up roadblocks but no one was arrested.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Bomb at Derry paint shop
Clokey's paint and wallpaper store at Strand Road, Derry has been extensively damaged in a bomb attack. It is believed that two men slipped into the premises unnoticed and planted the bomb under a false set of stairs at the front of the shop. Before leaving the shop they shouted a warning to staff.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Belfast shootings
A total of 24 overnight shooting incidents have been reported by the Army in Belfast. These include two incidents in Andersonstown when six shots were fired at a patrol in Ramoan Gardens and two shots being fired at soldiers in Gransha Gardens. Fire was not returned by the Army on either of these two occasions.


NOTICE TO PUBLIC

BELFAST CITY CENTRE—TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

ACCESS TO RESTRIGTED AREAS

From THURSDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER, 1972, Access Times through Entry Points will be:

Morning —— 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Afternoon —— 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

These changes have been made by the Security Forces on the recommendation of interested parties.

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Thursday 7th September 1972
Newsagents bombed
A 10lb bomb has exploded outside Kelly's newsagents on the Crumlin Road, Belfast. The explosion caused considerable damage to the premises.

Thursday 7th September 1972
IRA tunnel discovered
An IRA tunnel has been uncovered by troops investigating a nail bomb which had been thrown at soldiers at Springfield Road. An Army officer, hearing some unusual sounds walked in their direction and came to a house in Benbares Street which had its windows blanked out with blankets. On entering the house a tunnel leading from a hole in the kitchen floor to within sixteen feet of a nearby house which is used by the Army. The Army has said that it was obvious that the IRA had intended to place explosives underneath the observation post.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Armagh JP ambushed
An Armagh JP has narrowly escaped death when his car was sprayed with bullets near the Derrybeg housing estate outside Newry. The JP was passing the estate when he was waved down by two men but he accelerated past them and they opened fire. Bullets shattered the rear window of the car and punctured a tyre, but the driver was not injured.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Arson attack on former YMCA
An early morning fire has destroyed the billiards and table tennis rooms at the former YMCA premises at Market Street, Omagh. Firemen prevented the blaze from spreading and at this point are unable to say how the fire started.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Soldier shot in sniper attack
A soldier has been wounded in Derry's Bogside but his condition is said to be satisfactory. The Army returned fire and are claiming that they hit the sniper who was operating from Bluebell Hill Gardens.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Bomb attack on Armagh Co-operative
A booby-trapped van has exploded at the Fane Valley Co-operative Dairy and Egg packing business in Armagh. The van had been hi-jacked on Tuesday and at shortly before 3.00pm today it was driven into the premises at Railway Road. It exploded fifteen minutes later causing an estimated £100,000 worth of damage.

Thursday 7th September 1972
Army attacked in Derry
An Army patrol has come under attack in the Creggan area of Derry. An Army spokesman has said that one shot was fired a sniper at the patrol in Leenan Gardens. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Thursday 7th September 1972
UDA queries impartiality
The UDA has said that the claim made by the Secretary of State, William Whitelaw, that the security forces were impartial were "an insult to people's intelligence" when the politicians who controlled them were "blatantly partial." The Secretary of state, he said, was" continually appeasing the enemies of Ulster at the expense of law-biding people.

Friday 8th September 1972
Trouble flares again on Shankill
Trouble has flared on the Shankill Road with clashes between women and Paratroopers , and attacks on Mr Brian Faulkner and Westminster MP., Stratton Mills, who were investigating the situation in the area. The Unionist leader had a narrow escape when a mob stoned his car near Tennent Street RUC barracks and Mr Mills had to be rescued by the RUC who rushed him to a nearby house. One RUC man was beaten up by the crowd who attacked the M.P. Earlier women protesters clashed with soldiers outside Tennent Street barracks over Army tactics in the area, particularly the shootings.

Friday 8th September 1972
Two shot dead in Belfast
The Army have released a statement saying that two men were killed in an exchange of fire near Berlin Street. Local people have said that one of the dead was a youth who had been shot four times in the back and that the other victim was an elderly man who was shot as he came out of a pub.
According to the Army a two-vehicle patrol of the 1st Parachute Regiment turned off Machett Street into Berlin Street. There they encountered a UDA "officer" in the middle of the road, backed by a 40 strong party of UDA men armed with batons and shields. Stones and bottles were thrown at the troops who dismounted and advanced on foot. Baton rounds were fired and the UDA and stone throwers ran off. The soldiers then came under fire from gunmen in the area. Fire was returned and



RIGHT - Pupils of Everton Girls' School being escorted along the Crumlin Road by members of the Parachute Regiment.

it was later established that two men had been killed. A UDA spokesman has said that to the best of his knowledge no shots were fired at all by the UDA during the night, but there was little doubt some Protestant gunmen were operating.

Friday 8th September 1972
Shooting victims named
The RUC have named the two men who were shot dead in the Shankill area last night. They were Mr Robert Ritchie McKinney, aged 49, of Crumlin Gardens. He was a manager in Mackies foundry and was married with a family. The second man was Mr Robert Johnston, a 50-year-old bachelor from Sidney Street West.

Friday 8th September 1972
Nitro-benzene banned
Minister of State, Lord Windlesham, has announced that there are to be strict new controls on the use of Nitro Benzene, the highly unstable chemical used in some recent IRA bombs. The new regulations will ban the manufacture, sale, acquisition, transfer, storage transportation and handling, use of disposal of nitro-benzene except under licence from September 18.

Friday 8th September 1972
Bomb making equipment discovered in Derry
Soldiers have uncovered a bomber's hideout in the Creggan estate. The hideout, in an unoccupied flat at Clare Court, contained one and a half tons of sodium chlorate, empty sodium chlorate drums, empty nitrobenzene containers and other equipment suitable for bomb making including rubber gloves, facemasks, wire and tape.

Friday 8th September 1972
Army post bombed
A bomb which was thrown over the wall of an Army post at Lecky Road in Derry's Bogside has caused superficial damage. Soldiers of the Scots Guards were in the post at the time but there were no casualties.

Friday 8th September 1972
UDA clashes with Army in Portadown
Around 100 members of the UDA have intimated a number of Catholic families in Portadown. Stones were thrown and one family was told to "Get out or be burnt out." The UDA are said to have refused to speak to the Army, and some of their members spat on them. Speaking of the incident, Lieut-Col John Levy, commanding officer of the Staffordshire Regiment said "It is a sad reflection on the UDA that the security forces were compelled to be involved in the protection of property and people against the hooligan element in this organisation."

Friday 8th September 1972
Electricity transformer bombed
Two bombs have damaged an electricity transformer beside St Colman's High School in Melmont Road, Strabane. Windows were broken in two nearby houses and two classrooms and a library in the school were damaged in the attack.

Friday 8th September 1972
Shots fired at Army in Strabane
A number of shots have been fired at an Army vehicle checkpoint on the Lifford Road. The attack happened at around 11.00pm but there were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Friday 8th September 1972
Customs post bombed
A customs post which was under construction on the Monaghan border has been extensively damaged by an



RIGHT - Bomb attack on Armagh City Hall



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18th SEPTEMBER, 1972

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explosion early today. The blast occurred at Tully at Monaghan Road, Aughnacloy. No one was injured in the attack.

Friday 8th September 1972
Shots fired in Armagh
Shots have been fired near the Drumarg housing estate in Armagh City. The security forces were not involved in the incident and the target is not known.

Friday 8th September 1972
Markethill shooting
Ten shots have been fired from an automatic weapon in the Markethill area. The target is not known.

Friday 8th September 1972
Army fire at man in Derry
The army have opened fire on a man who they think may have been armed. The shooting occurred as the man approached a checkpoint on the Buncrana Road, Derry. The man ran off and no hits were claimed.

Friday 8th September 1972
Soldier wounded
A soldier has been shot in the arm when a gunman fired a single round at an Army personnel carrier in the Beechmount area of Belfast. The bullet glanced off the Saracen and struck the soldier while the vehicle was at the junction of Shields Street and Islandbawn Street. The injured soldier's condition is not serious.

Friday 8th September 1972
Bank raid in Ballycastle
Six masked and armed men have held up staff and customers at the Northern Bank in Ballycastle. The raiders are said to have told staff and customers not to move or they would be shot. They escaped with an undisclosed sum of money.

Friday 8th September 1972
Dispute over poster
A dispute between Ulsterbus and the Loyalist Association of Workers has been settle after a meeting between LAW and the managing director of Ulsterbus. The dispute arose when management at the Ulsterbus engineering department objected to the display of certain posters around the department. It was agreed at the meeting that LAW posters could not be displayed on a notice board.

Saturday 9th September 1972
Army adopts low key approach in Shankill
The Army appears to have adopted a new low-key approach in the Shankill area of Belfast. To a casual observer it was a normal Saturday morning. But there was one difference – the frequent Army mobile patrols were few and far between and no paratroopers were in evidence. The only Land Rover patrols to be seen were from a different regiment. Even at Tennent Street, RUC barracks, the scene of the recent clashes the paratroopers could not been seen. A senior UDA officer has claimed that the security forces, at a meeting with the organisation, gave assurances that the paratroopers would be kept out of sight as much as possible in order to let things calm down.

Saturday 9th September 1972
UDR men strike
A secret meeting of 50 Ulster Defence Regiment members, who are said to represent 150 UDR men in the Crumlin, Glencairn, Springmartin and Shankill Road,



County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast

Brethren are requested to assemble in BLOOMFIELD AVENUE from 11 a.m. to take part in

UNITED LOYALIST RALLY at STORMONT

on SATURDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1972

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GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

has declared that they are standing down from their duties until the Parachute Regiment is withdrawn from the Shankill. In a statement they said that they would never again work with any Para regiment and they warned that they would not be responsible for the action of their members in the Shankill area if the Paras' tactics continued. A spokesman for the Ulster Defence Regiment said he had no knowledge of any UDR men refusing to carry out their duties.

Saturday 9th September 1972
UDA at protest rally
Uniformed UDA men were checking cars entering the Glencairn estate before the start of protest rally. A blue UDA Land Rover then patrolled the Glencairn area as the marchers, which included the Free Presbyterian minister William McCrea made their way through the estate. Mr McCrea told a crowd of several hundred people that he was calling for a public inquiry into Army "over-reaction" on the Shankill Road. He also called for the re-introduction of capital punishment and stiffer jail sentences. He went on to say "We never asked for the Army to come in. The loyalist people of Northern Ireland could have finished it themselves with the forces in this community. We honoured them as British soldiers, treated them accordingly at a time when they were being shot and killed in other places and now they are biting the hands which fed them."

Saturday 9th September 1972
Army deny that shooting was a mistake
The Army has said today that they never told the UDA that Paratroopers shot a man dead by mistake. An Army spokesman has said that an officer pointed out to the UDA at a meeting that when gunmen opened fire on troops there was always the danger of innocent people being caught in Cross-fire. He added: "The UDA may have construed that the officer was admitting that in this case an innocent man was caught in crossfire."

Saturday 9th September 1972
Catholic school remains closed
Two of the three Catholic schools in Belfast which have been closed last week are to open again on Monday. The third school, Blessed Oliver Plunkett,on the Glen Road will remain closed for another week but the situation will be reviewed again on Saturday.

Saturday 9th September 1972
Shot man buried
The funeral has taken place in Belfast of the 20-year-old man who died of gun shot wounds to the back after being found at Euston Street, off the Beersbridge Road. His body was taken to Roselawn Cemetery for the burial service.

Saturday 9th September 1972
UDA raids social club
Twelve armed men wearing masks have raided a social club in the Shankill Road area of Belfast and shot one of the members. The gunmen entered the Linfield Supporters Club in Jumna Street. Two of the men were armed with Thompson sub-machineguns, one with a double barrelled shotgun and the others with revolvers. They fired shots into the roof and through the windows of the building which was crowded with customers. One of the raiders hit one of the members over the head with a revolver when it went off and the bullet struck another man in the side. The raiders then made off with the nights takings which was around £500. The injured man was taken to hospital for an operation to remove the bullet. He is said to be ill but not seriously ill.

Saturday 9th September 1972
RUC man attacked in Belfast
Shots have been fired at an RUC man outside Tennent Street barracks from the direction of Ambleside Street. The RUC man was not injured in the attack. The gunman was not sighted and fire was not returned.

Saturday 9th September 1972
Weapons stolen in Belfast
Two pistols have been taken from RUC men who were attacked by a crowd near Tennent Street. Later, a member of the UDR was spotted by youths in Tennent Street,



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he was initially believed to be a plainclothes RUC man but on realising he was a member of the UDR, they took his gun.

Saturday 9th September 1972
Bar robbed by men in RUC uniforms
A number of men, posing as members of the RUC, at least one of whom was armed, have robbed the Moyola Bar on the Sandy Row. The men made off with £100.

Saturday 9th September 1972
Soldier has narrow escape
Shots were fired at an Army Land Rover at the M1 turn-off at Craigavon. One bullet lodged in a soldier's flak jacket but he was not injured.

Saturday 9th September 1972
Soldier fires on sniper
A soldier stationed in Corry's timber yard on the Springfield Road has opened fire on a sniper who was operating nearby. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 11th September 1972
Troops and prisoners clash
Soldiers have been called into Long Kesh to deal with the second prison riot in two days. Seven prisoners and a number of soldiers were injured when an attempt was made to prevent prisoners being taken to court in Belfast and Newry.

Monday 11th September 1972
Soldier hit by sniper
A lone gunman using an Armalite rifle shot and slightly wounded a soldier in the New Lodge Road area of Belfast. The soldier, who was part of a foot patrol of Royal Marines was shot in the knee, when a single shot was fired in Stratheden Street.

Monday 11th September 1972
Power cuts
Electricity workers have walked out of two Belfast generating plants at the presence of Paratroopers on security duty. Power Station West and Power Station East have now been shut down and consumers will experience power cuts from around tea-time.

Monday 11th September 1972
Mine claims third victim
A soldier has died in hospital several hours after two of his colleagues were killed and four others injured in a massive landmine blast at Sanaghore, Dungannon. The mine, the biggest bomb ever used by the IRA, is



Two die in Belfast bar shootings

TWO men were shot dead and two seriously wounded in Belfast public houses last night. One of the men was killed when two gunmen fired from the doorway into a bar on Springfield Road. Another died during a hold-up at a bar at Castlereagh.

Ten shots were fired into the Divis Castle bar on Springfield Road by two youths who made good their escape. A young man who died on the way to hospital was later named as Patrick Doyle, 20-year-old son of the owner of the public house, Mr. Frank Doyle. He was one of a family of five, of Stockman's Crescent, Belfast, and was the eldest of four boys.

A customer in the bar who was hit and "seriously wounded" was named as Mr. James O'Hare of Springfield Parade. He is in his forties.

The owner's son was serving behind the counter when the shots were fired. Mr. O'Hare was standing at the bar counter at the time.

An Army spokesman said the bullets were believed have fired from

at Sion Mills last night two gunmen escaped with £1,000. They locked staff and customers in the toilet after robbing a commercial traveller and then emptied the till of Marshall's lounge bar. The men who were unmasked escaped.

Early morning rail services between Belfast and Dublin may be disrupted to-day following an explosion on a bridge near the South Armagh border outside Newry, late last night.

The blast shattered the permanent way at Killeaggart, about two miles from Newry and close to the border post at Killeen.

It is understood that

estimated to have contained between 400 and 500lb of explosives. The soldiers who died have been named as Lance Corporal William Alexander McIntyre, Private Douglas Richmond and Private Duncan McPhee. All were members of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. The Saracen in which the men were travelling was on a routine patrol about three miles from Dungannon when the bomb went off. The mine was detonated from a point 70 yards away and the ten-ton vehicle was blown 20 feet away. The bomb left a crater 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep.

Monday 11th September 1972
Bomb defused in Shop
An Army bomb disposal expert has defused a blast bomb which had earlier been thrown into the upstairs room of a green grocer's shop on Belfast's Antrim Road. The bomb had not been ignited.

Monday 11th September 1972
Four hurt in factory blast
Four people have been injured in an explosion at Bishopton, Renfrewshire, which severely damaged a nitro-glycerine store at a Royal Ordnance factory. The four were treated in hospital but they were not seriously injured.

Monday 11th September 1972
Soldier shot in Belfast
A young soldier has been shot and seriously wounded by a sniper on Belfast's Falls Road. The soldier, a member of the Royal Green Jackets, was hit in the chest at the junction of Islandbawn Street and Falls Road. He is said to be in a very serious condition. A second soldier was shot in the arm in the same incident.

Monday 11th September 1972
Catholic shot outside bar
A Catholic man has been shot outside a public house in the Woodstock area of Belfast. One report has said that the man was taken from the bar at Omeath Street-Carlingford Street by four youths who shot him. The man, whose name has not been released, was later discharged from hospital.

Monday 11th September 1972
Man wounded in accident
Early on Sunday morning a man was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital with gunshot wounds to the leg. He is reported to have told the security forces that he received it as the result of an accident.

Monday 11th September 1972
Army post attacked
Two bursts of gunfire have been aimed at a military post at Brown's Square in Belfast. The shots came from the direction of Unity Flats and none of the soldiers at the post were injured.

Monday 11th September 1972
Soldiers find ammunition
Soldiers from the Parachute Regiment have discovered 384 rounds of ammunition under a hedge on the Whiterock Road, Belfast. The ammunition was concealed in detergent bottles.

Monday 11th September 1972
Snipers attacks soldiers
Soldiers in Ardoyne have opened fire on a gunman seen near Brookfield Street. Fire was also return at a gunman who tried to ambush an Army patrol in Springhill Avenue in Ballymurphy. No hits were claimed.

Monday 11th September 1972
Military vehicles bombed
An attempt has been made to blow up two military patrol vehicles at Drumintee, Forkhill. Neither vehicle was damaged and no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 11th September 1972
Electricity pylon attacked
An explosion has damaged an electricity pylon at Dernagh, Coalisland. A number of wires were brought down by the blast but power supplies were not cut off

Monday 11th September 1972
Guman attacks Army at Dungiven
A gunman has fired two shots at an army foot patrol in Dungiven. None of the soldiers were hit and fire was not returned.

Monday 11th September 1972
GPO van hi-jacked
Four men, two of them armed with rifles hi-jacked a GPO van at Gortahork, County Donegal and drove it across the border. The mail was left by the roadside and was later recovered. The driver was not harmed.

Monday 11th September 1972
Incendiary device explodes prematurely
A youth had a narrow escape when an incendiary bomb exploded as he tried on a coat in a drapery store at Draperstown. Some materials in the shop were damaged but the man was uninjured and managed to escape.

Monday 11th September 1972
School petrol bombed
Petrol bombs have been thrown into a Catholic school at Desertmartin. Three windows had been broken and petrol bombs were thrown inside.

Monday 11th September 1972
Pipe bomb detonated by Army
A pipe bomb has been left at a petrol station at Macknagh, Upperlands. It was later detonated by the army after it failed to go off after its fuse had burned out.

Monday 11th September 1972
Malicious fires in Portadown
Two lorries and a shed have been maliciously destroyed by fires in Portadown. The lorries were at Walkers Nursery at Drumcree and the shed was at Obins Street

Monday 11th September 1972
Soldiers doctored plastic bullets
The Army has denied claims by People's Democracy that some of the rubber bullets fired by the Army had been tampered with. A spokesman for the group said that a number of the bullets had been tampered with and that a number of pennies had been found at the scene which strongly smelled of gun powder.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
More power Cuts
Around 50 workers in charge of maintenance at Ballylumford power station walked out at lunch time today. The men are responsible for filling the coal bunkers for the solid fuel generating machinery of the station. The immediate result of the stoppage was that one of the generators was closed down to conserve supplies. Further power cuts are expected from this latest action.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Launderette bombed
A launderette in Strabane has been bombed. The premises, which are in an alleyway between Market Street and Butcher Street was badly damaged and many windows in the area were broken.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Mine discovered
Around 200lbs of explosives have been found packed into milk churns just outside Newry on the Omeath Road. The bomb, similar to the one which killed three soldiers on Monday was later defused. Around 60 yards of fuse lead from the mine. An army expert blew the lids of the churns. The chemical explosives were then dumped into the nearby canal where they dissolved away.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Bombs defused
An Army bomb expert has discovered and defused two bombs which had been planted at the bottom of an anti-sniper screen at Mayo Street off the Springfield Road. The bombs, which contained a total of 24lb of explosives had been lit but had gone out.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Man wounded in Belfast
A 21-year-old man who staggered to Broadway Army post in Belfast bleeding from gunshot wounds is said to have told soldiers that he was shot in the arm in Glenmacken Street. He said that as he and two friends walked along the street they were stopped by some youths who then fired on the group.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Youth shot from passing car
An 18-year-old Protestant youth has been taken to hospital suffering from a gunshot wound to the leg after being shot at Park Avenue in East Belfast. It is understood that the teenager, who is not badly injured, was shot from a passing car.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Catholic man has narrow escape
A young Catholic man, who was stopped in the Shankill area of Belfast and had his car taken from him had a narrow escape. The man was driven to a number of different locations, beaten up and a number of shots were fired at him before he managed to escape. It is believed that six men had kidnapped the man.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
RUC has gun taken during attack
An RUC man driving home after coming off duty was stopped at Templemeore Avenue by a number of men who smashed the windscreen of his car, knocked him on the head and took his revolver.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Rubber bullets fired at Belfast youths
The Army has fired rubber bullets at youths who stoned Army vehicles near Balaclava Street in the Falls area of Belfast.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Mackies shooting
A single shot has been heard at the rear of Mackies foundry on the Springfield Road. The security forces were not involved.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Children discover booby-trap
Children playing on the Buncrana Road in Derry have discovered a massive booby-trapped bomb in a field not far from St Patrick's chapel at Pennyburn. An Army expert later dealt with the device.

