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A CHRONOLOGY OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND CONFLICT

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

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

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

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

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Wednesday 1st November
Children killed in Halloween bomb attack

Two children have died in a no warning pub bombing in Belfast. The children, six year-old Paula Strong, of Marine Street and four-year-old Clara Teresa Hughes of Ship Street, were dressed in fancy dress and playing Halloween games in the Earl Street when they were approached by a white haired man carrying a suitcase. The man asked directions to Benny's bar and gave one of the children 2p. He then walked along Garmoyle Street towards the pub. Five minutes later a car containing a 100lb bomb exploded. It is thought that three men drove the bomb to the bar and planted the bomb at the side wall in Ship Street. The explosion demolished part of the bar and twelve customers were buried in the rubble.

Wednesday 1st November
Youth Killed

A seventeen-year old youth from the Twinbrook area of Belfast has been shot dead at a petrol station on the Lisburn Road. The youth, named as James Kerr, of Jasmine End, was shot four times. As the shots rang out a plain clothes member of the RUC pursued the gunman. He called out a warning to the gunman and fired two shots. The man was shot in the leg and the RUC man stood guard over the gunman until his colleague arrived.

Wednesday 1st November
Bomb experts injured

Two members of an Army bomb disposal team have been injured when a charge, which they had intended to use to blow up a suspect car, exploded beside them. The soldiers were hurt as they used their Goliath robot to place a charge beneath the abandoned Mini in Trinity Street. The explosion shattered some windows in the area. It is not known if the car contained a bomb.

Wednesday 1st November
Soldier shot on Falls

A soldier has been shot and seriously wounded when a gunman opened fire on an Army patrol in the lower Falls area of Belfast. The soldier was hit in the chest and abdomen and is said to be seriously ill. The Army have said that the soldier, a member of the Royal Anglican Regiment, was

BELOW - Funerals of Paula Strong and Clare Hughes from St Joseph's Church in the Sailortown area. Both little girls were killed in a no warning car bomb attack



shot by a sniper who was operating from a position near the junction of Ross Street and Milton Street. Other members of his patrol returned fire but no hits were claimed.

Wednesday 1st November
Man shot in garage
A garage employee has been shot during a raid by a lone gunman on a garage at Edenderry. The raider forced the man to open a safe and during a struggle, a shot was discharged. The wounded man was taken to hospital but his condition is not described as serious.

Wednesday 1st November
Girl wounded outside taxi depot
A fourteen-year-old girl has been taken to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds after she was shot at outside an Antrim Road taxi firm. She is said to be recovering in hospital. Her condition is not serious.





Wednesday 1st November
Soldier killed in the New Lodge
Just one day after troops carried out a massive search in the New Lodge area of Belfast a soldier has been shot dead. The soldier had been part of a foot patrol which had been making its way along the Antrim Road when a single shot rang out. He had been at the junction with the New lodge Road and was struck in the abdomen by the bullet.

Wednesday 1st November
Ligoniel bomb attack
An attempt to blow up the Terminus Bar at Ligoniel Road has failed after the driver of a coal lorry drove away his vehicle with the bomb onboard. The man is said to have driven the lorry to some nearby waste ground, where he threw the 100lb, bomb which had wires attached, into the river. Later when the Army went to the scene, they came under fire. There were no casualties and fire was not returned. An explosives expert blew up the device with a controlled explosion. The RUC have said that 60 houses were damaged by the blast.

Wednesday 1st November
Land mine explodes in Armagh
A land mine, which has been placed in a culvert under the old Armagh-Dungannon road, has exploded. A woman travelling along the road in her car drove into the crater created by the explosion. She was not seriously injured.

Wednesday 1st November
Bomb at Newtownhamilton
A bomb has caused extensive damage to a petrol station at Dundalk Street, Newtownhamilton. A spokesman for the RUC has said that the bomb was planted by two men who drove up in a car and ordered the owner out of the building. Adjoining property was damaged in the blast.