Tuesday 12th September 1972
Garage bombed
A bomb which contained between 15-20lb of explosives has wrecked a garage on Derry's Strand Road. An anonymous warning had been given and no one was injured in the attack



Wednesday 13th September 1972
Machinegun found in search
A loaded Thompson sub-machinegun has been discovered during the search of a house in Heron Way in the waterside area of Derry

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Blast bomb thrown at Army vehicle
A blast bomb has been thrown at a Saracen armoured car at the corner of Beechmount Avenue in Belfast. No one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Tartan gangs go on Rampage
Gangs of Tartan youths have gone on the rampage in Carrickfergus and attacked the RUC after 16 men appeared in court on arms charges. The youths tried to set fire to their own hall, while others ran through the town attacking public houses. The RUC baton charged the youths and were stoned by the youths before the rioting was brought under control

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Bus hi-jacked in Derry
Bus services to the Creggan estate in Derry have been suspended after three men hi-jacked a bus and later set it on fire at Beechwood Crescent.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Drapery shop bombed
A drapery shop in Carlisle Road, Derry has been badly damaged in a bomb attack. An Army checkpoint is situated beside the shop but no one was injured in the attack but three RUC men were treated for shock

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Newspaper office attacked
The offices of the Belfast Telegraph at East Wall, Derry, have been badly damaged by a fire. The RUC are treating it as a malicious attack.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Soldiers attacked in Derry
Soldiers have come under fire on three separate occasions in Derry. There were no casualties and on occasion they returned fire but no hits were claimed.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Soldier wounded in thigh
A soldier who has been wounded at Bligh's Lane Army post late in the afternoon has been taken to hospital where his condition is described as serious. He was wounded in the thigh but fire was not returned.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Man shot as he answers door
A 36-year-old Catholic man has been wounded in the arm when two shots were fired at him as he answered the door at a house in the Ravenhill Road area of Belfast. He received a flesh wound.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Army patrol comes under fire in Belfast
Three shots have been fired at an army patrol in Amelia Street, near Belfast city centre. There were no casualties in the attack.

ABOVE - Prison protest at Armagh Prison
RIGHT - Troops get ready to move in to the prison

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Bomb thrown from car
A bomb has been thrown from a car at a bar in Willow Street. The device caused only minor damage.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Bus hi-jacked outside Derry
Four masked men have hi-jacked an Ulster Bus at Eglington, outside Derry. The ordered the driver to drive the bus to a nearby quarry when the passengers were let go. The bus was set alight and the driver assaulted.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
RUC base comes under fire
IRA gunmen have fired several bursts of fire at Castlederg RUC barracks from a southern registered Ford Cortina. The car had its rear window removed to facilitate firing but there were no casualties in the attack.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Soldiers claim to have shot gunman
Soldiers have claimed three hits on gunman who fired at a sandbagged post on the Lifford Road, outside Strabane.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Mail van robbed
Three armed men have set fire to a GPO mail van at Tullydonnell near Forkhill. The men took one registered letter before making off.

Wednesday 13th September 1972
Soldier's father commits suicide
The father of a soldier who was shot dead by the IRA has been found hanged after hearing of the death of his only son. The dead man, James Jones, took his own life several weeks after his son, James John Jones, became the 100th soldier to die in the North.

Thursday 14th September 1972
Armed raider shot dead in Belfast
The armed raider who was shot dead in Belfast by a wounded off-duty RUC man has been named as 18-year-old Robert James Warnock, of Cuba Street off Newtownards Road. Warnock, a Protestant had been awaiting trial on firearms and robbery charges which arose out of an armed robbery on a supermarket. As Warnock left the Hillfoot bar in Knockbreda after he



and a companion robbed it he encountered an off-duty RUC man. Warnock fired on the RUC man who although hit returned fire killing him

Thursday 14th September 1972
Man killed in public house
A man has died in a public house in Belfast after two men walked on the premises and opened fire on Customers. The shooting took lace at the Divis Castle bar on the Springfield Road. The name of the dead man has not yet been released.

Thursday 14th September 1972
Army post comes under fire
Five high velocity shots have been fired at the Army annex at the rear of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. No one was injured in the shooting which is thought to have originated from the direction of the Donegal Road- Broadway junction.

Thursday 14th September 1972
Railway track bombed
Two 20lb bombs have damaged the Dublin-Belfast railway track on the northern side of the border at Forkhill. Overnight traffic has been suspended.

Thursday 14th September 1972
Gunmen open fire on youths
Gunmen operating from a car have fired a volley of shots at a group of youths who were walking along the Cliftonville Road. One of the youths was shot in the arm. He was taken to hospital where his condition was described as not being serious.

Thursday 14th September 1972
Mine explodes on border
A landmine, which is estimated to have contained around 150lb of explosives has been detonated near the border at Rosslea, County Fermanagh. The bomb exploded seconds before an Army patrol passed by but no one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 14th September 1972
Soldiers fire at gunman
In Derry, a gunman was spotted by soldiers in the Hilhead area, not far from Shantallow. Troops opened fire on the man but no hits were claimed.

Friday 15th September 1972
Workers return to Power station
Power workers have returned to work at a Belfast power station today. The unofficial strike, which brought power


Charred body in car after massive hotel blast

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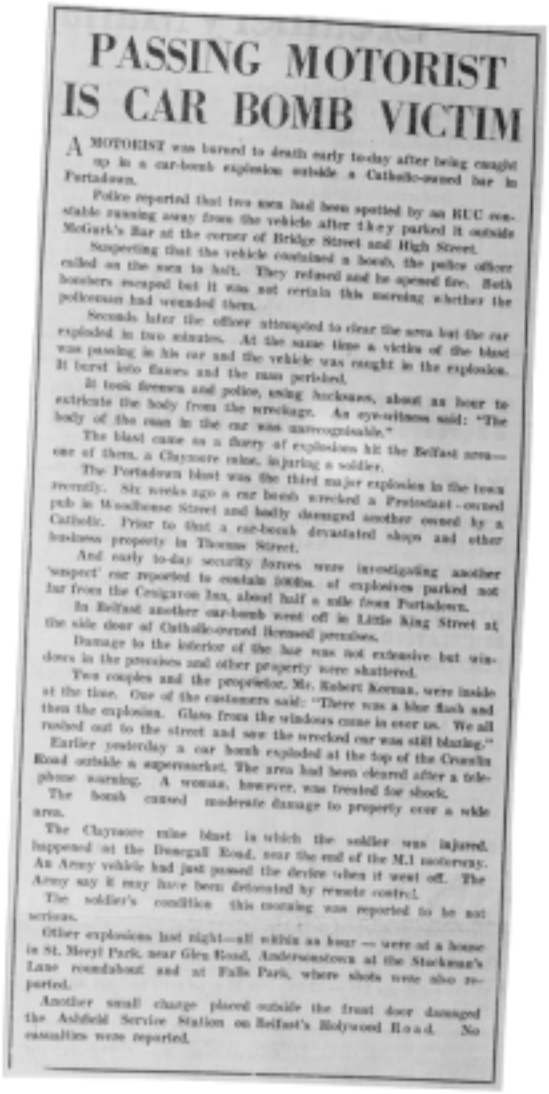
cuts to many parts of the North has failed to have soldiers from the Parachute Regiment removed from security duty at the city's power stations.

Friday 15th September 1972
Man dies in car bomb attack
One man has died and 50 others have been injured when a bomb exploded without warning at a Belfast hotel. The 200lb bomb which was in a car parked on the Cliftonville Road destroyed the Imperial Hotel and badly damaged a nursing home. The man who died, who has yet to be identified, was driving past in his car when he caught the full force of the blast.

Friday 15th September 1972
RUC man ambushed
An RUC man on his way to the city's police headquarters had a narrow escape when a masked gunman, who was armed with a Thompson sub-machinegun stepped out in front of his car and opened fire. The shooting occurred on the edge of the Drumarg housing estate, near the ring road.

Friday 15th September 1972
Paint shop bombed
Clokey's paint and glass store at the junction of King Street and Castle Street has been the target for bombers. No one was injured in the attack however the fire which broke out caused extensive damage. Six fire appliances were used to bring the blaze under control.

Friday 15th September 1972
Bomb at Belfast Shop
A bomb which was concealed in a duffle bag has caused extensive damage to a furniture store in Upper North



PASSING MOTORIST IS CAR BOMB VICTIM

A MOTORIST was burned to death early to-day after being caught up in a car-bomb explosion outside a Catholic-owned bar in Portadown.

Police reported that two men had been spotted by an RUC constable running away from the vehicle after they parked it outside McGurk's Bar at the corner of Bridge Street and High Street.

Suspecting that the vehicle contained a bomb, the police officer called on the men to halt. They refused and he opened fire. Both bombers escaped but it was not certain this morning whether the policeman had wounded them.

Seconds later the officer attempted to clear the area but the car exploded in two minutes. At the same time a victim of the blast was passing in his car and the vehicle was caught in the explosion. It burst into flames and the man perished.

It took firemen and police, using hacksaws, about an hour to extricate the body from the wreckage. An eye-witness said: "The body of the man in the car was unrecognisable."

The blast came as a flurry of explosions hit the Belfast area—one of them, a Claymore mine, injuring a soldier.

The Portadown blast was the third major explosion in the town recently. Six weeks ago a car bomb wrecked a Protestant-owned pub in Woodhouse Street and badly damaged another owned by a Catholic. Prior to that a car-bomb devastated shops and other business property in Thomas Street.

And early to-day security forces were investigating another 'suspect' car reported to contain 200lbs. of explosives parked not far from the Craigavon Inn, about half a mile from Portadown.

In Belfast another car-bomb went off in Little King Street at the side door of Catholic-owned licensed premises.

Damage to the interior of the bar was not extensive but windows in the premises and other property were shattered.

Two couples and the proprietor, Mr. Robert Keenan, were inside at the time. One of the customers said: "There was a blue flash and then the explosion. Glass from the windows came in over us. We all rushed out to the street and saw the wrecked car was still blazing."

Earlier yesterday a car bomb exploded at the top of the Crumlin Road outside a supermarket. The area had been cleared after a telephone warning. A woman, however, was treated for shock.

The bomb caused moderate damage to property over a wide area.

The Claymore mine blast in which the soldier was injured, happened at the Donegall Road, near the end of the M.1 motorway. An Army vehicle had just passed the device when it went off. The Army say it may have been detonated by remote control.

The soldier's condition this morning was reported to be not serious.

Other explosions last night—all within an hour — were at a house in St. Meryl Park, near Glen Road, Andersonstown at the Stockman's Lane roundabout and at Falls Park, where shots were also reported.

Another small charge placed outside the front door damaged the Ashfield Service Station on Belfast's Holywood Road. No casualties were reported.

Street. A warning was given and no one was injured by the bomb which exploded in the shop doorway.

Friday 15th September 1972
Paint shop is extensively damaged
A bomb has exploded in a paint store in Alexandra Park Avenue in Belfast. The store, which is situated beside a troop location was extensively damaged. One person was seriously injured and several others were treated for shock. Earlier in the day two bombs exploded at Shandon park golf club causing widespread destruction as well as a car showroom in the Shaftsbury Square area.

Friday 15th September 1972
UDR man wounded
A UDR sentry has been shot and wounded in an attack in Glengormley. The man was shot when gunmen fired six shots from a car at the local RUC barracks. The car sped off down the Antrim Road and was abandoned near Bellevue. The UDR man received injuries to the leg and shoulder.

Friday 15th September 1972
Soldier shot by sniper
A 23-yer-old soldier is seriously ill in hospital after being shot by a sniper in Derry. The soldier, who was serving with the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, was on duty at the gasworks when he was hit in the upper shoulder and neck by the sniper.

Friday 15th September 1972
Flak jacket saves soldier's life
A second soldier in Derry had a narrow escape when he was struck by a sniper's bullet in the Brighton area of Derry. The bullet was deflected by the soldiers flak jacket. The soldier, a member of the Coldstream Guards was not seriously injured.

Friday 15th September 1972
Soldiers shot in Belfast
Three soldiers have been shot and wounded in Belfast The shooting occurred in the Falls Road area but their condition is not known

Friday 15th September 1972
Children find bomb
Children playing in Cawnpore Street, Belfast have discovered an unexploded blast bomb and carried it to a local Army post. The bomb was dealt with by Army experts.

Saturday 16th September 1972
Radio and medical supplies discovered
A radio and medical supplies have been found during a search of houses in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. Apart



WOMAN AGED NINETY IS SECOND BLAST VICTIM

THE two people who died after the car-bomb explosion which wrecked the Imperial Hotel, Chlioaville Road, Belfast, on Thursday night, have been named by police.

City centre attack



THIS & FACING PAGE - Rioting in the New Lodge area of North Belfast.



from the radio, spare parts for it, bandages and penicillin and other drugs, a small quantity of ammunition was also discovered during the search.

Saturday 16th September 1972
Culvert bomb on border road
Army bomb disposal experts have defused a bomb which was discovered at Shean, near Forkhill. The bomb, a claymore type mine containing around 150lb of explosives had been packed into a culvert. The road on which the bomb was placed leads from the local RUC barracks to the border.

Saturday 16th September 1972
Loyalist show of strength
Around 7,000 masked and uniformed loyalists have taken part in a show of strength at the Grove Park on Belfast's Shore Road. At the rally UDA members many of them with plastic buckets and boxes collected money and UDA leader Tommy Herron told the crowd that the organisation was a loyalist army but the rebels had not yet felt its full might. The newly elected president of LAW, the Rev Roy Magee, told the crowd: "The events which happened in Munich at the Olympics are like a picnic compared to what has been happening daily in Ulster over the last three years."

Saturday 16th September 1972
Soldier wounded in Belfast
A soldier has been shot and wounded when a gunman opened fire on an Army vehicle on the Falls Road in Belfast. The soldier, thought to be the vehicles driver, was shot in the stomach. The shots were fired by the gunman from the junction of the Falls Road and Donegall Road

Saturday 16th September 1972
Escapee appears in court
A man who escaped from the Prison Ship Maidstone has appeared in court charged with possession of a .38 revolver with ammunition, attempting to kill a soldier and with escaping from the Maidstone. He is 24-year-old Jim Bryson of Ballymurphy Road, Belfast.

Saturday 16th September 1972
Second person dies after hotel bomb
A second person has died after the explosion at Belfast's Imperial Hotel. She is 91-year-old Miss Martha Smylie, who is one of six residents of the Salvation Army Old People's Home opposite the hotel. Miss Smylie had been ill for some time before the blast. The man who was killed as he was driving past the hotel has now been identified. He is 28- year-old Mr Andrew McKibben. Of the 50 injured by the explosion 14 are still in hospital.

Saturday 16th September 1972
Soldier dies
A soldier shot in the Bogside area of Derry three weeks ago has died in a Belfast Hospital. He has been named by Army headquarters as being L/Cpl John Davis, aged 22, of the 3rd Royal Regiments of Fusiliers.

Saturday 16th September 1972
Shots fired at house
Two shots have been fired into a house in Fyfe Street, off the Shore Road. No motive for the attack is known.

Saturday 16th September 1972
Arms finds
A rifle has been uncovered by soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, Parachute Regiment, during a search at Moyard Parade in New Barnsley. In Ardoyne 200lb of explosives have been discovered in a derelict house in Farringdon Gardens. A third arms find, in a cave at Ballydonegan, between Clady and Draperstown, contained two rifles, armour piercing ammunition, nitro benzene, fuse wire and electrical cable and timing devices.

Saturday 16th September 1972
Explosives found
A barrel containing 150lb of explosives has been discovered by soldiers at Shean, near Forkhill

Saturday 16th September 1972
Portadown incendiary attacks
Three incendiary devices have been discovered in two newsagents shops in Portadown. A fourth device exploded later in a religious book shop. Firemen dealt with the blaze and damage to the premises was slight

Saturday 16th September 1972
Shots fired at Army camp
Four shots have been fired from a passing car at Ballykinlar Army camp just before midnight. The car made off in the direction of Downpatrick and no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 18th September 1972
Explosives find
Five pounds of explosives have been discovered by soldiers close to the Whiterock Community centre. The find was made by soldiers from the Parachute Regiment





LEFT - The blanket covered body of a man lies partly out of the front seat of his car. He was killed in a bomb attack at the Imperial Hotel on the Cliftonville Road as he drove past. BOTTOM - Bpmb attack on the Shandon Park Golf Club.

Monday 18th September 1972
Third person dies after hotel bomb
A third person has died as a result of Thursdays explosion at the Imperial Hotel in Belfast's Clftonville Road. The woman who died was 53-year-old Mrs Anne Murray, of Cliftonpark Avenue, who died in hospital from her injuries on Saturday.

Monday 18th September 1972
Derry youth shot dead
A 19-year old youth has been shot dead in Derry. The teenager, Michael Joseph Quigley, of Arranmore Avenue, Creggan estate died following an exchange of shots following a demonstration organised by the Derry Defence Association in the estate. The youths body was found in an ambulance which was stopped at a checkpoint on Craigavon Bridge and escorted to Craigavon Hospital where he was found to be dead on admission.

Monday 18th September 1972
Soldier wounded in Creggan area
A 26-year-old Scots Guardsman has been shot and seriously wounded at Brandywell Road in the Creggan area of Derry.

Monday 18th September 1972
Punishment shooting
A 33-year-old Catholic woman from Clonard Gardens and a 14-year-old girl from Leeson Street have been admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital suffering from gunshot wounds to the leg after an incident on the Falls Road. Their injuries are not serious and they are thought that the shooting may have been an IRA punishment.

Monday 18th September 1972
Soldier wounded in gun attack
A soldier has been very seriously injured when a gunman fired a single shot at an Army foot patrol in Springhill Avenue. The bullet struck him in the head and he was rushed to hospital.

Monday 18th September 1972
Soldier injured in gun attack
A soldier has received two flesh wounds in a shooting incident close to St Genevieve's school. The patrol was on its way back to its base when the gunman fired six shots from an Armalite rifle.

Monday 18th September 1972
Army barracks comes under attack
Three high velocity shots have been fired at a sentry at Carnmoney Army barracks from a white Mini car. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Monday 18th September 1972
Sewage plant bombed
Dungannaon sewage works has been damaged by two overnight explosions.

Monday 18th September 1972
Fire at bakery farm
Five thousand bales of hay have been destroyed in a fire at the Ormeau Bakery farm at Kinnego.

Monday 18th September 1972
Lisburn fires
Fire has gutted the GAA pavilion at Causeway Road End. The cause of the fire has yet to be established. Fire has also damaged the Island Spinning Company's premises at Canal Street, Lisburn.

Monday 18th September 1972
Drumquin bomb attack
A bomb in an oil drum has been left outside a public house at Drumquin. The device contained around 50lb of explosives. The detonator went off at around midnight and the full charge was later dealt with by an Army expert.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Man died in border explosion
A car bomb which has exploded near Crossmaglen, killing its owner, is thought to have been intended meant as a booby-trap for the Army. The car had been stolen last week in the Dundalk area. An Army helicopter located the vehicle. The car owner, Mr Edmund Woolsey, of Warrenpoint and two companions went to collect the car. Mr Woolsey died instantly when the car exploded but his friends survived. The survivors have insisted that they were assured by the RUC that the vehicle had been cleared and that they could collect it. An RUC spokesman has denied this but admitted that the vehicle registration number had been given to one of the men

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Bomb explodes at factory
A 50lb bomb has exploded at around lunchtime at Whitehouse Bleaching Company. The device, which was contained in a box exploded a short time after an anonymous phone call warned that it would explode within 12 minutes. No one was injured in the attack.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Derry supermarket bombed
Three armed and masked men have planted a bomb at Riteprice Supermarket at Strand Road, Derry. Adjoining premises were evacuated and the device exploded a short while later. A small fire started but it was quickly brought under control.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Wounded soldier dies in hospital
Scots Guardsman John Van Beck, who was hit by sniper fire has died in Altnagelvin Hospital. The 26-year-old soldier had been hit by a single shot while on foot patrol in the Lecky Road-Hamilton Street area of Derry.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Transformer bombed
A 5lb bomb has exploded at an electricity transformer at the Springtown industrial estate. Power supplies to the area were affected for a short time.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Bomb attack on Falls Road bar
An unsuccessful attempt has been made to blow up the Beehive Bar on Belfast's Falls Road. A GPO van, which had been hi-jacked at Bryson Street in the Newtownards Road area, was driven into an entry beside the premises and its occupants ran off. The area was evacuated. There was a small explosion but there was little damage and no one was injured in the attack.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Soldiers claim to have shot sniper
Soldiers are claiming to have shot a gunman who opened fire on them in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. There has been no confirmation of the hit.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Orange Hall bombed
The Orange Hall at Straid, Ballymena has been completely demolished by an explosion . There were no casualties.



RIGHT - Bomb attack on Gowan's Car Showroom in May Street

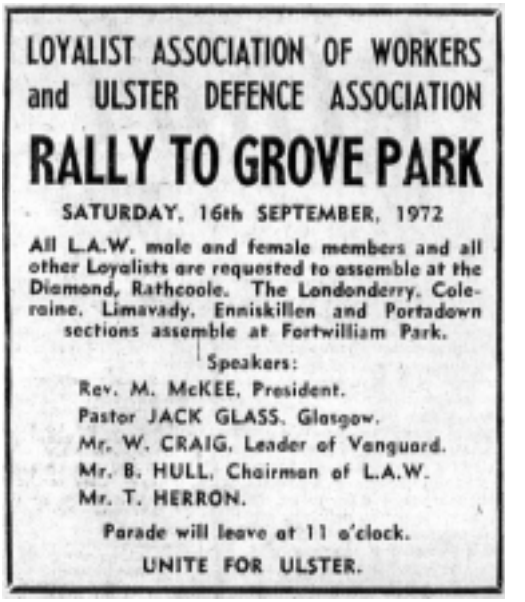
Tuesday 19th September 1972
Soldier shot in Lurgan
A soldier has received a slight flesh wound when a high velocity shot was fired at his patrol in the Kilwilkie estate in Lurgan. The shot was fired from the direction of St Teresa's convent. A man was later arrested by troops.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
Official IRA issue threat to Army
The North Tyrone Command of the Official IRA have warned that they may take defensive military action against the Royal Artillery Regiment which is stationed in Strabane. They have said that the regiment has launched a campaign of provocation and intimidation against the local community.

Tuesday 19th September 1972
IRA denies magazine report
A spokesman for the Provisional IRA has denied a report in the German magazine Der Speigel, that the IRA will be launching a bombing campaign in Britain on 18th October – the eve of the EEC summit meeting in Paris.

Wednesday 20th September 1972
Church man goes on hunger strike
A Church of Ireland minister whose son was killed in an explosion on Bloody Friday is to go on hunger strike from Wednesday to protest "against the political bankruptcy of the Irish nation and the politicians who are refusing to take part in the Whitelaw conference." The Rev Joseph Parker (43) will break his fast at the City Hall only with a daily bottle of tap water. Mr Parker's 14-year-old son Stephen, was one of three people who were killed in a bomb explosion on the Cavehill Road.

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RALLY TO GROVE PARK

SATURDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER, 1972

All L.A.W. male and female members and all other Loyalists are requested to assemble at the Diamond, Rathcoole. The Londonderry, Coleraine, Limavady, Enniskillen and Portadown sections assemble at Fortwilliam Park.

Speakers:
Rev. M. McKEE, President.
Pastor JACK GLASS, Glasgow.
Mr. W. CRAIG, Leader of Vanguard.
Mr. B. HULL, Chairman of L.A.W.
Mr. T. HERRON.

Parade will leave at 11 o'clock.

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Wednesday 20th September 1972
Bazooka discovered in Andersonstown
A 3.5 inch Bazooka has been discovered along with radio equipment in a house in Andersonstown. The weapon was found in Fruithill Park and it is believed that an anonymous tip off to the new robot phone which allows the public to give information in strict confidence, resulted in the find.

Wednesday 20th September 1972
Paratroopers open fire on man
Paratroopers have fired 15 shots and flares at a man they believed to be a gunman. The man ran off when challenged in Ardmonagh Gardens. He ran through the City Cemetery and into the Falls Park after which he escaped. A short time later another unit of the Parachute Regiment spotted another gunman near St Aidan's school. They fired at the man who was seen to fall. No one was arrested.

RIGHT - Bomb attack on Gowan's Car Showroom in May Street



LONG KESH INTERNEES

We, the undersigned, wish to reaffirm our unswerving support for the leaders of the struggle against British actions and intervention in Ireland. Our confidence can never be shaken by lying British Propaganda or those who assist it.

We would also state that we deplore the "horse-trading" of internees with the Whitelaw regime. No one but the Irish people as a whole has a mandate to seek our liberty.

CAGE TWO

CAGE THREE

CAGE FOUR

CAGE FIVE

Wednesday 20th September 1972
Shots fired in Ardoyne
Six high velocity shots have been fired at an Army observation post at Flax Street in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. The shots came from the direction of Jamaica Street-Brompton Park. No one was injured and fire was not returned.

Wednesday 20th September 1972
Belfast shooting
The Army has reported that shots were fired from the "village" area of Belfast into Rodney Parade but the security forces were not involved.

Wednesday 20th September 1972
Derry searches
In selective searches in Derry soldiers have uncovered a pistol, bayonet, shoulder holster and a quantity of IRA literature in the Ardmore area. At Aberfoyle Crescent they discovered empty CS gas cartridges, spent baton rounds, photographs, films and "subversive literature."

Wednesday 20th September 1972
Shots fired in Derry
Two shots have been fired at the Army in the Rosemount area of Derry shortly after midnight. But there were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Wednesday 20th September 1972
Arson attack at supermarket
Fire has damaged Liptons supermarket at Marcus Square, Newry. A side door to the building had been forced open and petrol thrown on to the stairway and set alight.

Wednesday 20th September 1972
Army's new weapon
A new weapon has been revealed by the Army at Belfast Docks. The weapon, named Flicker, is a massive X-ray machine which fits on to the back of a four ton lorry. When a motorist is stopped and searched his vehicle will be winched on to the back of the lorry and as it passes into the back of the lorry it will come under four x-ray tubes. Fifty yards away from the main vehicle will be parked a specially equipped armoured control Land Rover in which trained troops will monitor the x-rays findings.

Thursday 21st September 1972
Weapons find in Andersonstown
Ten guns and 2,500 rounds of ammunition, including dum-dum bullets have been found in a garden shed during a search in Andersonstown. The weapons found include an Armalite rifle, a Thompson sub-machinegun, a .303 rifle with telescopic sight, a bold action .22 rifle and an automatic .22 rifle, both equipped with telescopic sights, one shotgun, two .45 pistols and two low calibre weapons. The find was made by soldiers from the 1st battalion Royal Green Jackets.

Thursday 21st September 1972
Man shot dead in Ardoyne
The man shot dead in the Ardoyne of Belfast has been named as 18-year-old John McComiskey of Brookfield Street, Crumlin Road. The RUC have said that the dead man's body was recovered by troops in Flax Street and they said that a search revealed that he had ammunition in his pockets.

Thursday 21st September 1972
UVF funeral
Uniformed members of the UVF have marched through Larne at the funeral of Sinclair Johnston who is said to have been a Sergeant in the organisation. Mr Johnston was shot dead during disturbances in Larne last week.

The funeral possession was led by a piper and the coffin flanked by six men who were said to be members of the East Antrim Loyalist Front.

Thursday 21st September 1972
Soldier dies eight weeks after being shot
A soldier, 18-year-old Private Thomas Stoker, a member of the Light Infantry, has died in hospital almost eight weeks after he was shot.

Thursday 21st September 1972
Paratrooper dies in Hospital
Private Frank Bell, a member of the Parachute Regiment has died in hospital from gunshot wounds that he received in Belfast on Sunday. He was 18-years of age.

Thursday 21st September 1972
Nail and fire bomb attack on Family
Residents of a house in Braehill Close, Bangor have put out a fire in the living room after a nail bomb with an incendiary device was thrown through a window. It exploded and set fire to a settee, but no one was hurt.



Thursday 21st September 1972
Soldiers attacked in Newry
Two bursts of automatic fire have been directed at a mobile patrol of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders at the Derrybeg housing estate, Newry.

Thursday 21st September 1972
Electricity pylon bombed
An electricity pylon at Ballylagally has been damaged in an explosion. A device was attached to one of its legs.

Thursday 21st September 1972
Derry attacks
Three shots have been fired at troops in the Rosemount area of Derry and one shot has been directed at an Army post at Drumahoe. In the Bogside and Creggan, rubber bullets and a water canon have been used to disperse a group of young people who were stoning Army patrols.

Thursday 21st September 1972
Soldier wounded in Belfast
A soldier has been shot in the arm at the junction of the Whiterock Road and Falls Road. The soldier, a member of the Royal Green Jackets, was only slightly injured in the attack and fire was not returned.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Escapee recaptured
Soldiers have captured a man who is said to be high on the wanted list when they carried out a routine check at a public house in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. The man is believed to be one of seven detainees who swam to freedom from the Maidstone prison ship.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Couple killed in Fermanagh
A UDR man and his wife have been shot dead close to the Cavan Fermanagh border. The UDR man, Thomas Bullock and his wife Emily were killed at their farm at Killynick, County Fermanagh. The couple lived alone and did not have any children and what happened in the minutes before their deaths may never be known but it is thought that Mrs Bullock may have been shot as she tried to stop the gunmen enter the couple's farmhouse. Private Bullock is believed to have been shot at close range.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Company director kidnapped
A Belfast company director has been kidnapped and then released. The 26-year-old man then drove his car to Dick & Co's motor showroom in Donegal Street where

he is a director. The man said he later noticed a strange smell in the car but was unaware that his can contained a 200lb bomb.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Shots fired at observation post
Fifteen shots have been fired at the Army observation post at Broadway near the Royal Victoria Hospital. An Army spokesman said that there were no casualties and that fire was returned at the gunman who was operating from the Celtic Park direction.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Arms find in Docks area of Belfast
Soldiers have uncovered 50ft of safety fuse, 160lbs of explosive mix, two nail bombs, and an old map of the Royal Victoria Hospital during a search of premises at Pilot Street in the Docks area of Belfast.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Shots fired in Belfast
Nine shots have been fired at an Army patrol in St James Road but there were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Sniper opens fire on Army post
Two shots have been fired at an Army post in Mulhouse Street. Fire was returned at the gunman who was thought to be operating from the area of Kelvin Place

Friday 22nd September 1972
Derry gun attacks
Soldiers have come under fire in Derry on three occasions during the night. A high velocity shot was fired at soldiers on patrol at Linsfort Drive and Iniscarn Road in the Creggan estate. Two shots were fired at the gunman. A single shot was fired at troops in Swilly Gardens. Fire was returned but no one was hit. Later, two were fired at a patrol at Nassau Street, Rosemount. Four shots were fired by soldiers.

Friday 22nd September 1972
TAVR centre comes under fire
Four shots have been fired at the TAVR centre in Portadown. Fire was returned by a sentry but no hits were claimed.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Trains disrupted
Trains have been halted for a period of time near Newry. Initially it was thought that the explosion heard in the area of Kilmasaggart, had occurred on the Belfast-Dublin railway but after inspection normal service was resumed.

Friday 22nd September 1972
Loud explosion at Limavady
A loud explosion which was heard overnight at Limavady has been traced to an electricity cable which short circuited, causing a momentary blackout and a large blue flash which was seen over a wide area.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Man's body found in stream
A man aged in his 50's has been found dead in a small stream in the Glencairn Road area of Belfast. The man, who has not been identified, was stabbed to death.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Hunger strike ends
Nine Republican hunger strikers are said to have called off their protest amidst reports that at least one of them was in danger of death. There has been a complete news black out and it is not known if the men had abandoned the strike or if their demands had been conceded.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Soldier shot dead in South Armagh
A soldier, 2nd Lieutenant Stewart Gardiner, aged 23, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, has been shot dead in South Armagh. The dead man had been part of a patrol which had been liaising with the Garda who were investigating wires that were leading across the border. A second soldier was also shot in the same incident. Two hours later two RUC men who had been conducting inquiries in the area were ambushed at Moybane Cross Roads. Both men were critically wounded but were able to drive away from the scene.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Man wounded in Belfast
Shortly after midnight a shot rang out in the Ligoniel area of Belfast. The shot, fired from a passing car struck a 29-year-old man in the leg as he stood at the junction of Ligoniel Road and Wolfhill Avenue.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Shots fired in New Lodge
Two shots have been fired at a mobile patrol in Duncairn Gardens from the direction of the New Lodge. Fire was returned and a possible hit was claimed.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Army patrol comes under fire in Derry
Shots have been fired at an Army patrol in Howard Street from the direction of Durrow Park. Soldiers made an immediate search of the area and detained two men, one of whom is alleged to have had an Armalite rifle.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Soldier wounded
A 24-year-old Scots Guardsman has been seriously injured when he was hit by two low velocity shots which were fired at the patrol in the Brandywell area of Derry.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Attacks in Derry
At Strathfoyle, Derry a petrol bomb has been thrown at a Land Rover which had been parked outside an RUC mans home. The bomb missed the vehicle and landed on the road and burned out without causing any damage. Eight shots were also fired at a mobile patrol at the junction of Donegal Street and Creggan Road but there were no casualties.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Shots fired at RUC
Six shots have been fired at an RUC vehicle at the Diamond, Pomeroy and at Strabane a bomb has completely destroyed a customs building in Railway Street.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Arson attacks
Fires, which are believed to have been started maliciously has destroyed seven thousand bales of hay at a farm at Derryanville, and have badly damaged a vacant house in West Street, Portadown.

Saturday 23rd September 1972
Ammunition find
Soldiers have discovered over 300 rounds of ammunition in a hedge at Desert Lane, Armagh, wrapped in an old jacket.

Monday 25th September 1972
Soldier dies in hospital
A soldier who was shot in Belfast on Saturday has died in hospital. The dead man was Corporal John Michael Barry, aged 22, who was a member of the 2nd battalion, the Anglican Regiment. Corporal Barry was in a Saracen armoured vehicle near the junction of McDonnell and Cyprus Streets in the Lower Falls area of Belfast when a gunman opened fire. One bullet passed through the observation slit and struck him.

Monday 25th September 1972
Arms finds in Newry
A Thompson sub-machinegun, Garand rifle, .303 rifle and.22 rifle along with a quantity of assorted ammunition has been discovered in a loft in Newry. In a separate search 300lb of explosive mixture and detonators have been found in the Patrick Street area.

Monday 25th September 1972
Labour Exchange bombed
A bomb which was concealed in a suitcase has badly damaged Strabane's Labour Exchange. The bomb was planted by two men who gave staff a 30 minute warning to clear the building. There were no casualties in the attack.

Monday 25th September 1972
Bomb at Church
The Army has detonated 15-20lb of an explosive mixture which was found in a bag at the rear of a small church hall on the main Derry-Limavady Road, about three miles from the city. The blast damaged the roof and windows of the building.

Monday 25th September 1972
Incendiary device
An incendiary device has been found smouldering in Stewarts supermarket in Cookstown. It is thought that the device was planted in the shop on Saturday.

Monday 25th September 1972
Hotel bombed in Belfast
A bomb, estimated to have contained around 500lb of explosives has exploded at the Russell Court Hotel on Belfast's Lisburn Road. The hotel and the surrounding area was extensively damaged. The new hotel, built at a cost of £2 million, has had an estimated £1 million worth of damage done to it.

Monday 25th September 1972
Courthouse bombes
A no warning bomb has exploded outside the Courthouse at Trevor Hill, Newry. Shells from a rocket launcher were fired at the device in an effort to neutralise it but without success. The bomb exploded causing extensive damage to the courthouse and surrounding area.

Monday 25th September 1972
UDR man abducted
A UDR man has been abducted from his own home at Desertmartin by four masked raiders who also stole his Self Loading Rifle and two magazines. He was beaten





LEFT - Bomb attack on shops in Castle Street and King Street.
BOTTOM - Remains of a booby-trapped car in which one man was killed in Glassdrummond.
FACING PAGE - UDA parade at Grove Park.

up and his combat jacket and Identification card were stolen. He was treated in the Mid-Ulster Hospital.

Monday 25th September 1972
Land mine explodes
A land mine has exploded near Beleek but there were no military vehicles in the area. A passing car was damaged but its driver was uninjured. It is thought that the car was mistaken for a military vehicle.

Monday 25th September 1972
Incendiary attack
An estimated £30,000 worth of damage has been caused to a general store in the village of Trillick. It is thought that the fire was started by an incendiary device.

Monday 25th September 1972
RUC man wounded
The driver of an RUC vehicle has been injured in the foot when his patrol responded to a hoax 999 call in the Ballybrange estate in Downpatrick. The RUC returned fire but no hits were claimed.

Monday 25th September 1972
Derry attacks
A 150lb Claymore mine, which was found hidden in a culvert under the Creggan Road, Derry, has been defused by Army experts. Also in Derry a man carrying a bomb in a suitcase has planted the device, estimated to be 30lb, in a local snooker hall. Two rifles and 180 rounds of ammunition have been found during searches at a cricket pavilion at Gobnascale housing estate in the town.

Monday 25th September 1972
Bank bombed
A bomb has exploded at Derrylin causing extensive damage to the Ulster Bank premises and adjoining shops.

Monday 25th September 1972
Gun attack in Dungiven
Five high velocity shots have been fired at an Army patrol in Main Street, Dungiven. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Monday 25th September 1972
Bomb at rugby pavilion
A 100lb chemical bomb has been planted at a rugby at Mullaghanene, Enniskillen. The bomb was defused by an Army expert.

Tuesday 26th September 1972
Man shot dead in Belfast
The body of a middle-aged man has been discovered in East Belfast after shots were heard in the Park Avenue. On investigating the shooting the RUC discovered the man's body. He had been shot in the head. The man is the second person to be assassinated in Belfast in less than a week. On Friday a 47-year-old man was found stabbed to death beside a small stream on the fringe of the Glencairn estate.

Tuesday 26th September 1972
Incendiary device explodes
Security forces are searching for a teenage girl who was observed planting an incendiary device in a shop. Incendiaries had been placed in a number of shops and as soldiers alerted shop owners one customer was seen to

panic. The device, suddenly went off and the girl tore off her coat and threw it to the ground before running off.

Tuesday 26th September 1972
No warning bomb at Church
A no warning bomb has exploded at St Bernadette's Church at Rosetta Road, Belfast According to the RUC 100lbs of explosives were packed into two beer barrels which were left inside the vehicle. The charge only partially exploded and the remaining explosives were burned off in the fire.

Tuesday 26th September 1972
Army detonates bomb
A bomb has been discovered in a garden in Riverdale Park South. The device, which is said to have been in a poor condition, weighed 50lb and was detonated by the Army. Windows in the surrounding area were broken.

Tuesday 26th September 1972
Army crosses border
The Army has crossed the border at Newry to seize a small quantity of explosives.
The explosives, two eight ounce sticks of gelignite and 20ft of cortex fuse and 3ft of safety fuse were in a wooden hut 20 yards into the Southern side of the border at Flurrybridge. An Army spokesman has insisted that the troops had been given permission by the Garda to cross the border, but this has been denied by the Garda in Dundalk.

Tuesday 26th September 1972
Border shooting
Shots have been fired across the Derry Donegal border from Killea. The target was an Army patrol on the northern side of the border.



Wednesday 27th September 1972
Soldier dies in hospital
A young Scots Guardsman who was shot by a gunman in the Bogside area of Derry at the weekend has died in hospital. The soldier has been named as Guardsman George Lockhart. He is the 131st regular soldier to die during the present IRA campaign. He was shot while on foot patrol in the Lecky Road area of the city.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
City Hall bombed
Four men have planted a 100lb bomb at Armagh City Hall in Lower English Street. The building was evacuated and the bomb exploded. The premises were completely destroyed. No one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Man dies in car bomb attack
A 42-year-old man has died in hospital after he was injured by a car bomb which exploded outside a social club opposite Unity Flats. The dead man has been named by the RUC as Mr Daniel McErlean, of Unity Place.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Man shot dead in Belfast
A 19-year-old youth has been shot dead by the Army in Belfast and a second man seriously wounded. The dead man is Daniel Rooney, of Rodney Parade and the exact circumstances of his death are disputed. The Army claim that they only opened fire after a surveillance patrol, travelling in plain clothes came under fire. However local people have staged a protest about the killings and insist that the two men were shot without provocation.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Shop and garage bombed
A shop and petrol station on the Cavan border at Aghalane, County Fermanagh has been wrecked by two bombs. The bombs were planted by three armed men and the bombers then drove off across the border. No one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Soldier in accidental shooting
A soldier returning to Gough Barracks in Armagh after a routine patrol has received a gunshot wound to the knee. An Army source has said that the shooting was accidental and said that the soldier had accidentally discharged his sub-machinegun.