Wednesday 1st November
Soldiers open fire in Belfast
Soldiers in Belfast have opened fire on a man who threw a blast bomb at Broadway military post. An army spokesman said that no damage was caused by the blast and that no hits were being claimed.

LEFT - A car burns on Clifton Street after an army controlled explosion

Wednesday 1st November
Customs caravan blown up
A customs caravan at Killea, Derry, has been blown up by four men, who after planting the bomb made off across the border. They took with them two customs uniforms and two identification cards.

Wednesday 1st November
Shot soldier named
The soldier who was shot dead by a sniper in Belfast last night has been named as Private Richard James Sinclair. He was aged eighteen and was a member of the 1st Battalion, Queen's Regiment. Private Sinclair, who was shot dead on the Antrim Road near the junction with the New Lodge Road died after being struck by a single shot. He had only arrived in the North two weeks ago after joining the Army in April.

Wednesday 1st November
Weapons find near Derry
Soldiers carrying out a routine patrol near Derry have found a quantity of arms, ammunition and explosives. The find was made, near the banks of the River Foyle. The haul included a .303 rifle, magazines, 57 rounds of ammunition, safety fuse, detonators and 200lbs of sodium chlorate.

Thursday 2nd November
Ammunition find in Belfast
Men of the Royal Green Jackets have discovered 1,000 rounds of ammunition during a house search in Bingnian Drive, Andersonstown.

BELOW - Bomb attack on the Youth Employment building in Durham Street



Thursday 2nd November
Shots fired at helicopter
Shots have been fired at an Army helicopter from across the border immediately south of Forkhill. Three men were seen escaping from the area using undergrowth for cover. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 2nd November
IRA leaders held in Belfast swoops
Fifteen people, several of who are said by the Army to have been IRA leaders have been arrested in swoops in Belfast. Ten men, including an IRA battalion commander, training officer and two other officers and two wanted men were among those arrested in a club in the Unity Club in Ardoyne. The ten held were among at least 25 people taken from the club. They were taken to the nearby Army post at Flax Street for questioning. In Andersonstown, five other people were taken from a house in Commedagh Drive. The RUC have said that a man and a girl were seen acting suspiciously and when troops were called in to investigate an M1 carbine and revolver were thrown from an upstairs window.

Thursday 2nd November
UDA admits Donegal attack
The UDA have released a statement saying that one of their active service units from Derry has crossed the border into County Donegal and bombed the Hole in the Wall public house in St. Johnston. According to the UDA, they ordered everyone out of the bar and blew it up with a hand grenade.

Thursday 2nd November
UDR brothers in border siege
Two brothers, who are both members of the Ulster defence Regiment, came under attack from the IRA at their border farm near Newtownbutler. The siege is said to have lasted four hours and ended after the brothers began to run out of ammunition and one of them decided to go to Newtownbutler for help. No one was injured in the attack but the brothers have decided to sell their remote farm and move to a safer area.

BELOW - A crushed Mini car in which a man died after an army Saracen crashed into it at the junction of North Queen Street and Brougham Street



Friday 3rd November
IRA leader held in Derry
An Army spokesman has said that troops have arrested an IRA leader in Derry. The man, who was arrested during the night, is said to be the commander of the Provisional IRA in the Bogside.

Friday 3rd November
Shop set on fire in Belfast
Three armed men have ordered the staff out of a chemist shop in Belfast's Ardoyne area before pouring petrol on the floor and setting fire to the place. Firemen contained confined the blaze to the ground floor of the premises and neighbouring shops were unaffected.

Friday 3rd November
Bomb defused in Derry
Army experts have defused a 20lb bomb which had been left in a garage in Abercorn Street, Derry. It had been planted by two men who gave a 30-minute warning.

Friday 3rd November
Bridge bombed
In Dungiven, a 3lb explosive device which had been placed under a bridge has exploded. No damage was caused to the bridge.