Thursday 28th September 1972
Bomb in Sofa
A bomb which was concealed inside a sofa has been carried into a cash and carry firm in Upper North Street, Belfast by three men posing as furniture removal men. It is understood that no warning was given as to when the bomb would explode but the entire area was immediately evacuated and the bomb went off an hour later. It is estimated that the bomb contained 400lbs of gelignite.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Man shot dead in Ligoniel
Two men have been shot on the Ligoniel Road, Belfast. The men, who were both friends, met at the same spot every night for a chat. One man was killed in the attack while the other was shot in the shoulder and thigh. The dead man has been named as Mr Alexander Greer.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Youth shot dead in Belfast
The body of a 16-year-old Catholic youth, James Joseph Boyle of Glen Road, has been found with a gunshot wound to the head at Flush Lane, off the Springfield Road. A spent cartridge was found beside his body.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Man shot by Army
A father of five is seriously ill in hospital after he was shot in the head by a soldier. The Army say the man John Kelly of Tullagh Park, was injured when a soldier accidentally discharged his rifle. The incident began shortly before midnight when soldiers observed a young girl handing over a package to Mr Kelly. The soldiers then chased the girl and recovered the package which contained a doctor's made up prescription. According to the soldiers Mr Kelly then grappled with a soldier who had his weapon cocked. It went off and Mr Kelly was struck in the head by a bullet.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Woman shot by Army
The Army have said that they may have shot a woman who was hit by a bullet near Broadway on the Falls Road after 10.00pm. An Army spokesman said that soldiers opened fire at a gunman who was seen taking aim at Broadway Army post. A soldier sighted the man using a night sight and fired two shots. He claimed a hit. A short time later the woman was admitted to hospital.



Car bomb blasts Unity Flats club: 27 injured

TWENTY-SEVEN people were injured when a car packed with 100 lbs. of explosives blew up outside a social club used by the Catholic residents of the Unity Flats complex in Belfast. Most of them were suffering from cuts and shock, but one, Mr. Daniel McErlean, a waiter who was preparing tables for a sing-song in the club, was seriously hurt.

Several hours after the explosion a young man was shot dead and another wounded in the legs in a shooting incident in the St. James' area, off Donegall Road, and close to the M.1 motorway. He was named by residents as 15-year-old Mr. Daniel Rooney, who lived in Rodney Parade. He was shot through the head.

A spokesman for the residents said Mr. Rooney and 19-year-old Mr. Brendan Brennan, St. James Crescent, were standing at the junction of the Crescent and St. Katharine's Road when they were gunned down by

The wrecked social club in the Unity Flats complex.

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Wednesday 27th September 1972
Army claims hits on gunmen
The Army have claimed a hit on a gunman who they say was seen getting into a firing position in the Finaghy Road North area. A follow up operation was mounted by troops but no trace of the man was found. Later at 12.44 shots were heard in the area of Our lady's Hospital at the junction of Springfield Road and Springmartin. A patrol moved into the area and sighted the gunman in the grounds of the hospital and opened fire on him. No trace of the gunman was found in the follow up search but the Army says it is confident they got a hit.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Man dies of injuries after Belfast blast
The man who was caught in the massive bomb blast at a social club in Belfast's Unity Flats has died in hospital. He was 42-year-old Mr Daniel McErlean, of Unity Place.

Wednesday 27th September 1972
Derry bomb is dismantled
Army bomb disposal experts have defused a 150lb bomb which had been planted at the rear of the seven storey Embassy Court building, in Strand Road, Derry.

Friday 29th September 1972
RUC men shot in border town
Three members of the RUC have been injured when gunmen opened fire as they drove through the Border town of Castlederg in a stolen car. Two of the RUC men were shot and one of them was hit four times and the remaining RUC man and a postman was cut by flying glass.

Friday 29th September 1972
Bomb in Newry
A 50lb bomb has exploded on the roadway at Kiln Street, Newry and smashed windows in nearby houses.

Friday 29th September 1972
Man shot dead
A 32-year-old man has been shot dead in East Belfast. The man, Edward Pavis, a Protestant , had been released from prison on parole. According to the RUC the gunmen arrived by motorcycle and went into the house where Mr Pavis's was staying in Glenvarnock Street. He had a discussion with Mr Pavis for some time and as he left a shot was fired and Mr Pavis was hit in the head.

Friday 29th September 1972
Duffle bag bomb
A bomb, estimated to contain 25-30lb of explosives, which was concealed in a duffle bag, has exploded at John Temple's drapery shop in High Street, Portadown. The bomb was spotted in a doorway of the building by an RUC patrol and the area was sealed off before the blast occurred.



LEFT - Bomb attack on the Whitehouse Fibre Dyeing Co., Mill Road

Friday 29th September 1972
Bomb at Café
A bomb has exploded at the Down Town Café at Dobbin Street, Armagh. It exploded ten minutes later wrecking the building.

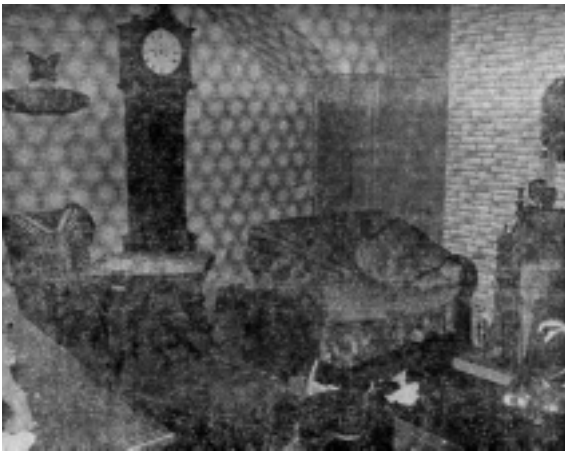
Friday 29th September 1972
Hotel attacked in Derry
An Army bomb disposal expert has defused a bomb at the Northern Counties Hotel in Waterloo Place, Derry. The bomb was packed into three one-gallon paint tins and left in an office by two men who were disguised as painters. A 30-minute warning was phoned to the RUC but the device failed to explode.

Saturday 30th September 1972
Three killed in Falls Road gun battles
Three people have died during concentrated attacks by the Provisional IRA on troops in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. It is estimated that the IRA fired around 1,000 rounds of ammunition during the battles. Troops in the lower Falls have opened fire on and killed a sniper on the roof of a chemist shop in Albert Street. The dead man, a Volunteer in the IRA, has been named as 18-year-old James Quigley, of Whitehall Row in Divis Flats. As soldiers attempted to recover his body, they came under fire from another IRA sniper. During this attack 18-year-old, Private Ian Stewart David Burt was shot in the head. He was rushed to hospital but was dead on arrival. The gun battle had broken out just before the funeral of Mr Daniel McErlane, who died in the car bomb blast at a club close to Unity Flats. As this funeral made its way along Divis Street, soldiers claimed that they spotted four men with pistols in the funeral procession. The Army claim they escaped as they moved in on them. A short time later a 19-year-old Belfast housewife, Mrs Patricia McKay was shot and fatally wounded by troops. According to the Army Mrs McKay was shot near where she lived with her husband in Cape Street. An Army spokesman has said that Mrs McKay was about to fire a rifle when was shot by a member of the Royal Green Jackets. The Army claim that they came under fire from at least twelve different gunmen and say they hit five of them.

Saturday 30th September 1972
Loyalist show of strength
An estimated 100,000 loyalists, including 20,000 members of the UDA , as well as Orange Volunteers, members of LAW and ex-USC men took part in a rally at Stormont. The rally, led by former premier, Lord Brookborough who wore a sash, is estimated to have been the biggest loyalist show of strength since the Ulster Covenant was signed 60 years ago.

Saturday 30th September 1972
Man's body identified
The 23-year-old man who was found shot dead on waste ground in the Glencairn estate has been identifier as Francis Peter Lane. The dead man, a student, is the son of Mr Patrick Lane, a consultant surgeon at the Mater Hospital and a former member of the British Army Medical Corp, who saw service in France and the Middle East during the last war.

Saturday 30th September 1972
Wounded man dies in hospital
Mr John Kelly, a father of five of Rosnareen Avenue, has died in hospital. Mr Kelly was shot by a soldier at Tullagh Park.



Saturday 30th September 1972
Priest applies to join Vanguard
A Catholic priest, Father Clarence Duffy of County Cavan has announced that he has applied to join the Vanguard movement. Father Duffy has said he sent his application to the secretary of the movement in Tyrone and has said that although he does not live in the North he hopes to do something positive in the Vanguard Movement and to contribute much more than he could in any other organisation.

Saturday 30th September 1972
Explosives find in Belfast
Soldiers have uncovered 5lb of explosives, 30ft of fuse wire and three detonators and a timing device in Riverdale Park South in Belfast.



TOP - The living room in which UDR member Thomas Bullock and his wife Emily were killed by gunmen at their farm in Killynick. BOTTOM - Funeral of UVF member Sinclair Johnston, who was shot dead during rioting in Larne

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Monday 2nd October 1972
Undercover soldier killed
A soldier, posing as a laundry van driver, has been shot dead as he carried out a plain-clothes surveillance patrol. The soldier, who was shot dead in the Twinbrook estate on the outskirts of Belfast, is the first undercover soldier to be killed in the North. He was driving a green Commer van which was "owned" by the non-existent 'Four Square Laundry', when he was shot dead by gunman at Juniper Park. Fifteen shots were fired at the driver from a passing car at the soldier who was sitting at the wheel. A woman companion, who the Army have said was part of the patrols cover, had been calling to a number of homes. It is understood that she escaped. The gunmen's car, which had been hijacked earlier at 8.30am on the Falls Road, was found abandoned in Raglan Street.

Monday 2nd October 1972
Soldier killed in Ardoyne
Thomas Rudman, a soldier who was serving with the Light Infantry Regiment has been shot dead by a sniper in Ardoyne. The dead man was 20-years-old and is the second member of his family to be shot dead in the North. Just over a year ago, his 21-year-old brother was shot dead outside Dungannon. A third brother, Thomas's twin, who also served with the same regiment, has been sent home to England for safety.

Monday 2nd October 1972
Soldiers guilty of burglary
Nine soldiers have pleaded guilty to burglary and knowingly handling goods which were stolen from shops in Derry. Penalties ranging from conditional discharges to six months imprisonment were imposed.

Monday 2nd October 1972
Belfast explosion
A bomb, estimated to contain 200lbs of explosives, has exploded in a parked car in Marlborough Street, off Victoria Street. Severe damage was caused to the area but no one was injured in the last.

Monday 2nd October 1972
Two men die in Belfast
Two men have died in Belfast, one when a bomb exploded at a city-centre pub and the other shot dead by troops in the

New Lodge Road area. The man who died when the bomb exploded outside Conlon's Bar in Smithfield Square has been named as 25-year-old Patrick McKee of Divismore Park. In the New Lodge Road area of Belfast 27-year-old Michael Hayes was shot dead by the Army in disputed circumstances. The Army have claimed that they opened fire on two men who they say were acting suspiciously at Edlingham Street-Stratheden Street. One of the men was armed. Local residents have disputed this and have stated that Mr Hayes was unarmed.

Monday 2nd October 1972
Army opens fire on car
A passenger in a private car was slightly injured when gunmen opened fire on a Marine patrol on Belfast's Antrim Road. The car had just passed the Army vehicle when the gunman attacked. A soldier was wounded and an 18-year-old passenger in the car was grazed in the arm.

Monday 2nd October 1972
Youths shot in Belfast
Two 13-year-old were admitted to hospital on Saturday, a 19-year-old from Leeson Street was shot in the neck and a 14-year-old boy was shot in the right side in the Burnaby Street-Roden Street area. The RUC are said to be investigating the circumstances of the incidents.

Monday 2nd October 1972
Thousands pray for peace
A number of cross-denominational religious services have been held to pray for peace. 3,000 people attended a service at the City Cemetery in Belfast, 5,000 attended one in the grounds of Magee College, Derry. 1,000 attended in Newry 2,000 in Ballymoney, 1,300 in Larne, 1,500 in Ballycastle 800 at Sion Mills, 1,000 at Holywood and 1,000 at Draperstown. In all services were held at 30 locations including Dublin, Cork and Kilkenny.

Tuesday 3rd October 1972
UVF prisoner escapes
A UVF prisoner who was serving a six-year sentence has walked to freedom after personating another prisoner and using his papers to walk past warders at the front gate. The alarm was raised at around 11.00 when the prisoner, a cellmate, was found tied in a washroom.

Tuesday 3rd October 1972
RUC barracks bombed
A 600lb bomb has exploded outside Derry's newest RUC barracks in the Strand Road at lunchtime. The bomb, in a three-ton lorry, caused widespread damage in the area. The barracks is still under construction and not yet occupied.

Tuesday 3rd October 1972
Man killed in Belfast
The 50-year-old man who was shot dead in a Belfast club has been named as Mr. William Bonner, a Catholic of Iveagh Street. Eyewitnesses have said that there were around 30 people in the Grosvenor Homing Pigeon and Social Club, when the gunmen entered the premises, lined up customers and shot Mr Bonner. The motive for the killing is unclear but the RUC are working on the theory that the gunmen came from the Falls district. In June, Mr Bonner's son, James, was shot by a soldier as he drove along the Whiterock Road.

Tuesday 3rd October 1972
Belfast arms find
Three rifles, 1,000 rounds of ammunition have been found at a house in Herbert Street. A man has appeared in court.

Tuesday 3rd October 1972
IRA admit killing Army secret agent
The Provisional IRA has admitted responsibility for the killing of Ulster-born Army undercover agent. The dead man has been named as Sapper Ted Stuart, aged 20, of Ardstraw, near Stewartstown. In the light of this shooting, it is expected that the Army will have to change the tactics of undercover agents.

Tuesday 3rd October 1972
UDA condemns arrests
The South Derry command of the UDA has condemned the arrests of a number of people in their area. They say that a number of loyalists were detained for over 30 hours without charges being preferred.

Tuesday 3rd October 1972
Pen bomb warning
The RUC have issued a warning about a deadly fountain pen bomb which was found on a Belfast bus. The device

FACING PAGE - Rioting at King Street/College Square East.

exploded after he lifted the pen, a small piece of string had been attached to it and as the pen exploded, three-inch tacks were fired into the roof of the bus.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Attempt to kill Vanguard leader
An attempt has been made on the life of Vanguard leader William Craig near Lisburn. A number of shots struck his car on the Hillhall Road between Lisburn and Purdysburn. Three bullets struck the car but Mr Craig was uninjured.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Man killed in East Belfast
The RUC have named the man who has been found shot dead at Mersey Street in East Belfast. He was 21-year-old James Patrick McCartan, of Priory End Holywood. It is believed that Mr McCartan, a Catholic was followed from a local hotel and killed minutes later.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Man found shot dead in Falls area
A man has been found shot dead at Murdoch Street in the Falls area of Belfast. He has not been officially named by the RUC but death notices in the morning papers as Geoffrey Walter Hamilton, a Protestant from Cross, County Derry.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Pastor in protest
Pastor Jack Glass and a student Minister, both from Scotland, have staged a protest against British Prime Minister Edward Heath. The men staged the protest as Mr Heath left the Vatican after discussing the North with the Pope. The men unfurled a banner reading: "Ulster – There's no hope if Heath talks to Pope."

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Belfast explosion
More than 20 homes have been damaged by a bomb which was placed at the rear of the Northern Wine Stores, in London Road, East Belfast. No one was injured in the explosion.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Derry shootings
Shots have been fired in the Northglen estate and at Epworth Street-Upper Nassau Street junction in Derry. No one was



hurt in these attacks. On Tuesday in the Bogside, a soldier was shot in stomach after a bullet passed through his rifle butt. He is said to be in a comfortable condition.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Golf club bombed
Extensive damage has been caused to the new golf club at Newtownstewart. The golf course is on the estate of the Duke of Abercorn, who lives nearby, and who opened the club last month. The bomb was planted by four masked and armed men.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Shots fired in Fermanagh
Two shots have been fired at the local RUC barracks in Bessbrook. The sniper is said to have fired from a school which is under construction.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Bomb at Stewartstown
A hole has been blown in a road at Mullaghmoyle by a bomb which was planted overnight. The RUC are unable to find the target and it is believed that it was an attempt to lure the Army into the area for an ambush.



Wednesday 4th October 1972
Claymore mine explodes
A claymore mine has exploded in front of the lead vehicle in a military patrol at Kilwilkie estate, Lurgan. Only minor damage was caused to the vehicle by the 15lb anti-personnel mine.

Wednesday 4th October 1972
Official IRA funeral
Three men with M1 carbines have fired nine shots over the funeral of Mrs Patricia McKay, a member of the Official IRA who was shot dead in a gun battle in the Lower Falls on Friday.

Thursday 5th October 1972
Dead man named
The man who died on Wednesday after a hand grenade was thrown into his house has been named as Mr Patrick Connolly, of Deramore Drive, Portadown. He is the eighth person to be killed in the town in the past twelve weeks.

Friday 6th October 1972
UDA claims cross border raids
The UDA have claimed that they have carried out a cross border raid and seized IRA weapons. The organisation says it seized a number of rifles and explosives in County Monaghan. The group says it seized a number of Armalite rifles.

Friday 6th October 1972
Army kill man in Belfast
A gunman has been shot dead by the Army in the Falls area of Belfast. An Army spokesman said that a blast bomb was thrown at soldiers in Osman Street. Soldiers fired back and a man fell. A man's body and an Armalite rifle were later recovered. It further exchanges the Army claimed two hits.

Friday 6th October 1972
UDR man found dead
A fulltime member of the Ulster Defence Regiment has been found shot dead near his home outside Strabane. His body was found by a teenage girl less than 100 yards from his home. A revolver was found beside his body. He was in uniform, but foul play is not suspected.

LEFT & FACING PAGE - Bomb attack on the Russel Court Hotel, Lisburn Road.

Friday 6th October 1972
Youth wounded in Belfast
An 18-year-old Protestant youth from the Shankill area of Belfast has been shot from a car at the entrance to the Glencairn estate. His condition is not serious.

Friday 6th October 1972
Soldiers wounded in Ardoyne
Two soldiers have been slightly injured when their military vehicle came under fire in Brompton Park in the Ardoyne area of Belfast.

Friday 6th October 1972
Hotel bombed
A bomb has partially exploded at the Commercial Hotel in Strabane. The bomb's detonator went off and started a small fire.

Friday 6th October 1972
Soldier shot in Derry
The relatives of a soldier who was shot in the stomach in Derry on Thursday have been flown to the city to be at his bedside. The soldier, a Private in the 2nd Battalion, Queens Regiment is described as being very seriously injured.

Friday 6th October 1972
Army's secret agents
The Provisional IRA have said that as well as the undercover soldier, Sapper Ted Stewart, who was killed in the attack on the Four Square Laundry van in Twinbrook, they killed two other agents in the same incident. In a statement the IRA have also said that they have killed two other undercover agents, members of the MRF (Military Reaction Force) at a flat on the Antrim Road. The have named one



of the agents as being Jim Bossman, Second in Command of the MRF, the other agent, a woman, is said to be the daughter of a Brigadier. The Army deny these people existed.

Friday 6th October 1972
UDA attacks soldier
A soldier is "very seriously ill" in hospital after being attacked by men in "UDA type uniform". The incident happened as the two soldiers drove along the Newtownards Road. Their vehicle was attacked and crashed into a telephone kiosk. Both men were injured but one soldier, a member of the Life Guards, is in a very serious condition.



Saturday 7th October 1972
UDR man kidnapped
A member of the Ulster Defence Regiment has been kidnapped by four gunmen as he left a public house in Newry last night. The 20-year-old soldier, who is thought t be wounded, may have been taken across the border. The attack happened at the Maple Leaf Bar in Canal Street. Searches are underway for the wounded man.

Saturday 7th October 1972
Lisburn pub siege
Around 50 customers and staff have been escorted by the from the Corner Rom Bar at the junction of Antrim Street-Bow Street. Around 30 uniformed members of the UDA and supporters lay siege to the premises after hearing a rumour that a UDA man had been attacked there. The bar owner has stated that a number of UDA men arrived there after closing time and demanded entry. Once inside they assaulted a man and other customers intervened. The siege lasted for four hours and during that time, a shot was fired. A .22 rifle was later recovered by the RUC.



Saturday 7th October 1972
Bomb explodes at Belfast club
A bomb has exploded at the inter-denominational Magnet Club in Mulhouse Street, Belfast. The Army say that the club was run jointly by them and community relations groups. No one was injured in the attack.



Saturday 7th October 1972
Saracen attacked in Belfast
Two bombs have been thrown at an Army Saracen personnel carrier in Leeson Street. The second bomb blew off a wheel. Two shots were also fired at the vehicle. The crew managed to get the vehicle back to its base.

TOP - Remains of a car bomb which exploded in Library Street.
BOTTOM- Bomb attack in Little York Street.

LEFT - 'Peaceline' being erected across the North Queen Street end of Garden Street.
BELOW - An army marksman on the look-out for snipers during a gun battle in the Lower Falls area

Saturday 7th October 1972
Plastic explosives found
150lbs of plastic explosives have been found in a plastic bin on the banks of a small stream in the Iveagh Street area of Belfast

Saturday 7th October 1972
Ballymena bomb
A car bomb has extensively damaged the County Hall at Galgorm Road, Ballymena. The bomb had been packed into a suitcase and left on the back seat of a car. No one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 7th October 1972
Explosions at Lisnaskea
Two bombs have exploded in the Fermanagh town of Lisnaskea. The bombs were planted at a petrol station at Cushwash and at a boutique. Other buildings in the area were damaged.

Saturday 7th October 1972
Shopkeeper throws out bomb
A shopkeeper in Urney Street, Strabane has thrown a bomb out of his premises on to the street where it exploded two minutes later. No one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 7th October 1972
Shots fired in Lurgan
Seven shots have been fired by a gunman at a Protestant band which was making its way along Victoria Street. The gunman was spotted by troops who then opened fire. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 9th October 1972
Youth shot dead by UDR
A 50-year-old Tyrone father of seven has exonerated the Ulster Defence Regiment which shot dead his 16-year-old son. The boy who died was Alec Moorehead, who according to his father Jack, was "practically deaf." According to an Army spokesman the youth, a Protestant, who lived at Davis Crescent, was challenged three times. A few minutes before the shooting a blast bomb exploded between a patrol of Ferret cars manned by regular troops. The patrol included the dead man's uncle.

Monday 9th October 1972
Government offices bombed
A duffle bag bomb has exploded at the Count Buildings, in Barrack Street, Strabane. Extensive damaged has been caused to the two-storey office block.

Monday 9th October 1972
Shots fired at troops
An attack has been launched on troops based at Casement Park, Belfast. The automatic fire was directed at the soldiers from a blue transit van which raced past the post at high speed. There were no casualties and fire was returned.





Monday 9th October 1972
Woman dies in Falls Road explosion
A no warning car bomb has exploded outside a Republican co-operative in Leeson Street, Belfast. The woman who died was Mrs Olive McConnell, age 32, of Theodore Street. Local people said that a suspicious car was noticed and that Mrs McConnell was shielding her baby when it exploded.

Monday 9th October 1972
Boy wounded in Turf Lodge
A four-year-old boy has been admitted to hospital yesterday suffering from gunshot wounds. The RUC are said to be investigating the circumstances of the shooting.

A Monday 9th October 1972
Catholic church bombed
A bomb in a gas cylinder has caused slight damage when it exploded at a Catholic church at Dunnedy, Dundonald. Blast damage spread 10 yards from the building but no one was injured.

Monday 9th October 1972
Bomb at Crossmaglen
A bomb has exploded at Creggan, Crossmaglen as it was dragged out of a shop by an Army bomb expert. No one was injured in the blast.

Monday 9th October 1972
Arms find at Armagh
Soldiers using a tracker dog has uncovered an M1 carbine and 300 rounds of ammunition in a wood near Blackwatertown, Armagh.

Monday 9th October 1972
UDR man released
The UDR man who was abducted outside a public house in Canal Street, Newry has turned up unharmed. The man, whose identity has not been revealed, has said that he was not aware of the location in which he was held captive.

Monday 9th October 1972
Arms raids in Lurgan
Raiders have attempted to steal weapons and ammunition from the homes of four UDR members in the Lurgan area. Shots were fired in one case and a small quantity of ammunition was taken.

Tuesday 10th October 1972
UDR man killed in Newry
A Catholic member of the UDR has been shot dead on his way to work in Newry. The father of twelve, 50-year-old John Ruddy was walking through playing fields on his way to Downshire Road UDR centre, when he was shot dead. It is believed that two gunmen were involved in the attack.

Tuesday 10th October 1972
Car hijacking
Two women were bound, gagged, and left in a park on the outskirts of Belfast after the car in which they were sitting was hi-jacked. The RUC said that the raiders took the car at Upper Malone and the women were kept at Barnett's park. They eventually managed to struggle free.

Tuesday 10th October 1972
Bomb at council offices
A bomb has badly damaged the temporary Urban Council offices at Railway Street, Strabane. No one was injured by the 10lb bomb.

Tuesday 10th October 1972
Shots fired into house
Two shots have been fired into a Protestant occupied house in at Ardcarn Drive, Dundonald. No one was hurt in the attack.



FACING PAGE & RIGHT - Bomb attack in Upper North Street.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1st OCTOBER, 1972

Arrangements have been made for an Act of Intercession to take place in the following places:-

Armagh, Market Square	4-00 p.m.
Bangor, Castle Park	3-30 p.m.
Ballycastle, Culfetrin District, Corrymela	3-30 p.m.
Ballyclare Secondary School, Doagh Road	3-15 p.m.
Ballymoney, The Diamond	3-30 p.m.
Belfast	
Belfast City Cemetery	3-00 p.m.
Cranmore Park	4-00 p.m.
Malone Rugby Club Ground, Gibson Park	4-00 p.m.
Marlborough Park	4-00 p.m.
Cherryvale Park	4-00 p.m.
The Green, Thornhill Parade	3-30 p.m.
Woodvale Park	3-00 p.m.
Strandtown Primary School, North Road	3-30 p.m.
Belfast	
Botanic Gardens	3-00 p.m.
Ballysillan Playing Fields	4-00 p.m.
Comber, The Square	3-30 p.m.
Downpatrick, Car Park	4-30 p.m.
Helen's Bay, The Beach	3-30 p.m.
Larne, Central Car Park	4-00 p.m.
Lisburn, Market Square	4-15 p.m.
Londonderry	
Magee University Grounds	4-00 p.m.
Newcastle, Central Ballroom	3-00 p.m.
Newry, Soho Square	3-30 p.m.
Portadown, Church Place	4-00 p.m.
Portrush, Town Hall	3-30 p.m.
Rostrevor, The Square	3-30 p.m.
Tandragee, The School	3-00 p.m.
Warrenpoint, The Square	3-30 p.m.

Tuesday 10th October 1972
Incendiary attack in Bangor

An incendiary device has been thrown into the living room of a house in Carrowdore Gardens, Banger. There were no casualties.

Tuesday 10th October 1972
Nail bomb thrown

A nail bomb has been thrown at an army Ferret car in the Navan Street area of Armagh. None of the crew were injured and the vehicle was not damaged.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
Magistrate shot in Belfast

A Belfast Resident has been shot and seriously wounded on Belfast's Falls Road. The RM, William Staunton, had just pulled away from St Dominic's school when the pillion passenger on a motorcycle fired at him from point blank range. He was shot three times in the head, shoulder and arm. He was rushed to the Royal Victoria Hospital where he is said to be fighting for his life.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
Three die in Belfast bomb blast

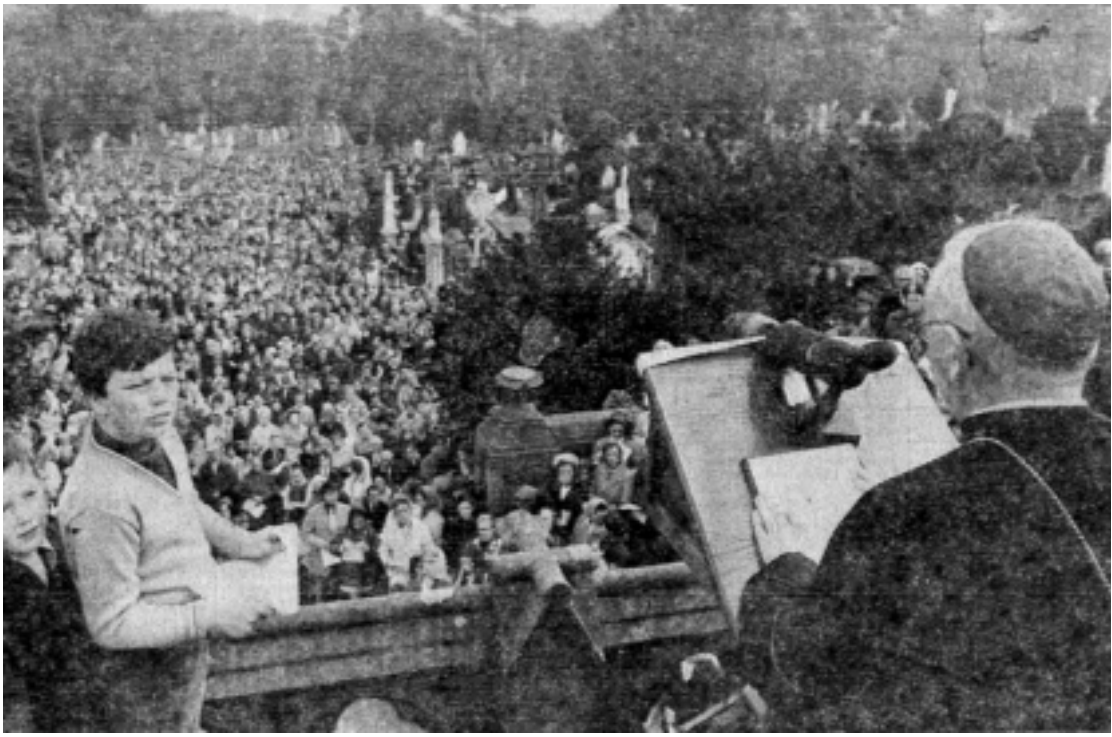
Army bomb experts believe that chemical explosives caused an inferno after a blast in a Belfast house in which three young men died.

The dead men have not officially been named but thy are understood to be Joseph McKinney, aged 19, of Milan Street; John Donaghy, aged 18, of Garnet Street and Patrick Maguire, aged 24, of Beechmount. None of the men lived at the house in Balkan Street where the explosion occurred. The Army believe they may have been handling explosives or a small bomb at the time.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
Firemen attacked

Two Belfast fire crews were forced to return to their depot when gunmen opened fire as they went to the scene of an incendiary bomb at Ardoyne.

A spokesman for the Brigade said that there was no evidence to suggest that the fire was directed at them but that it was standard procedure to withdraw if shooting occurs.



ABOVE - Bishop William Philbin addressing a Protestant and Roman Catholic crowd during one of the 'Prayers for Peace' demonstrations

Wednesday 11th October 1972
RUC attacked in Short Strand
A Land Rover with several RUC men on board has come under fire at Thompson Street in the Short Strand area of Belfast.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
Man wounded in Belfast
A 32-year-old clerk has been seriously wounded when he answered a knock at his door in Hillview Avenue in East Belfast. Two shots were fired at him through the door and he was struck in the chest.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
Armagh hotels bombed
Two of Armagh's biggest hotels, the 200year old Beresford Arms Hotel and Drumsill House hotel, have been badly damaged in bomb attacks.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
South Armagh gun battle
There has been a two-minute gun battle at Crossmaglen on the South Armagh border. Fifty shots were fired at troops but no one was injured. Fire was returned but hits were recorded.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
Newtownards bomb
A bomb has exploded at a priest's house at North Street, Newtownards just before 11.30pm. The bomb was placed at the front door but no one was injured.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
Explosion damages offices
An explosion at Draperstown has badly damaged Government offices housed in the town's old RUC barracks.

Wednesday 11th October 1972
UDR man attacked
Two shots have been forced from a passing vehicle at a UDR man who was repairing his car on the Ballymacash Road, Lisburn. The part-time soldier was not injured.

Thursday 12th October 1972
Bomb at cricket pavilion
A bomb has exploded at the front door of Sion Mills cricket pavilion. An Army expert removed the 10lb bomb, which was in a duffle bag, to a safe distance before attempting to detonate it. The bomb did not go off and it was rendered safe.

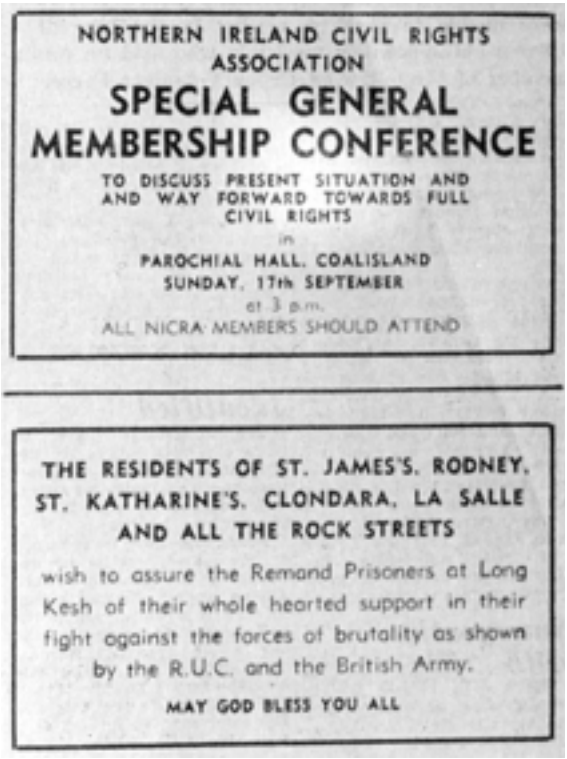
Thursday 12th October 1972
Shankill riots
Riots have broken out on Belfast's Shankill Road after soldiers from the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment went into a club in Agnes Street because they thought they saw UVF man Gusty Spence. Three men were arrested and an Army spokesperson has said that they later established that it was not Gusty Spence who went into the club but his brother William. Crowds came out on to the streets, shots were fired and trouble spread to other loyalist districts.

Thursday 12th October 1972
UVF kidnaps soldiers
The UVF has said that during the rioting on the Shankill they kidnapped two soldiers at Tennent Street. The Army have denied all knowledge of the incident. The soldiers were later released unharmed.

Thursday 12th October 1972
Bomb at Lurgan
An explosion has caused minor damage to the Waterworks at Castor Bay on the Antrim Road.

Thursday 12th October 1972
Derry arms find
Four rifles, two revolvers and 1,700 rounds of ammunition have been discovered in a culvert on Old Strabane Road in the Waterside area of Derry. The find consisted of a Winchester rifle, an M1 carbine, a .38 and a .45 revolver.

Friday 13th October 1972
RUC detective shot dead
An RUC detective has been shot dead in Belfast city centre by a British soldier. The dead man, Detective Constable Robert Stuart Nicholl, aged 22, who was attached to Springfield Road RUC barracks, died after being shot in the neck at Castle Street. An Army spokesman has said that the RUC man failed to stop for soldiers on duty in Castle Street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Friday 13th October 1972
Helicopter injures RUC man
An RUC constable is seriously ill in hospital after being hit by the rear rotor blade of a helicopter. He had been boarding the helicopter at Castlederg RUC barracks when the accident happened. The RUC man was rushed to Tyrone County Hospital. His name has not been released.

Friday 13th October 1972
Tartan gangs go on rampage
Tartan gangs have gone on the rampage in East Belfast once again, attacking several Catholic homes and businesses premises. Although the trouble was not as widespread as Wednesday night, mobs attacked two Catholic owned public houses, a bakery, a boutique and a television rental firm.

Saturday 14th October 1972
Man shot dead in East Belfast
The body of a 23-year-old man has been found behind a church in Candeboy Street in East Belfast. The man's half naked body was found lying in an entry behind the Assemblies of God Pentecostal Church at Clandeboy Street. He

has been identified but his name will not be released until relatives have been informed.

Saturday 14th October 1972
Gunmen raid UDR headquarters
A sentry has been overpowered and held at gunpoint while three armed and masked raiders got away with four rifles and 160 rounds of ammunition from the UDR headquarters at Lislea Drive, off the Lisburn Road. The sentry was not hurt.

Saturday 14th October 1972
RUC man shot in Belfast
A member of the RUC has been shot and seriously wounded in Belfast. The RUC man was shot in the Duncairn Gardens area and it is believed that the gunman, armed with an Armalite rifle, fired four shots from the area of Glenrosa Street South.

Saturday 14th October 1972
UDA kidnaps busman in Derry
Three masked youths, who claimed to be members of the UDA, have kidnapped and beaten up a bus driver in Derry. The driver was taken to Blackbrae and was released after an hour.

Saturday 14th October 1972
Arms find at Newtownards
Workmen converting a vacant house into flats at Victoria Avenue, Newtownards, have discovered seven rifles, 300 rounds of ammunition and five grenades.

Saturday 14th October 1972
UDA deny split
The UDA vice-chairman has denied that there is any split in the organisation. This follows a statement calling themselves the Ulster Citizen Army which said that the UCA will be on "operational standby" from today since the UDA have failed to protect Protestant workers. The UDA spokesman has said that no such organisation existed and that the statement was "the work of some nutcase."

Tuesday 17th October 1972
UDA may attack Army
Vice chairman of the UDA, Tommy Herron, has told a press conference in Belfast that the association's Inner Council may consider going on the offence against the Army. He said that as the organisation has released a statement saying that the Army and Government were now the enemy that open warfare was one of a number of possibilities.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
RUC men's homes attacked
The homes of five RUC men in Larne have been petrol bombed. The attacks on the homes happened at Killyglen Road, Bellair Park and Ballymena Road. No one was injured in the attacks.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
Explosives destroyed
The Army in Derry has detonated a small quantity of explosives, which were found in the Waterside area of the city. An Army spokesman said that the find was made in the Prehen area after a tip off.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
Ex-GI's are training UDA
The Ulster Defence Association has confirmed that a number of American ex-GI's are in Belfast training their membership. He would not confirm how many but he said


Massive outside support for remand prisoners' stand

Troops put down Long Kesh men's protest

'Irish News' Political Correspondent

MASSIVE outside support was building up last night behind the remand prisoners in Cage 8 at the Maze Prison at Long Kesh whose protest at police brutality on their way to and from court culminated yesterday in a refusal to leave their compound for court and the injuring of eight of them when troops were called in.

Official sources revealed that one man had been taken to hospital outside the prison, but notes smuggled out of Long Kesh said eight men were on the casualty last and only the most seriously injured had been taken for hospital treatment elsewhere.

Demonstrations are to be staged at Andersonstown and in other parts of Belfast at the week-end when letters from the men will be read and their complaints given what a Sinn Fein spokesman described as "a public airing."

There have been reports within the past few days of increased activity on the part of the RUC Special Branch and after yesterday's 10-minute flare-up at the Maze the one prisoner removed to hospital outside the camp could not be traced. It was believed that he may have been taken to Musgrave Park Hospital military wing, but relatives were in the dark about his whereabouts.

that the men were not mercenaries and were not being paid for their services.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
Two men die in Belfast
Overnight gun battles in Belfast two men have been left two men dead. The dead have been named as 26-year-old John Clarke of Bendigo Street and 15-year-old William Warnock of Cuba Street. Clarke died after being struck by an Army vehicle in Hornby Street.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
Two men shot dead in Tyrone
Two people have died when troops opened fire on the occupants of a car, which they claimed was acting suspicious near Coagh, County Tyrone. Soldiers have said that one of the men had a gun.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
Courthouse bombed
Dungannon courthouse has been badly damaged in an overnight bomb attack. It is believed that the bomb was planted by two men.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
Men shot dead at off-licence
In one of the worst incidents of the weekend, two Catholic men have been gunned down as they entered an off-licence in Tate's Avenue, Belfast. The two have been named as Leo John Duffy of London Street and Thomas Marron, aged 59, of Gransha Avenue.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
Bombs explode in South
Explosions in Clones, County Monaghan and at Carrigans, County Donegal have caused a great deal of alarm among people living in areas near the border. Further incursions by the UVF or UDA are feared.

Tuesday 17th October 1972
Gunman shot in Belfast
Soldiers have claimed that they have opened fire on a gunman in Lurgan. In a statement, they said that a shot was fired at troops who were driving along the motorway. Fire was returned and a gunman was seen to fall.