Friday 3rd November
Soldiers come under attack
A patrol of soldiers from the Royal Green Jackets have come under fire near the Donegal Road in Belfast. Shots were returned but no hits were claimed.

Saturday 4th November
Gusty Spence recaptured
One of the North's most wanted men, 40-year-old Gusty Spence, has been recaptured in Belfast. He has been free since July, when he failed to return to Belfast prison after being allowed parole to attend his daughter's wedding. Spence had been serving a life sentence, passed in 1966, for the murder of a Catholic barman. In a television

BELOW - Car bomb attack at Derriaghy



interview, Spence claimed he had been "kidnapped" by the Ulster Volunteer Force and says he had not known about the plan. The UVF at the time of his alleged abduction said he was being held against his will but it has been since reported that Spence holds a senior position in the organisation. Spence was arrested by members of the parachute regiment after they stopped a suspect vehicle in the Woodvale area of Belfast.

Saturday 4th November
Senior IRA man held in Belfast
It has been reported by the Army that they have arrested another two high-ranking members of the Provisional IRA. The men were detained in the Clonard area of Belfast.

Saturday 4th November
Explosives store found
Around 350lbs of explosives, which were being stored in two plastic dustbins, have been found by the Army in a manhole. The explosives were discovered by members of the Royal Green Jackets after they lifted a manhole cover in Brighton Street, Belfast.



Monday 6th November
Motorist wounded
A man has been shot and wounded as he drove along Alliance Avenue in Belfast. The man is not believed to have been the target, rather he was caught up in crossfire between the IRA and the Army. His condition is not serious.

Monday 6th November
Factory attacked
A bomb, which was placed at a water pipeline which feeds the British Enkalon factory at Antrim, has exploded. Production at the factory was unaffected by the attack.

Monday 6th November
Portadown bomb
A bomb has exploded without warning near the centre of Portadown. The blast caused extensive damage to a betting shop in West Street. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 6th November
New security measures for Belfast
Soldiers have erected new, permanent steel gates across a number of streets in the centre of Belfast. Access for pedestrians and vehicles have been restricted in an effort to thwart bomb attacks. The new eight-foot high security gates have replaced the temporary barricades made from coils of barbed wire.

Monday 6th November
Malicious fire in Derry
The RUC have said that they are treating as malicious a fire which has damaged two classrooms in the Christian Brothers school in the Bogside area of Derry.

Tuesday 7th November
Goliath bombed
An investigation has been launched into how the IRA managed to slip through the North's toughest security net to attack the world's largest crane. Harland and Wolff have yet to release a statement about the attack on the £1million crane which has become known as "Goliath." The 300lb bomb exploded inside the shipyard after most of its 10,000

LEFT - Erecting security gates across Belfast's North Street to prevent car bombs.
FACING PAGE - The wrecked farmhouse at Cullyhanna in which two soldiers were killed in an IRA booby-trap.

Farmhouse booby-trap bomb kills two soldiers

workers had gone home. Only a small motor was damaged by the blast.

Wednesday 8th November
Bombers renew attacks
Bombers have struck at a supermarket at Derriaghy and at two garages at Lisburn. The Derriaghy bomb attack was at Stewart's supermarket. A 50lb bomb was driven to the premises and caused extensive damage to the front of the building. A nearby garden centre and the Stage Coach Inn escaped with little damage in the attack. At Lisburn a car bomb exploded between two garages and caused extensive damage to both of them. The two garages damaged in the attack were Dornan's and Lindsay's. Windows in the surrounding area were broken in the attack.

Wednesday 8th November
Ammunition found in UDA club
Paratroopers who raided an Ulster Defence association club have seized more than a half a ton of chemicals and 300 rounds of ammunition. The raids were carried out after a stolen UDR Land Rover was found abandoned at the junction of Mayo Street and march Street, off the Shankill Road. During the search of the premises at Ohio Street 100 rounds of 7.62, a type used by the Army, assorted ammunition and a radio were found. The soldiers then went to a derelict house next door and found 12 cwt of nitrate fertiliser which can be used as a chemical explosive.