Wednesday 18th October 1972
Shankill arms find
Paratroopers have seized a number of homemade weapons during a search in the Shankill. The weapons included a homemade sub-machinegun, a pump action weapon, and a mould for making ammunition. Other items seized included a number of batons and cudgels and military clothing. Three containers of chemicals and 130 rounds of assorted ammunition were also found.

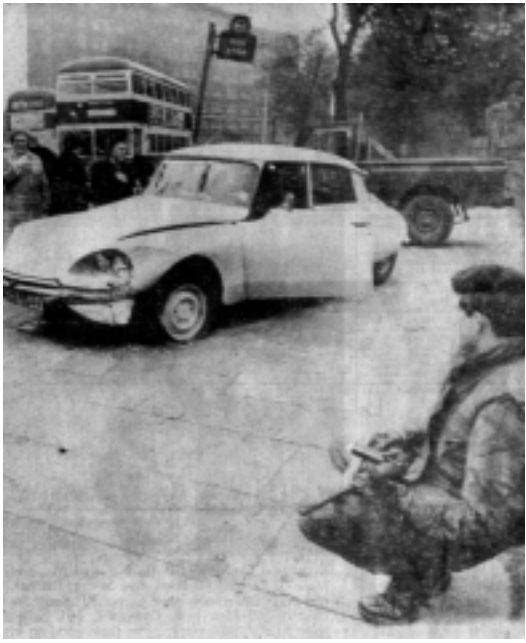
Wednesday 18th October 1972
UDA meets Army commanders
Ulster Defence Association leaders have met with Army commanders in Belfast. The UDA have had a meeting with the GOC, General Sir Harry Tuzo and the commanding officers of the Life Guards, the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment, and the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards.

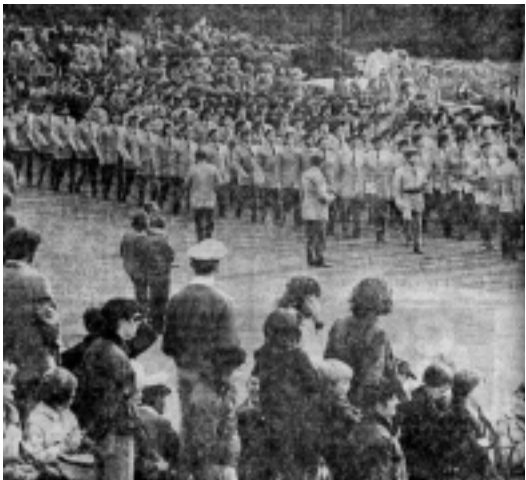
Wednesday 18th October 1972
Woman is fatally wounded
A 34-year-old mother of two, Mrs Eleanor Cooke, of Bracken Street in the Woodvale area was found fatally wounded only yards from her home. It is not known how the woman died.

Wednesday 18th October 1972
Man dies from blast injuries
A man has died in hospital 16 days after he was injured when a car bomb wrecked Conlon's Bar in Smithfield, Belfast. He has been named as Mr James Gillen, of Divismore Park.

Wednesday 18th October 1972
Shankill Road shootings
Two people have died and 23 injured after Protestant gunmen rook on the Army in the Shankill and Sandy Row areas of Belfast. An Army spokesman has said that over a 24-hour period there were 82 separate shooting incidents, 68 of these involved the security forces. The Army has claimed seven hits on gunmen and a man and a woman's bodies have been found. Ten civilians, ten soldiers and three RUC men have been wounded,

Wednesday 18th October 1972
Arms find at UDA club
Soldiers have raided a UDA club in Ceylon Street, Belfast. The Army screened 30 people and discovered two rifles, two pistols, a shotgun and some ammunition.





TOP - The car in which Resident Magistrate William Staunton was shot on the Falls Road.
BOTTOM - Members of the Orange Volunteers on parade at Stormont.
FACING PAGE - IRA bomb attack on government buildings in Marlborough Street.



ABOVE - British troops open fire with baton rounds during riots in the Unity Flats area of West Belfast.
BELOW - An army 'snatch squad' comes under attack



Wednesday 18th October 1972
East Belfast gun attacks
In East Belfast, over a one-hour period there were 13 separate shooting attacks and two petrol bombs thrown.

Wednesday 18th October 1972
Shot men were Official IRA members
The two men who were shot dead by soldiers at an Army checkpoint in Coagh on Monday were both members of the Official IRA. They have been named as Patrick Mullan, of Strews Rock, Dungannon and Hugh Herron of Mullawhitra, Dungannon. The Army say the men were shot after they pointed a rifle at them when they were stopped at a roadblock.

Wednesday 18th October 1972
Soldier dies in hospital
A Royal Marine Commando, who was shot by the IRA in the Falls area of Belfast, has died in hospital. The dead man has been named as Marine Anthony David, a 27-year-old man from Glamorgan who was shot in the neck and chest while driving along the Falls Road on the 16th September.

Thursday 19th October 1972
Home-made guns
Five "Zip guns", homemade weapons have been found at Methuen Street after a tip off. The guns, which are made from a metal alloy, are made in three pieces with a spring and firing pin. There is no butt and the weapon is basically a metal tube in three parts. It is thought that the weapon is held in one hand and cocked and fired with the other.

Thursday 19th October 1972
Shots fired at youth's funeral
Hundreds of UDA men attended the funeral of 15-year-old William Warnock, of Cuba Street, Newtownards Road. The youth died after being hit by an Army vehicle during riots in East Belfast. Three volleys of shots were fired outside the dead youth's home.

Thursday 19th October 1972
Appeal for witnesses
The RUC are investigating the death of two young men who were struck by Army vehicles in East Belfast. They have appealed for witnesses to the deaths of John Clarke of Bendigo Street and William Warnock of Cuba Street.

Thursday 19th October 1972
Dungannon explosions
Explosions in Dungannon have damaged a garage and an Ulsterbus depot. No one was injured in the attacks.

Thursday 19th October 1972
Bomb attack at Sion Mills
A temporary canteen attached to Herdman's flax mill has been wrecked by a 20-50lb suitcase bomb.



RIGHT - The body of Terence Maguire is removed from an entry off Clandeboye Street. He was a Catholic member of the UDR and was killed by the UDA.

Thursday 19th October 1972
Shots fired in Strabane
An Army patrol has come under fire at Barrack Street but there were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Thursday 19th October 1972
Woman's death caused by bomb
The Belfast woman, Eleanor Cooke, who was found dead close to her home in the Woodvale area, is believed to have died from blast bomb injuries. Residents have said that there was no trouble in the area at the time.

Thursday 19th October 1972
Dead man named
The man found dead in the Shankill Road area on Tuesday night has been named by the RUC. He is 23-year-old John Thomas Todd, a married man of Blackmountain Grove. His body was found at Wilton Square South.

Friday 20th October 1972
UDR man is wounded
A member of the UDR has been shot and wounded near his home Garvaghy Park. The man was shot by a sniper as he opened the door by a gunman who was operating from behind undergrowth 75 yards away.





Friday 20th October 1972
Chapel bombed
A bomb has exploded at St Mary's Catholic Chapel at Feystown, outside Glenarm. The building as been extensively damaged.

Friday 20th October 1972
UDA fires volley of shots
For the second time in two days the UDA have fired shots at the funeral of one of their members killed during rioting. Three volleys were fired over the coffin of John Clarke who was knocked down in Hornby Street.

Friday 20th October 1972
Soldiers wounded in Belfast
Two soldiers, members of the Life Guards has been shot by a sniper. A single bullet struck both men after the gunman opened fire from the direction of Church Street East. They were not seriously injured.

Friday 20th October 1972
Motorcycle bomb
An Army spokesman has said that the 20-40lb bomb, which exploded at Ligoniel Road, was concealed in a motorcycle's fuel tank. The area was evacuated and no one was injured in the attack.

Friday 20th October 1972
Shots fired from car
Two low velocity shots have been fired from a Volkswagen car at a group of people standing outside a shop in Atlantic Avenue. The car sped off after the incident.

Friday 20th October 1972
Customs post attacked
Six shots have been fired at the customs caravan at Belleek. According to the Army, the gunmen cross from the South to carry out the shooting.

TOP - Residents of the Newtownards Road area pause at a table of flowers where 15 year old William Warnock was killed. He was one of two UDA members killed by an army vehicle. BOTTOM - car bomb attack in Victoria Street

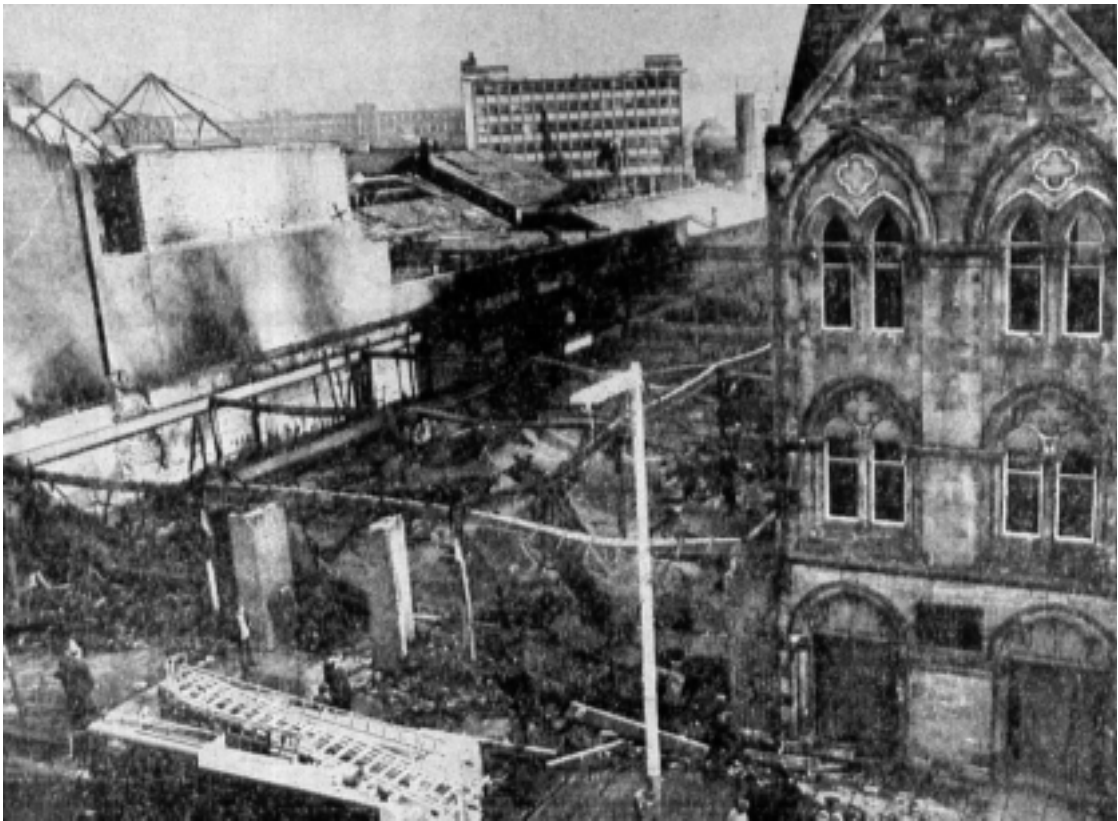
RIGHT & BELOW - Firebomb attack on the Co-op's new shop in Donegall Street



Friday 20th October 1972
Shots fired at Portadown
Shots have been fired at a Catholic home in the Knoocknamuckley area of Portadown. Five empty .303 shells were found around 100 yards away.

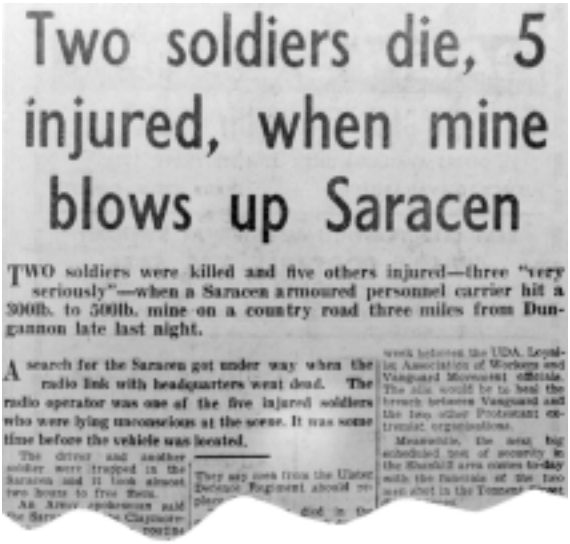
Friday 20th October 1972
Gun attack on Catholic home
Children had a narrow escape when two shots have been fired into a Catholic house at Downshire Avenue in Lurgan. No one was injured in the attack.

Friday 20th October 1972
Catholic school destroyed
Fire has destroyed a small Catholic School at Rossgarland, Magherafelt. The RUC are investigating the cause of the blaze.



Saturday 21st October 1972
Lough Neagh barges attacked
Six masked gunmen have boarded two sand barges at Lough Neagh and ordered the skippers to leave at gunpoint. Bombs were placed at the rear of the vessel close to where the engine is situated. The bombs exploded a short time later and sank at a point near Skady Tower, not far from Randalstown Forrest.

Saturday 21st October 1972
Shots fired at UDR man's funeral
Men in civilian clothes have fired three volleys of shots at the funeral of a 23-year-old UDR private who was shot during disturbances in the Shankill area on Tuesday. The salute was fired as the funeral of John Todd, of Blackmountain Grove, passed the UDA headquarters at Wilton Street.



Two soldiers die, 5 injured, when mine blows up Saracen

TWO soldiers were killed and five others injured—three "very seriously"—when a Saracen armoured personnel carrier hit a 500lb. to 500lb. mine on a country road three miles from Dungannon late last night.

A search for the Saracen got under way when the radio link with headquarters went dead. The radio operator was one of the five injured soldiers who were lying unconscious at the scene. It was some time before the vehicle was located.

The driver and another soldier were trapped in the Saracen and it took almost two hours to free them.

week between the UDA, Loyalist Association of Workers and Vanguard Movement officials. The aim would be to heal the breach between Vanguard and the two other Protestant extremist organisations.

Meanwhile, the next big scheduled test of security in the Shankill area comes to-day with the funerals of the two soldiers in the Tennent Street

Monday 23rd October 1972
Arms raid at Lurgan UDR base
A 14-man gang have carried out a raid on a joint UDR-TAVR depot at Lurgan. 104 guns – 83 self-loading rifles and 21 sub-machine guns and more than 1,300 rounds of ammunition have been stolen. Four of the raiders, dressed in British Army uniforms, drove up to the base in a red Cortina; produced guns and claimed that they were members of the UVF. Ten more raiders joined them and held up duty members of the guard at gunpoint. A soldier heard the commotion and locked himself in the guardroom but after a gun was put to the head of another soldier, he opened the door to the armoury. The weapons were loaded into a TA Land Rover.
Searches have been carried out and weapons discovered. Searches continue for the remaining 36 weapons and 500 rounds of ammunition.



Monday 23rd October 1972
Arms find in East Belfast
Soldiers from the Life Guards regiment have discovered three rifles, a revolver, 50lbs of explosives in a house in Connswater Street in East Belfast.

Monday 23rd October 1972
UDR man killed near border
An off duty member of the UDR, John Bell, aged 22, has been shot dead in an ambush near Newtownbutler. He was the front seat passenger of a car, which was being driven to

LEFT - A military policeman carries out rifles found during a raid on a disused house in Connswater Street
FACING PAGE - remains of a car bomb which exploded in the Lower Falls area.

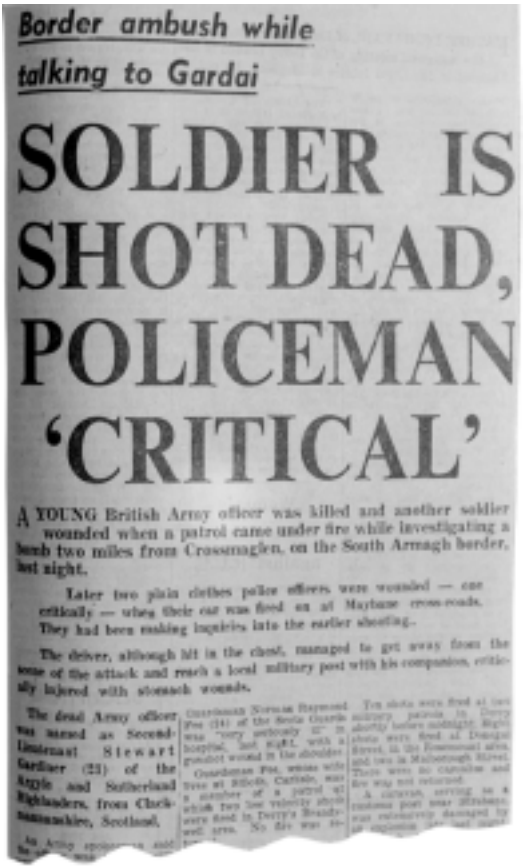
the family farm by his father. The man's father, who was wounded, managed to drive on and a brother, who was in the back, managed to return fire with a pistol but did not hit anyone.

Monday 23rd October 1972
Off-duty soldier shot
An off duty member of the Scots Guards who is on leave from his regiment in Germany has been shot in the stomach while visiting relatives in Richill. It is understood he saw his attackers lying by the road and opened fire. He is claiming a hit.

Monday 23rd October 1972
Shots fired in New Lodge
More than 70 shots have been fired at troops in Duncairn Gardens, in the New Lodge area of Belfast after rubber bullets were fired at local residents. The Army returned fire but no hits were recorded.

Monday 23rd October 1972
Explosives found at college
Seventy pounds of Nitro Benzene has been discovered in St Mary's College of Education on the Falls Road. The mixture was dealt with by a bomb disposal expert.





Border ambush while talking to Gardai

SOLDIER IS SHOT DEAD, POLICEMAN 'CRITICAL'

A YOUNG British Army officer was killed and another soldier wounded when a patrol came under fire while investigating a bomb two miles from Crossmaglen, on the South Armagh border, last night.

Later two plain clothes police officers were wounded — one critically — when their car was fired on at Maybane cross-roads. They had been making inquiries into the earlier shooting.

The driver, although hit in the chest, managed to get away from the scene of the attack and reach a local military post with his companion, critically injured with stomach wounds.

The dead Army officer was named as Second-Lieutenant Stewart Gardiner (23) of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, from Chickamanchire, Scotland.

Monday 23rd October 1972
Blast bomb attack
A blast bomb has been thrown at a Catholic home in the Limestone Road area of Belfast at around 10.30pm. The bomb caused slight damage and no injuries.

Monday 23rd October 1972
RUC men attacked in Lurgan
Shots have been fired from a passing car at two RUC men who were manning a road checkpoint in Lurgan. The shots missed the RUC men and shattered the windscreen. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed.

Monday 23rd October 1972
Derry cricket pavilion bombed
The Pavilion at the Brigade cricket club grounds at Beechgrove, Derry, has been extensively damaged when a bomb exploded there without warning. The overnight bomb is estimated to have contained 20-30lb of gelignite.



DAY AND NIGHT OF GUN BATTLES IN BELFAST

SHOT GIRL DIES IN HOSPITAL

A 19-YEAR-OLD housewife shot by British troops in the Falls Road area yesterday died this morning as sniping continued after the gun battles in which an I.R.A. Volunteer and a British soldier were killed.

The woman was named as Mrs. Patricia McKay. Her address was not known but she was said to have been married just six months ago. British troops claimed she was carrying a rifle when she was shot, but no weapon was found at the scene nor in an ambulance in which she was being taken to hospital.

Dense smoke rose over the area as flames gutted cars being used to form barricades in the Lemon Street area of the Falls Road.

At midnight, six gunmen were firing at the British Army [illegible] at Malbone Street between Roden Street and [illegible]

Monday 23rd October 1972
Claymore mine discovered
A claymore type mine has been discovered in an alleyway off Blucher Street in Derry after a tip off. The device had been packed with six-inch nails and had detonator wires attached.

Monday 23rd October 1972
Wounded RUC man dies
Constable Andrew Gordon Harron, aged 32, died on Saturday after being wounded by a gunman on Tuesday.

Tuesday 24th October 1972
Sniper kills soldier in Belfast
A soldier on foot patrol in the Lower Falls district has been shot dead by a sniper in Arundel Street. The soldier was hit in the head by a single shot. It is not known if members of his patrol returned fire.