Wednesday 8th November
Man attacked by hi-jackers
A motorist is seriously ill in hospital after being beaten up by four men who hi-jacked his car at Tullydonnell on the southern side of the border. A short time later, the vehicle was returned to him and he was allowed to drive to a British customs post.

Wednesday 8th November
Arms raid on RUC barracks
A member of the RUC was locked in a cell during an arms raid on an isolated County Antrim RUC barracks. Shortly before 10.00am, the small limited opening barracks at Aghalee was approached by five men who used a ruse to gain entry. The men, who were armed with hand guns and a sub-machinegun, took the lone RUC man's Walther pistol, tunic and cap.



Wednesday 8th November
Derry's last hotel is bombed
A 20lb bomb has caused extensive damage to the Broomhill hotel on Limavady Road, Derry. An anonymous caller gave a ten-minute warning and the area was evacuated. No one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 8th November
Arms find in Bogside
Troops have captured an Armalite rifle, 47 rounds of assorted ammunition, two magazines, a quantity of gelignite and fuses in the Dove Gardens area of Derry. Army experts removed the explosives which they say were in a very poor condition and blew them up.

Wednesday 8th November
Bomb explodes in Armagh
A large bomb has wrecked an animal feed mill at Cathedral Road, Armagh. The bomb, which was planted in the machinery room at the mill which is owned by J&R Gillespie, exploded causing extensive damage but no one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 8th November
UDR men attacked at Toome
Five UDR men have been taken to hospital after their patrol came under fire at Toome. The men's vehicle left the road, injuring the soldiers. Fire was returned and the UDR men are claiming two hits.

Wednesday 8th November
Bombs found behind Falls Road bar
Troops called to the Beehive Bar on the Falls Road have found a 15lb bomb and two booby-trapped devices at the rear of the public house. An Army spokesman has said that soldiers went to the bar as the result of a telephone call and found the bomb. A coat lying nearby was booby-trapped and another four pound booby-trap device was found under a manhole cover.



Wednesday 8th November
Blast bomb thrown in Belfast
A blast bomb has been thrown at an Army patrol in St James's Park. No one was hurt in the attack.

Wednesday 8th November
Explosives find
A search of Culmore Gardens off the Glen Road has uncovered 60lb of explosives, 20 ft of fuse and four ounces of commercial gelignite, as well as welding equipment and test tubes.

Wednesday 8th November
Belfast school attacked
Five petrol bombs have been thrown at the Stella Maris school in Newtownabbey. Extensive damage was caused to ground floor classrooms and other parts of the building.

Wednesday 8th November
Electricity transformer bombed
Parts of Lisnaskea were blacked out for a time after an overnight explosion at an electrical transformer at Lisonell. Power has since been restored and no one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 8th November
Border ambush after hoax bomb
A hoax bomb warning has been used to lure Army and RUC personnel into an ambush at a customs post at Aughnacloy. As the security forces arrived on the scene, they came under fire from across the border. Fire was returned but no one was hit.

Wednesday 8th November
Woman dies as home is searched
A mother of ten has collapsed and died as soldiers searched her home in the Turf Lodge estate. Mrs Margaret Cunningham collapsed as soldiers searched her home in Norglen Road after a soldier was shot and wounded in the area. The soldiers found three shotguns, which relatives claimed were legally held, during the search of the house. Mrs Cunningham was out of her home when the troops

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LEFT - Police search for clues outside the home of UDR man Samuel Porter who was killed in an IRA ambush.
FACING PAGE - Bomb attack on a harware shop in Tullyhommon.

entered but returned while the search was in progress. An Army spokesman said she was asked to account for the weapons but collapsed before she could reply.

Wednesday 8th November
Joint membership of UDA-UDR

Brigadier Denis Ormerod, commanding officer of the Ulster Defence Regiment has said that joint membership of the UDR and the Ulster Defence Association is not welcomed. He stated that the current policy for a soldier was that membership of the UDA was not necessarily a bar to membership of the UDR. But he said that they would not expect an officer in the UDR to remain with the regiment if he was also a member of the UDA.

Wednesday 8th November
Loyalist seize UDR men's rifles

The security forces believe Protestant extremists were responsible for the overnight commando style raid at a Belfast pumping station when 13 UDR men were forced to hand over their guns. It is believed that eight men carried out the raid at Oldpark Terrace. Thirteen SLR rifles and 250 rounds of ammunition were taken.

Wednesday 8th November
UVF bomb claim dismissed by Garda

A claim by an anonymous telephone caller that the UVF was responsible for a bomb which exploded in the town hall in Claremorris, County Mayo, is being discounted by the Garda. Both wings of the IRA have denied involvement in the attack.

Thursday 9th November
UDR man shot dead

A UDR Lieutenant has been shot dead by the IRA in Lurgan during the night. The dead man, 29-year-old Irwin Long, lived at Regent's Park, Lurgan. He had been driving past Kilwilkie estate on his way to his mother-in-law's home when his car was hit with a burst of gunfire.

One of the bullets hit Mr Long in the head and he died two hours later. The UDR man, a Protestant married to a Catholic, was stopped by an armed IRA patrol in July while he was in uniform and told that he should get out of the country immediately.



Thursday 9th November
Car bomb rocks Belfast

Extensive damage has been caused by a massive car bomb to an office block in the centre of Belfast. The bomb, estimated to contain between 100-150lb of explosives, blew up in a car park under Progressive House at College Square East. The daylight raid was carried out by the bombers despite the recent introduction of strengthened security measures designed to defeat city centre bomb attacks. The side entrance to the building had been blocked by a newly erected steel gate across College Street but the bombers drove the car containing the bomb into the car park through the front entrance which is guarded by a security man. The security man was told that there was a bomb in the boot of the car and that it would explode in one hour. It exploded two hours later just as the Army were attempting to defuse the device.

The headquarters of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the Ministry of Health and Social Services, the Progressive building Society and the Scandia Restaurant bore the brunt of the blast.





Thursday 9th November
Troops claim hit

Soldiers are claiming that they shot a man after they were ambushed following a hoax call about a shooting in a Falls Road bar. Two soldiers were slightly injured when gunmen, armed with a Thompson sub-machinegun and an Armalite rifle, fired around 70 shots at men from the Royal Green Jackets who had gone to the bar at the corner of Cupar Street. One soldier was shot in the hand and the other in the lower back. Neither is seriously injured. Fire was returned and one man is said to have been hit. The Saracen which took the men away from the scene damaged some parked cars on the Falls Road.

Shortly afterwards in nearby Leeson Street a patrol from the Royal Anglican Regiment came under attack from three or four gunmen who were operating from the Clonard area. Around 60 shots were fired at the patrol, who returned fire. No hits were claimed.

At 12.30 two shots were fired at an Army patrol in the Unity Flats complex. No injuries were reported.

Thursday 9th November
Army attacked in Creggan estate

In Derry, two shots have been fired at an Army foot patrol in Greenwalk in the Creggan estate. No one was injured and fire was not returned.

Thursday 9th November
House petrol bombed in Carrick

A house in Blackthorn Park, Carrickfergus has been damaged early today when a petrol bomb was thrown through a front window. It is not known how many people were involved in the incident but no one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 9th November
UDR man is held up

A 22-year-old UDR private on his way to report for duty has been held up by two men armed with pistols. The men took his SLR rifle and some ammunition and tied him up before making off.