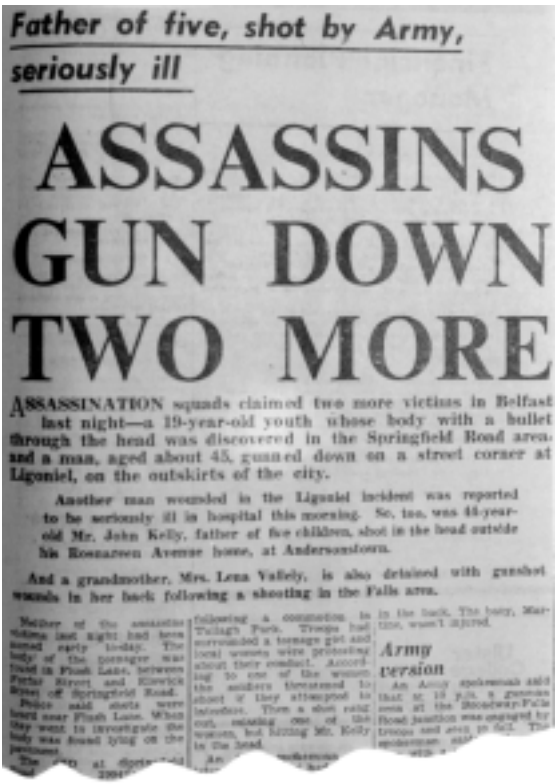
Tuesday 24th October 1972
Appeal
The RUC has appealed for information about the killing of an Andersonstown man who was shot dead in East Belfast ten days ago. The dead man was 23-year-old Thomas Terrence Maguire.

Tuesday 24th October 1972
Land mine explodes at Portglenone
A 70lb land mine has exploded near Portglenone. Soldiers travelling in the second vehicle suffered cuts and bruises but no serious injuries.

Tuesday 24th October 1972
Bomb explodes in Strabane
Two 10lb bombs have exploded in the village of Donemana near Strabane. Three buses were badly damaged in the attack.

Tuesday 24th October 1972
Anti-internment protest
Sixty women have mounted a protest against internment outside Springfield Road barracks. There were no incidents

Tuesday 24th October 1972
Claymore mine detonated by Army
Army experts have detonated a 100lb claymore mine, which was found on a minor road at Molenan near the Donegal-Derry border. The mine was concealed in a culvert, which was badly damaged in the blast.



Father of five, shot by Army, seriously ill

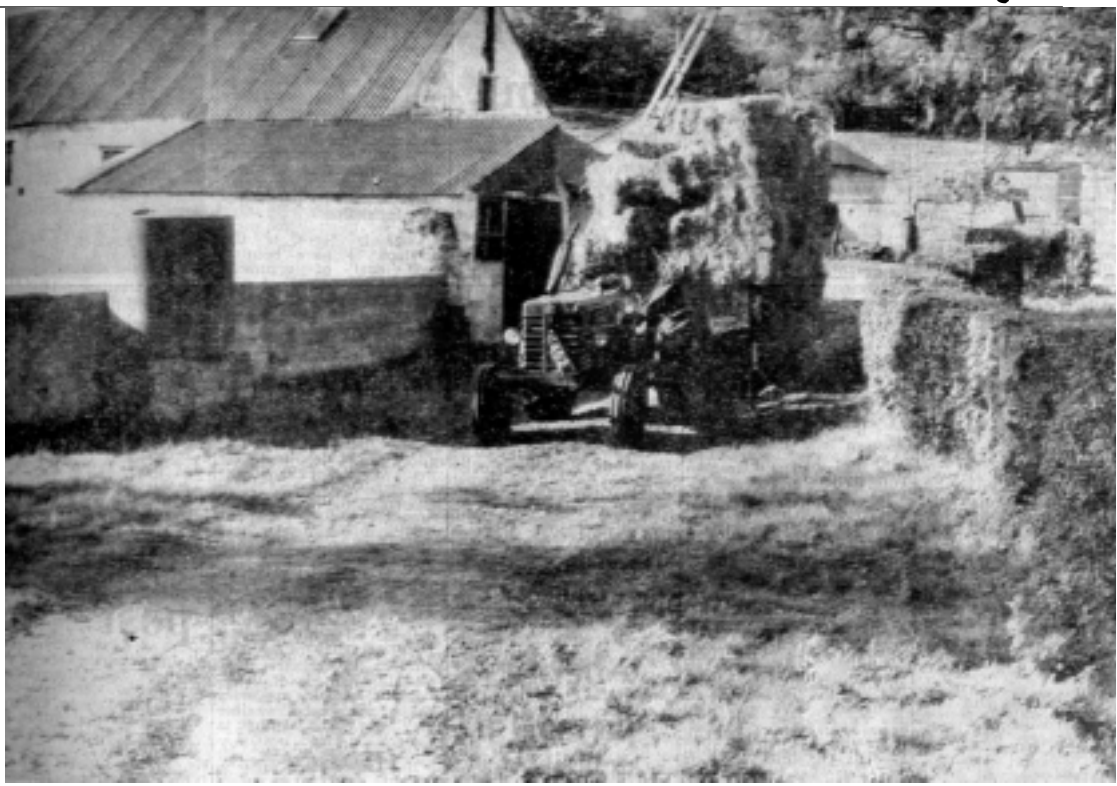
ASSASSINS GUN DOWN TWO MORE

ASSASSINATION squads claimed two more victims in Belfast last night—a 19-year-old youth whose body with a bullet through the head was discovered in the Springfield Road area, and a man, aged about 45, gunned down on a street corner at Ligoniel, on the outskirts of the city.

Another man wounded in the Ligoniel incident was reported to be seriously ill in hospital this morning. So, too, was 44-year-old Mr. John Kelly, father of five children, shot in the head outside his Rosnareen Avenue home, at Andersonstown.

And a grandmother, Mrs. Lena Valely, is also detained with gunshot wounds in her back following a shooting in the Falls area.

Army version



ABOVE - The farm near Forkhill which Michael Nann and Andrew Murray were brutally killed in what became known as the 'Pitchfork Murders.'

Tuesday 24th October 1972
Boy shot dead in Derry
Anthony Diamond, aged 12, of Rathkeele Way, Derry has died from gunshot wounds, which he received in the Creggan. The exact circumstances of the shooting is not known but it is thought that he was in a house with other boys and a shotgun was fired.

Tuesday 24th October 1972
Search for TA guns continues
Soldiers are continuing their search for the weapons, which were stolen from the Lurgan TA centre. It is believed that the weapons 22 rifles, 14 sub-machineguns and 500 rounds of ammunition have been split up and hidden in different locations.

Wednesday 25th October 1972
Army detonates bombs
The Army has detonated three milk churn bombs, which were each packed with 50lbs of explosives. The bombs were found by the roadway near Gortin, Tyrone.

Wednesday 25th October 1972
Helicopter comes under fire
More than 100 shots have been fired at a patrol of soldiers from the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders near Crossmaglen by two gunmen. A helicopter, which came to investigate the attack, also came under fire. No one was injured.

Wednesday 25th October 1972
Shots fired at Army post
Five shots have been fired at Lisburn Road RUC barracks by a gunman from a passing car. There were no casualties in the attack.

Wednesday 25th October 1972
Two men killed on border farm
The bodies of two men have been discovered on a farm a short distance from the Cavan-Fermanagh border. The men

who died were Mr. Michael Naan, aged 35 and Mr Andrew Murray, age 25. Initial pathologist reports suggest that both men died from multiple stab wounds. The death of the two men, who are both Catholics, is being viewed as a direct reprisal for the killing of John Bell on Sunday. The killing of the UDR man happened a mile away from where the two men were killed. It is thought that a sharp instrument such as a pitchfork was used to kill both men.

Wednesday 25th October 1972
Taxi driver shot by passengers
A taxi driver is critically ill in hospital after being shot in the head by gunmen posing as customers. The driver stopped at the junction of Forth River Road and Forth River Crescent to let off two passengers.

Wednesday 25th October 1972
Soldier dies from injuries
A soldier has died in hospital from injuries he received in a bomb attack in Armagh ten days ago. He has been named as Private Robert Michael Mason, aged 19, of Cambridgeshire.

Wednesday 25th October 1972
Belfast gun attacks
The Army has announced that in the past 24 hours there have been 23 shooting incidents in the Belfast area. The security forces were involved in 19 of them.

Wednesday 25th October 1972
Sniper wounds soldier in New Lodge
A soldier is said to be seriously wounded after being shot by a sniper in the New Lodge area of Belfast.

Thursday 26th October 1972
Man shot in Belfast
A man has been admitted to the Mater Hospital after a gunman opened fire on a group of men at the corner of Annadale Street and the Antrim Road. His condition is not thought to be serious.

Thursday 26th October 1972
Soldier wounded in New Lodge
A soldier has been shot in the shoulder as he patrolled a North Belfast street. The Patrol had been in Lepper Street



when a sniper struck. Fire was returned but no hits were recorder.

Thursday 26th October 1972
Arms finds
Two finds of ammunition has been made by soldiers. Two boxes, containing 10 rounds of .22 ammunition have been discovered behind a wall at Carnmoney Cemetery and in a drying Room at Unity Flats 306 rounds of assorted ammunition were discovered.

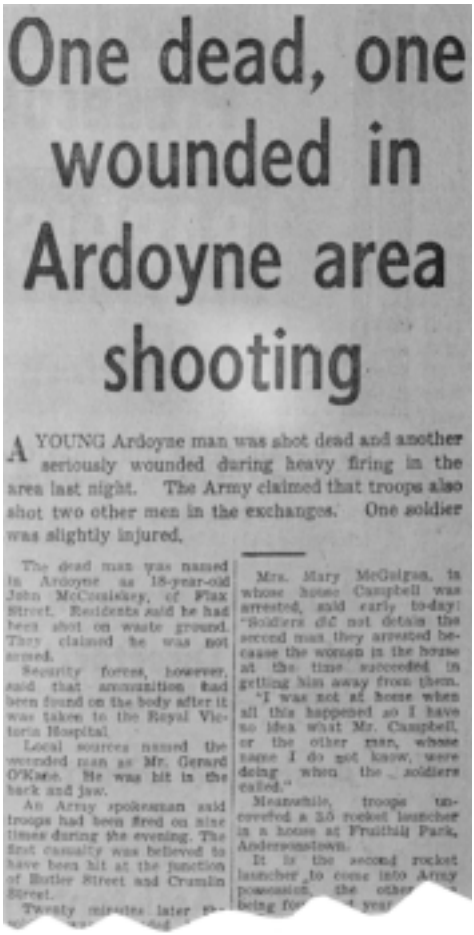
Friday 27th October 1972
UVF man escapes from jail
A large-scale search has been mounted throughout Belfast for a member of the UVF man who has escaped from Crumlin Road Prison. The UVF man, James Strutt, is the second UVF man to escape from the jail this month. When roll call was taken it was realised that the prisoner was gone, however it is not yet known how the man managed to escape.

Friday 27th October 1972
Civil Rights man shot at home
The vice chairman of Dungannon Civil Resistance Committee has been shot as he stood outside his home. The man, Plunkett O'Donnell, was shot in the thigh and back and his condition is described as serious.

Friday 27th October 1972
Shots fired at GOC's house
Sentries at Cloona House in Dunmurry, which is the home of the G.O.C. Sir Henry Tuzo believe they may have shot a gunman who fired five shots at the residence. Traces of blood were found after the shooting but gunman escaped.

Friday 27th October 1972
Gunman shot in Ardoyne
The Army say that soldiers opened fire on a gunman in the Ardoyne area of Belfast . The man was seen to fall and a short while later an ambulance was seen in the area. No arrests were made.

FACING PAGE - Divis Street after a night of rioting



One dead, one wounded in Ardoyne area shooting

A YOUNG Ardoyne man was shot dead and another seriously wounded during heavy firing in the area last night. The Army claimed that troops also shot two other men in the exchanges. One soldier was slightly injured.

The dead man was named in Ardoyne as 18-year-old John McCluskey, of Flax Street. Residents said he had been shot on waste ground. They claimed he was not armed.

Security forces, however, said that ammunition had been found on the body after it was taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Local sources named the wounded man as Mr. Gerard O'Kane. He was hit in the back and jaw.

An Army spokesman said troops had been fired on nine times during the evening. The first casualty was believed to have been hit at the junction of Butler Street and Crumlin Street.

Twenty minutes later s[illegible]

Mrs. Mary McGuigan, in whose house Campbell was arrested, said early to-day: "Soldiers did not detain the second man they arrested because the woman in the house at the time succeeded in getting him away from them.

"I was not at home when all this happened so I have no idea what Mr. Campbell, or the other man, whose name I do not know, were doing when the soldiers called."

Meanwhile, troops uncovered a 35 rocket launcher in a house at Fruithill Park, Andersonstown.

It is the second rocket launcher to come into Army possession, the other [illegible] being fo[illegible] year

Friday 27th October 1972
Man killed by hi-jacked bus
An inquest has been held into the death on 21st May of a 46-year-old aircraft inspector who was working on his car outside his home in Ballysillan Road when he was struck a telegraph pole, which was hit by a bus. The bus had been hi-jacked. The man who died was named as Richard Oliver.

Saturday 28th October 1972
Flintlock rifle found in Twinbrook
Soldiers carrying out a search in the Twinbrook area of Belfast, have uncovered a flintlock "Brown Bess" rifle, which they believe, dates back to 1690. The rifle was found in a ditch. Its barrel was badly rusted and the stock contained woodworm. In the same area an M1 carbine was discovered with one round in the breech.





LEFT - Bomb attack on the home of Patrick Watters at Clara Park. Mr Watters was a former member of the RUC.
BOTTOM - Troops removing barricades from the Grosvenor Road

Monday 30th October 1972
Youth shot dead in Belfast
A 16-year-old youth, Michael Vincent Turner, aged 16, of Ophir Gardens has been shot dead as he walked along the Cliftonville Road with friends on Sunday afternoon. It is though that a youth with a machine-gun or automatic pistol opened fire from a Morris 1100 car. The car crashed a short time later at Brookvale Avenue and three or four men got out and ran off

Monday 30th October 1972
Bobby-trap uncovered
An attempt has been made to lure soldiers into a trap in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. An anonymous phone call, made by a woman, said that the body of a man was lying on the Glen Road. On investigating the phone call soldiers discovered that it was really a bomb in a sack, which was made up to look like a body. The device was disarmed by an Army expert.

Monday 30th October 1972
RUC man's gun is stolen
Three masked men have attacked an RUC man and stole his revolver in Belfast. The incident happened in Ivan Street, off York Street as the man was on his way to work in civilian clothes. He was not on duty at the time.

Monday 30th October 1972
Shots fired in Belfast
Six shots have been fired from Unity Place in Belfast while troops were in the area. Shots were also fired at Louisa Street and at Ballycastle Street. In Turf Lodge, a mobile patrol came under fire at Monagh Road.

Monday 30th October 1972
Border gun battle
A patrol of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders has come under heavy fire near the border at Crossmaglen. The Army say that over 120 rounds were fired at troops from two positions.. Fire was returned but there are no reports of casualties on either side.

Monday 30th October 1972
Bomb attack in Strabane
A fire has broken out at a temporary welfare clinic at Melmount Road, Strabane.

Monday 30th October 1972
Dublin arson attacks continue
A spate of arson attacks on Dublin hotels have continued. The latest hotel to be attacked is North Star Hotel.

Monday 30th October 1972
Bomb attack in Omagh
A bomb which is estimate to contain between 100-200lbs of explosives, exploded 30 minutes after it was planted at a garage in James Street, Omagh. The area was evacuated and no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 30th October 1972
Soldier injured in Fermanagh
A soldier has been slightly injured when a land mine exploded in a culvert under the Ballyconnell Road, Kinawley, near the Fermanagh border.

Monday 30th October 1972
Man wounded in Armagh
A 58-year-old male nurse was wounded during a ten-minute gun battle in Armagh. The man was shot in the back and he is in hospital. His condition is said to be fair.

Monday 30th October 1972
Bombs found in Newry
Six large gas containers, each packed with 80lb of explosives have been found under a hedge in the Corrinshego area of Newry. A fuse was attached to each container. They were not camouflaged and an Army spokesman has said that they believe they were left there for collection.

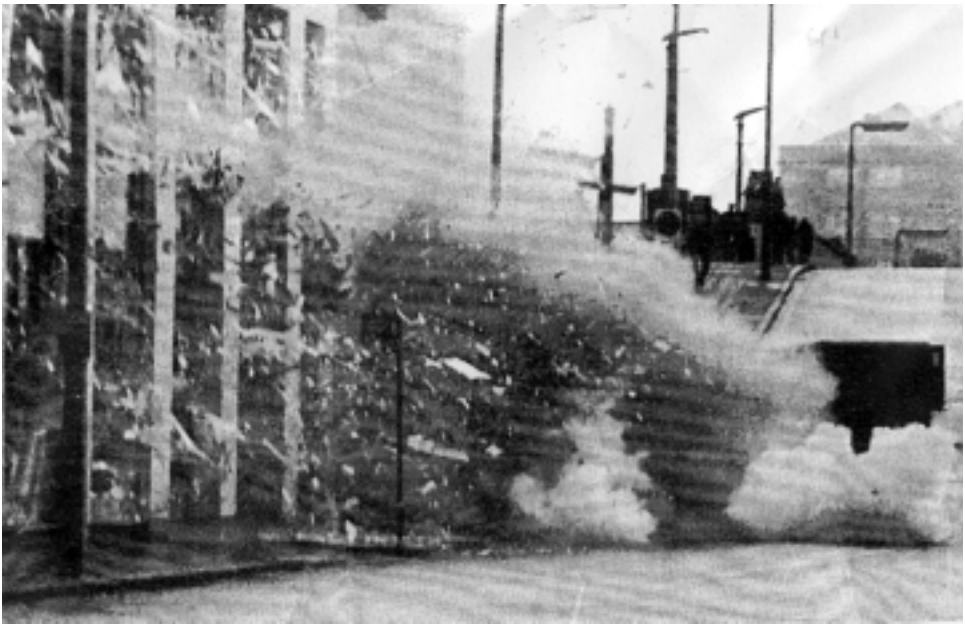
BELOW - New search points erected around Belfast City Centre. These are to search pedestrians and traffic entering the zone. This one is at the junction of Fountain Street and Wellington Place

Monday 30th October 1972
Soldier killed in Derry
The soldier who was shot dead in Derry on Saturday has been named as Lance Sergeant Thomas McKay. He was aged 29 and served with the 2nd Battalion Scots Guard.

Tuesday 31st October 1972
Gun battle in South Armagh
The IRA and British Army have engaged in a fierce border gun battle at Crossmaglen in South Armagh. Around 130 rounds of ammunition were fired at the army from rifles and automatic weapons. Flares were fired to light up the snipers positions but no hits were recorded on either side.

Tuesday 31st October 1972
RUC man attacked in Belfast
A member of the RUC reserve who was on patrol at the junction of the Shore and Whitewell Roads, has had a narrow escape when nine shots were fired at them. An RUC spokesman has said that a bullet passed through the mans coat and was deflected by his flak jacket. He received a minor injury and fire was not returned.





ABOVE - Bomb attack on an office block at the Boyne Bridge, Belfast.
BELOW - The Falls Road in West Belfast after a night of rioting.



Tuesday 31st October 1972
Bomb discovered at Larne

Army bomb disposal experts were called in to deal with a bomb in a milk churn at Ballysnodd outside Larne. The car carrying the bomb, estimated to contain 60-100lbs of explosives, had been burned out. Two controlled explosions were carried out.

Tuesday 31st October 1972
Soldiers open fire on gunmen in Derry

A soldier has opened fire on two gunmen who was seen in a laneway at Creggan Camp, in Derry. No hits were claimed and the men fled the scene.

Tuesday 31st October 1972
Bomb at Tyrone pub

Army experts have defused a bomb which had been planted in a public house in Beragh, County Tyrone. Only slight damage was caused. Three armed men left the bomb on the premises the detonator went off but failed to ignite the main charge.

Tuesday 31st October 1972
Arms find in Short Strand

Three M1 carbines, a revolver and 1,400 rounds of ammunition have been found by the Army in an unoccupied house at Thompson Street, Short Strand.

BELOW A military patrol passes the remains of the Shankill Road branch of the Ulster Bank at the junction of Agnes Street



THOSE WHO DIED

ROBERT CUTTING
AGED 18
3rd September 1972
A soldier in the Royal Marines, he was accidentally shot by another soldier in the New Lodge area of North Belfast.

VICTOR SMYTH
AGED 54
5th September 1972
A member of the UDR, he was killed when a Loyalist car bomb exploded outside a Catholic owned bar as he drove past. The public house was at the junction of Bridge Street and High Street in Portadown.

BRIDGET BREEN
AGED 33
6th September 1972
She was killed during a bomb attack on a Nationalist politicians house in Cedar Avenue in North Belfast. Members of the UDA had thrown the bomb through the windows at the front of the house which exploded moments later.