TOP - William Craig, leader of Vanguard, speaking at a press confrence alongside Jim Anderson, chairman of the UDA and Billy Hull, chairman of LAW.
BELOW - Car in which Dr. Gormly was attacked driving his children to school. One of his sons was killed.

Thursday 9th November
RUC man shot in Strabane
An RUC man who was travelling in through Townsend Street, Strabane in a Land Rover was shot when a single shot was aimed at the vehicle. The RUC man was struck in the back and is said to be in a very serious condition.

Thursday 9th November
Soldiers in explosives find
Soldiers have found 34 sticks of gelignite and 24 detonators in a dustbin during a search in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. The find was made by a patrol of the 19th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Thursday 9th November
Army shoots woman bystander
The Army have stated that a woman who was shot by one of their patrols during an incident in Belfast was "an innocent bystander." The woman, who is described as being very seriously ill, was shot by paratroopers at around 10.00 am. The Army say that as a patrol from the First Parachute Regiment was passing waste ground on the Whiterock Road they saw a youth, aged about 15, produce a pistol and prepare to fire at them. The patrol opened fire and shot the boy in the knee. The Army say that a woman was seen to pick up the gun and run away. They called on her to stop and when she did not they opened fire. The patrol said that they thought they had shot the woman who is said to have picked up the gun but that further inquiries showed that this was not the woman. A youth has been taken to hospital with gunshot wounds.

Thursday 9th November
Army attacked in Belfast
Six shots have been fired at an Army patrol near the junction of North Queen Street and Clifton Street. Soldiers returned fire and claim to have hit one gunman. The car had been stolen in Agnes Street and was later found in nearby Denmark Street.

Thursday 9th November
Belfast bomb attacks
There were three bombings in Belfast during the night. The blasts were at Oranmore Drive and Malinmore Park in the Suffolk area and at Edlingham Street in the New Lodge area. No injuries were reported in any of the explosions but some damage was caused to houses in Suffolk.

Thursday 9th November
Rubber bullets fired in Derry
Soldiers have used rubber bullets against youths in the Dunree Gardens-Central Drive area of Derry. The youths are said to have thrown stones at the soldiers.

Thursday 9th November
Customs caravan destroyed by bomb
A customs caravan at Molenan on the Derry-Donegal border has been destroyed in a bomb attack. The bomb, estimated to have contained between 10-20lb of explosives



RIGHT - Harland & Wolff's Goliath crane which was damaged in an explosion

was driven across the border by two men dressed in stolen British customs uniforms.

Thursday 9th November
Bomb discovered at school
A 10lb bomb has been found in the grounds of a special care school at Belmont. The bomb which had failed to go off is believed to have been placed at the same time as the bomb which badly damaged the technical college sports pavilion a few nights ago.

Thursday 9th November
Girl's hair is cropped
A 13-year-old Protestant girl is said to have been held overnight in the New Lodge area, beaten up and had her hair cropped off. She was found near Carlisle Circus. It is not known where she was held or why but she is being detained in hospital for observation and detectives have already questioned her.

Thursday 9th November
Bomb found at border
The Army have discovered a 700lb bomb near the Fermanagh Border at Rosslea.

Friday 10th November
Army's secret agents
The Army's Military Reaction force, who operate undercover patrols throughout the North have stepped up their recruitment and are carrying out operations on a daily basis against the IRA. According to Army sources most of the arrests carried out in the last few days have been done so on information supplied by MRF agents. An Army officer has said today "Plain clothes patrols are becoming the eyes and ears of the regular battalions operating on the ground, particularly in the Belfast area." The normal strength of the MRF is around 200 but this is thought to have been exceeded by quite a large number. It is also believed that patrols, equipped with radios, are living out in country areas and are sending back information on movements and general details of people in the areas in which they are operating. The MRF are under the direct control of the GOC. They operate in plain clothes and are all issued with the standard 9mm Browning pistol.





LEFT - A young girl is helped away from a bomb blast at Stewarts Supermarket.
FACING PAGE - Bomb attack on the Co-Op's premises in Donegall Street.