SAMUEL WARING BOYDE
AGED 20
6th September 1972
He was shot dead in an entry at La Salle drive in West Belfast a day after being released from Long Kesh. No one claimed the killing but it's believed to have been the work of republicans.

ROBERT RITCHIE McKINNEY
AGED 49
7th September 1972
He was shot dead in disputed circumstances while driving his car along Matchett Street in the Shankill Road area of West Belfast. Rioting had been going on at the time between the army and members of the UDA and it is believed to have been the military who shot him. Another man,



Robert McKinney

Robert Johnston, was killed nearby in similar disturbances.

ROBERT JOHNSTON
AGED 50
7th September 1972
Mr Johnston was shot dead by the army during disturbances in the Shankill Road area. He had been standing at Berlin Street shouting verses from the Bible when a soldier took aim and shot him. Locals described him as a 'harmless drunk.'

WILLIAM MOORE
AGED 20
7th September 1972
Mr Moore was shot in Euston Street in East Belfast after a car approached him and a friend and opened fire. Badly injured he had been rushed to hospital but died a short time afterwards. He had been involved in a dispute with Loyalists some weeks previously and his friend had stated that the gunman was one of those.

DUNCAN McPHEE
AGED 21
10th September 1972
A soldier in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, he was killed alongside Private Douglas Richmond when an IRA land mine was detonated under their Saracen armoured car near Dungannon. Another soldier, Lance Corporal William McIntyre died from his injuries the following day.

DOUGLAS RICHMOND
AGED 21
10th September 1972
See above.



Douglas Richmond

WILLIAM McINTYRE
AGED 23
11th September 1972
See above.

PATRICK DOYLE
AGED 19
13th September 1972
He was killed when loyalist gunmen entered his families pub on the Springfield Road and opened fire. He was behind the bar and was hit three times and was dead on arrival to hospital.



William McIntyre

ROBERT JAMES WARNOCK
AGED 18
13th September 1972
A member of the UDA, he was shot dead by an off duty member of the RUC during an attempted robbery on the Hillfoot Bar in East Belfast.

ANDREW McKIBBEN
AGED 28
14th September 1972
He died when a UDA bomb exploded as he drove past the Imperial Hotel on the Cliftonville Road. Martha Smylie, a resident in a nearby old peoples home died the following day and one of those injured, Anne Murray, died two days later. Fifty people were injured in the blast.

MARTHA SMYLIE
AGED 91
15th September 1972
Described as one of the oldest victim's of the Troubles, she was a resident at a Salvation Army home for the elderly on the Cliftonville Road. She died following the bomb attack on the Imperial Hotel.

JOHN DAVIES
AGED 22
15th September 1972
A soldier in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper while on foot patrol in the Bogside area of Derry.

ANNE MURRAY
AGED 53
16th September 1972
Mrs Murray died as a result of injuries received during the UDA bombing of the Imperial Hotel on the Cliftonville Road.

SINCLAIR JOHNSTON
AGED 27
16th September 1972
A member of the UVF, he was shot dead by the RUC during a loyalist attack on a small Catholic enclave in the town of Larne.



Sinclair Johnston

MICHAEL QUIGLEY
AGED 19
17th September 1972
A member of the IRA, he was shot dead by the British Army in disputed circumstances during a gun battle in the Creggan area of Derry.

JOHN VAN BECK
AGED 26
18th September 1972
A soldier in the Scots Guards, he was fatally injured in an IRA gun attack the previous day in the Bogside area of Derry.

EDMUND WOOLSEY
AGED 31
18th September 1972
He was killed in an IRA booby trap bomb which had been left in his car for the security forces. His car had been stolen in Dundalk and showed up at Glassdrummond. The army told him that the car was safe to be collected and when he did so the car exploded.

FRANK BELL
AGED 18
20th September 1972
A soldier in the Parachute Regiment he died as a result of injuries received three days previously in an IRA gun attack in the Ballymurphy area of West Belfast.

THOMAS STOKER
AGED 18
19th September 1972
A soldier in the Light Infantry, he died in hospital after being injured when a shot was discharged by a colleague two months previously in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast.

JOSEPH McCOMISKEY
AGED 18
20th September 1972
A member of the IRA, he was shot dead by the Army at wasteground in the Ardoyne area.

THOMAS BULLOCK
AGED 53
21st September 1972
A member of the UDR, he and his wife were shot dead by the IRA at their home at Killynick.



Thomas Bullock

EMILY BULLOCK
AGE UNLISTED
21st September 1972
She was shot dead at her home with her husband (see above).

WILLIAM MATTHEWS
AGED 47
22nd September 1972
A Catholic from the Divis Tower complex in the Lower Falls, Mr Matthews was found stabbed to death in the loyalist Glencairn area of West Belfast.

STEWART GARDINER
AGED 23
22nd September 1972
A soldier in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, he was shot dead by the IRA during a military search near Crossmaglen in South Armagh.

MINNIE MALCOLMSON
AGED 48
23rd September 1972
She died at the bedside of her son, an RUC officer who had been seriously wounded in an IRA gun attack in South Armagh. A soldier, Stewart Gardiner, was killed in the attack. The RUC officer survived.

JOHN BARRY
AGED 22
25th September 1972
A soldier in the Royal Anglian Regiment, he was shot dead by the IRA when they opened fire on a Saracen armoured car in the Lower Falls area of West Belfast.

PAUL McCARTEN
AGED 52
26th September 1972
He was abducted by a UDA gang as he made his way along the Newtownards Road. He was taken to the UDA headquarters and once it was discovered that he was a Catholic he was shot three times in the head.

GEORGE LOCKHART
AGED 24
26th September 1972
A soldier in the Scots Guards, he died in hospital after being fatally injured in an IRA gun attack in the Bogside area three days previously.

DANIEL ROONEY
AGED 19
27th September 1972
He was shot in disputed circumstances by undercover soldiers at St James's Crescent in West Belfast and died soon after in hospital. Troops said that he was an IRA gunman who had attacked them but local people state that he had been talking to a friend when he was shot from a passing car.

JAMES BOYLE
AGED 16
27th September 1972
His body was found in an entry off the Springfield Road where the UDA had killed him. He had a single gun shot wound to the head.

DANIEL McERLEAN
AGED 48
27th September 1972
He was fatally injured the previous day in a UVF bomb attack at a club where he worked at Upper Library Street.

ALEXANDER GREER
AGED 45
27th September 1972
He was shot by the IRA as he stood with a friend at the junction of Mill Road and Ligoniel Road in North Belfast. Another man aged 67 was injured.

EDWARD PAVIS
AGED 32
28th September 1972
He was shot dead by the UVF's Shankill Butchers at his home in Glenvarlock Street. They alleged that he had sold guns to the Official IRA.

JIMMY QUIGLEY
AGED 18
29th September 1972
A member of the IRA, he was shot dead by British troops in the attic of a chemist's shop in Albert Street in the Lower Falls area of West Belfast.



Jimmy Quigley

IAN BURT
AGED 18
29th September 1972
A soldier in the Royal Anglian Regiment, he was shot during an intense gun battle in the Albert Street area of West Belfast. Both the Official and Provisional IRA were involved in the exchanges with the troops. Provisional IRA member Jimmy Quigley and Patricia McKay of the Official IRA were killed the same day.

PATRICIA McKAY
AGED 20
29th September 1972
A member of the Official IRA, she was shot in disputed circumstances in the Lower Falls area of West Belfast. The army claimed that she had been carrying a rifle when she was shot but the Official IRA claimed that she was unarmed at the time.

THOMAS PAISLEY
AGE UNLISTED
29th September 1972
He was shot dead by members of the UVF who were involved in an robbery at a farmhouse in Ballyclare. A milkman, he pulled up at the house as the men were making their escape.

MICHAEL HAYES
AGED 27
30th September 1972
He was shot dead by British troops in disputed circumstances in the New Lodge area of North Belfast. At his inquest he was found to have been shot nine times and one of the soldiers involved had a statement read out in which he stated that he thought he saw Michael Hayes aim a pistol at a foot patrol but that he could not be sure. A forensic report said no lead residues were found on the dead man.

THOMAS RUDMAN
AGED 20
30th September 1972
A soldier in the Light Infantry he was shot dead during an IRA gun attack in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast. Another soldier was injured when the ambulance taking him away came under fire.



Thomas Rudman

JOHN KELLY
AGED 44
30th September 1972
He was fatally injured in disputed circumstances when a soldier shot him in the Andersonstown area of West Belfast. Later, Counsel for the Ministry of Home Affairs stated that Mr Kelly was a totally innocent victim.

PATRICK McKEE
AGED 24
30th September 1972
He was killed after a UVF bomb went off outside Conlon's Bar in the Smithfield area of Central Belfast. He had been drinking there with a group of friends. Seventeen people were injured and Patrick's friend, James Gillen, died as a result of his injuries on the 18th of October.

EDWARD STUART
AGED 20
2nd October 1972
A soldier in the Royal Engineers, he was shot by the IRA in a secret compartment of a laundry van in the Twinbrook area. The military had been using the bogus laundry to check the clothing of residents for signs of explosives.



Edward Stuart

EDWARD BONNER
AGED 37
2nd October 1972
He was shot dead in the Grosvenor Homing Pigeons and Social Club in the Broadway area of West Belfast. The killing was carried out by the IRA who claimed that Mr Bonner was an informer.

SEAMUS WRIGHT
AGED 25
2nd October 1972
He and Kevin McKee were the first of several victims who were abducted and killed without their bodies ever being found. The IRA later claimed to have killed the two West Belfast men in 1999.

KEVIN McKEE
AGED UNLISTED
2nd October 1972
See Above.

JAMES McCARTAN
AGED 21
3rd October 1972
His body was found in Mersey Street in East Belfast after being abducted, tortured and shot dead by the UDA. He had been out drinking with friends in the Park Avenue Hotel when the murder squad picked him up.



James McCartan

GEFFORY HAMILTON
AGED 23
3rd October 1972
His body was found at Murdock Street in the Lower Falls area after he had been shot dead by the IRA.

PATRICK CONNOLLY
AGED 23
4th october 1972
He died after the UVF threw a hand grenade into his Portadown home.

JOHN MAGEE
AGED 54
5th October 1972
He was killed in a UDA bomb attack on the Capital Bar on the Dublin Road.

DANIEL McAREAVEY
AGED 21
6th October 1972
A member of the IRA, he was shot dead by British troops in the Lower Falls area following a bomb attack.



Daniel McAreavey

OLIVE McCONNELL
AGED 23
7th October 1972
She died saving her baby daughter from injury when a UVF car bomb exploded without warning outside the Long Bar in Leeson Street. Over ten others were injured in the attack.

ALEX MOOREHEAD
AGED 16
7th October 1972
Alex was a partially deaf youth who was shot dead by a UDR patrol near his home in Newtownstewart after he failed to stop when called on by the patrol. His uncle had been one of the members of the patrol.

JOHN RUDDY
AGED 50
10th October 1972
A member of the UDR he was shot dead by the IRA as he walked to work in Newry.

JOHN DONAGHY
AGED 18
10th October 1972
A member of the IRA he died with two other IRA members, Joseph McKinney and Patrick Maguire, in an explosion in a derelict house off the Falls Road. It is believed that the three had been handling explosives at the time.



John Ruddy



John Donaghy

PATRICK MAGUIRE
AGED 24
10th October 1972
A member of the IRA he died in a premature explosion alongside John Donaghy and Joseph McKinney.
See above.

JOSEPH McKINNEY
AGED 17
10th October 1972
A member of the IRA he died in a premature explosion alongside John Donaghy and Patrick Maguire.
See above.

ROBERT NICHOLL
AGED 22
13 October 1972
A detective constable in the RUC, he was shot dead by British troops in Castle Street in the centre of Belfast. He had been out drinking with a friend and later their car was flagged down to stop by the army. It failed to do so and the troops opened fire.

TERENCE MAGUIRE
AGED 23
14th October 1972
A member of the UDR, his body was found in an alley of Clandeboye Street where he had been shot by the UDA. One of the few Catholic members of the regiment, he came from the Andersonstown area of West Belfast.

LEO JOHN DUFFY
AGED 45
14th october 1972
He was shot dead along with another man, Thomas Marron, when UDA gunmen burst into Finnegan's off-licence on Tates Avenue.

THOMAS MARRON
AGED 59
14th October 1972
He was shot dead alongside Leo John Duffy.
See above.

JAMES DOHERTY
AGED 4
14th October 1972
He was shot in the Turf Lodge area of West Belfast by a stray bullet which, it is believed, was fired by republicans.

JOHN CLARKE
AGED 26
16th October 1972
A member of the UDA, he was killed during disturbances in Hornby Street when a Saracen armoured car crashed into a house and pinned him to the wall. Another UDA man, William Warnock, was also killed in the same area by an army vehicle.

WILLIAM WARNOCK
AGED 15
16th October 1972
A member of the UDA, he was killed by a military vehicle during disturbances in the Templemore Avenue area.

HUGH HERON
AGED 38
16th October 1972
A member of the Official IRA he and another Official IRA man, John Mullan, were shot by British troops in disputed circumstances in Mullahitra, Coagh. The army said the men were shot after they stopped a car and a rifle was pointed at them.

JOHN MULLAN
AGED 34
16th October 1972
He was shot alongside Hugh Heron.
See above.



John Mullan

ANTHONY DAVID
AGED 27
17th October 1972
He was fatally injured in an IRA gun attack a month previously in West Belfast.

ELEANOR COOK
AGED 32
17th October 1972
She was shot by the UDA during disturbances with the army in the Woodvale area of West Belfast.

JOHN TODD
AGED 23
17th October 1972
He was shot dead by the British army in the Shankill Road area of West Belfast. He had been a member of the UDA as well as a private in the UDR.

JAMES GILLEN
AGED 21
18th October 1972
He died as a result of injuries received in a UVF bomb attack on a bar 18 days previously. His friend, Patrick McKee, was killed in the explosion.

GORDON HARRON
AGED 32
21st October 1972
He died as a result of injuries received four days previously when a member of the UDA opened fire on him after his patrol stopped a car on the outskirts of Belfast.

ROBIN BELL
AGED 21
22nd October 1972
A member of the UDR, he was killed in an IRA gun attack at Lough Erne.

ROBERT MASON
AGED 19
24th October 1972
A soldier in the Royal Anglian Regiment he was shot dead by republicans in the Grosvenor Road area of West Belfast.

MICHAEL NAAN
AGED 31
23rd October 1972
He and another man, Andrew Murray, were found stabbed to death at a border farmhouse in Fermanagh in what became known as the 'pitchfork killings.' At first loyalists were thought responsible but later it was discovered to have been the work of British soldiers.



Michael Nann

ANDREW MURRAY
AGED 23
23rd October 1972
He was killed alongside Michael Naan in what became known as the 'pitchfork killings.'
See above.

JOHN MORRELL
AGED UNLISTED
25th October 1972
A soldier in the South Staffordshire Regiment he was injured in an IRA bomb attack in South Armagh ten days previously.

THOMAS McKAY
AGED 29
28th October 1972
A soldier in the Scots Guards, he was killed by an IRA sniper in Derry's Bishop Street.

MICHAEL TURNER
AGED 16
29th October 1972
He was out walking with a friend in the Cliftonville area of North Belfast when UVF gunmen opened fire on them from a passing car. His friend was injured in the attack.

JAMES KERR
AGED 17
31st October 1972
He was shot dead by gunmen from a group calling itself the 'Red Hand Commando' in his work place on the Lisburn Road. The gunman, Stephen McCrea who was killed later by republicans, stated that he shot him 'because he was a Fenian bastard.'

RICHARD SINCLAIR
AGED 18
31st October 1972
A soldier in the Queens Regiment he was shot dead by an IRA sniper on the New Lodge Road in North Belfast.

PAULA STRONG
AGED 6
31st October 1972
She was killed along with her friend, four year old Clare Hughes, in a UDA bomb attack on a bar in the Docks area of Belfast. They had been dressed in Hallowe'en costumes and were playing in the street when the car bomb exploded outside Benny's Bar.

CLARE HUGHES
AGED 4
31st October 1972
See above.



Paula Strong

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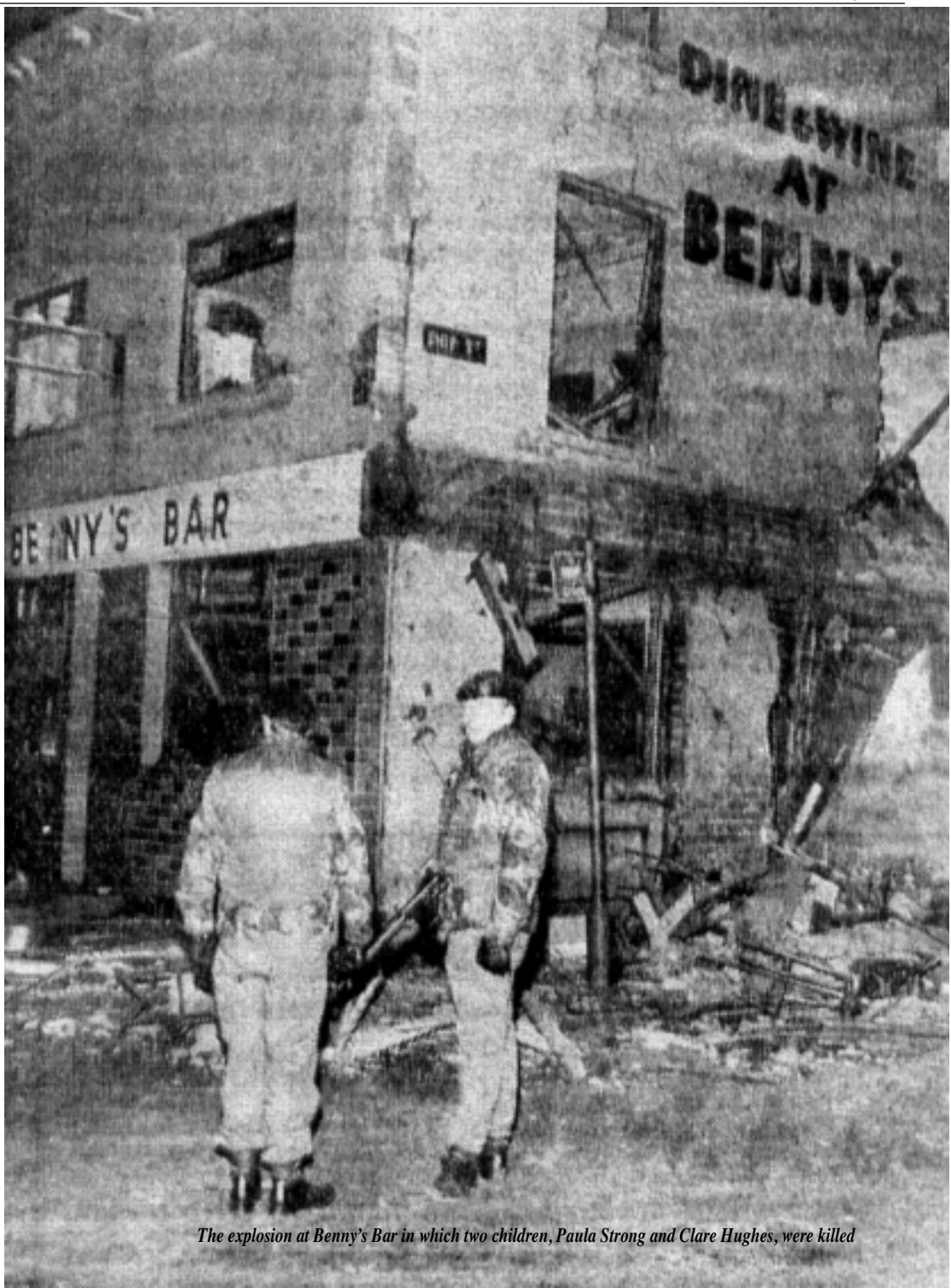

The explosion at Benny's Bar in which two children, Paula Strong and Clare Hughes, were killed

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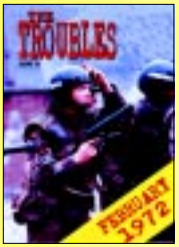

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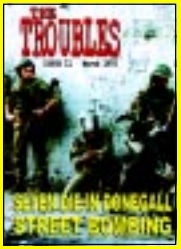

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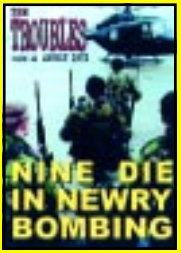

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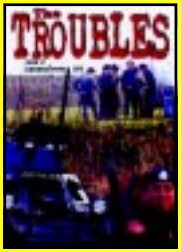

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