Friday 10th November
Whitehall hands over maps of IRA operations
The British Government has handed over to their Irish counterparts Maps showing the training areas and active service units of the IRA. It is claimed that from January to October of this year there have been 261 border incidents which originated from the South and it is hoped that the maps will go some way towards stopping these.

Friday 10th November
Sniper kills soldier in Belfast
A soldier who was a member of the 2nd Light Infantry has been shot dead by an IRA sniper on the Oldpark Road, Belfast. The soldier who died was checking traffic on the Oldpark Road when a sniper, operating from the corner of Ballycastle Street fired a single shot. He was the fifth member of the 2nd Light Infantry to be killed on duty in the North.

Friday 10th November
Army capture IRA officer
The Army have said that they have captured another IRA officer in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. The detained man is said to be the IRA's Ardoyne company's intelligence officer and is rumoured to be the last of the IRA officers who were in the area at the time of Operation Motorman. According to an Army spokesman 163 members of the IRA have been detained since Motorman, 100 of these have been officers.

Friday 10th November
UDR man attacked
Five shots have been fired at a member of the UDR as he drove his car along River Road in the Derriaghy area. The soldier, who was not hit, returned fire.





Friday 10th November
UDA club searched
A considerable quantity of military equipment has been uncovered by the Army during a search of a UDA club at Mersey Street in the east of the city. An Army spokesman said the haul included four steel riot shields, two plastic riot shields, six steel helmets and nine batons.

Friday 10th November
Hand made pistol found
The army has seized a hand made pistol, weapon training manuals and other types of military equipment at a house in Armitage Street.

Friday 10th November
Bomb explodes in Dungannon
A bomb, which is estimated to have contained 5-10 of explosives, has exploded at a television shop in Scotch Street, Dungannon. A telephone warning was given and no one was injured in the attack. Two armed youths also planted a bomb at a fish and chip shop in Irish Street but the device was defused by the Army.



Friday 10th November
Bomb explodes at Caledon Castle
A bomb, estimated to have contained between 30-40lb of explosives, has exploded at the home of Lord and Lady Caledon. Lord Caledon, who is a UDR officer and his wife were at home when the bomb went off at the Castle but neither were injured. Considerable damage was caused to Caledon Castle by the blast.

Friday 10th November
House bombed in East Belfast
A small bomb has exploded on the windowsill of a house at Carolhill Park in East Belfast. Some damage was caused but no one was injured.

Friday 10th November
Shots fired in Belfast
Four shots have been fired at an Army patrol in Ardoyne. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Friday 10th November
Fermanagh bombs
An Army patrol which was on its way to check a stolen bread van near Rosslea near the Fermanagh border have discovered the biggest bomb used in the North. The 700lbs of explosives were packed into plastic bags in a culvert under the road. The bags were joined together and wires, which had been dug into the road, were found leading across the border. The device was dealt with by the Army.
On the Newtownbutler-Lisnaskea road soldiers have also found 120lbs of explosives which were packed into plastic bags and placed under a culvert. This device was also defused.

Friday 10th November
Bus burned in Derry
A single-decker Ulsterbus has been burned at Lismacarrol between Derry and Dungiven. The RUC have said that the bus went on fire a short time after the driver parked it outside his home and that they are investigating the blaze.

Friday 10th November
UDA claim IRA attacked homes
The Ulster Defence Association have claimed that none of their members were responsible for the petrol bombing of

LEFT - Bomb attack on a car showroom in Lisburn.
FACING PAGE - IRA bomb attack on Government buildings in College Square North.

Catholic homes in the Lenadoon estate on Monday night. They say that their investigations have revealed that the attacks were carried out by IRA men dressed up in combat gear. The UDA have also alleged that the IRA is using the incident to launch a major recruiting campaign in the area.

Saturday 11th November
UDR man ambushed
A private in the Ulster Defence Regiment has been slightly wounded when a gunman opened fire on him from a passing car near his home. The man had been walking along Station Road, Greenisland when he was shot in the hand. The man is a member of 'A' Company of the UDR based at Carrickfergus.

Saturday 11th November
RUC men attacked at public house
A crowd of around 30 people attacked members of the RUC who entered Moses Hunters public house on Belfast's Donegal Road in order to arrest a number of men. The RUC men were then forced to stay inside the bar until the Army arrived. Troops fired rubber bullets at the crowd. Damage was caused to the interior of the bar and windows in surrounding premises were broken. The RUC men eventually left the premises with four men. Four men later appeared in court charged with armed robbery following the raid. The court was told that the RUC raided Moses Hunter's public house after a tip-off and arrested four men who were in possession of two revolvers and £415.

Saturday 11th November
Bomb explodes in East Belfast
A small explosive device has detonated on the windowsill of a house in Victor Street in the Woodstock area of Belfast. The front window was shattered but no one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 11th November
Home petrol bombed in Dundonald
Two petrol bombs have been thrown into the home of a Catholic family at Bristow Drive, Dundonald. The bombs did not ignite and no one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 11th November
Strabane bomb attack
A bomb containing around 15lb of explosives has been planted at Felix O'Neill's pub. A warning was given. One of the customers in the Abercorn Square pub then kicked the device into the street causing the detonator to explode. No one was injured.



Saturday 11th November
Incendiary devices explode
Two incendiary devices have caused slight damage at Herdman's Mill. However it is thought that production will not be affected.

Saturday 11th November
Garage bombed in Derry
A 5-10lb bomb which exploded at the rear of Nixon's garage in Spencer Road has caused only superficial damage to the building. No one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 11th November
Soldiers open fire on gunmen
Soldiers in Derry have opened fire on three gunmen who they saw aiming rifles at a checkpoint on the main Derry-Buncrana Road. No hits were recorded and the gunmen made their way across the nearby Derry-Donegal border.

Saturday 11th November
Secret court orders men's release
Following a review of their cases, two men have been released from Long Kesh. The men were released on the authority of the new Government appointed Commissioners who are carrying out an inquiry into the cases of 285 people being held under interim custody orders. Yesterday saw the start of this process and although two were released six others were ordered to be detained.

Saturday 11th November
Curragh escapee found in Armagh
One of the escapers from the Curragh detention camp is being held by soldiers after a routine house search in the Drumarg estate in Armagh. He had been detained in the South on arms charges. None of the other six men who tunnelled their way out of the camp a fortnight ago have been found. The man who has not yet been named is being held at the RUC headquarters in the city pending arrangements being made to hand him over to the Southern authorities.



LEFT - Bomb attack on the Customs Clearing Station in Derry.

Monday 13th November
Man shot during bank raid
An armed man who was holding a bank manager hostage during a bank raid has been shot by the Army. The robbery at the Northern Bank on Cregagh Road took place just as the bank was closing for lunch. Four men, at least two of whom were armed entered the bank and took staff hostage. Responding to a phone call that the raid was taking place the Army and RUC went to the scene. Some of the men attempted to escape from the bank but were captured. One man was wounded in the arm but his condition is not thought to be serious.

Monday 13th November
Sinn Fein vice president appears in Court
Belfast Republican Maire Drumm has been returned for trial to the Special Criminal Court charged with being a member of the IRA. She has been on remand since Monday on a charge of inciting persons to possess arms. Mrs Drumm told the court "As vice president of Sinn Féin, I will not insult the memory of the gallant boys and girls of Belfast who have given their lives in the past three years in defence of our people and for the enthronement of the Irish Republic, proclaimed in arms by Pearse and Connolly in 1916, by pleading in a court set up by Quislings of a partitioned assembly, who have already stated that they intend to harass the Sinn Féin movement and its members, particularly the members of Ard Comhairle."

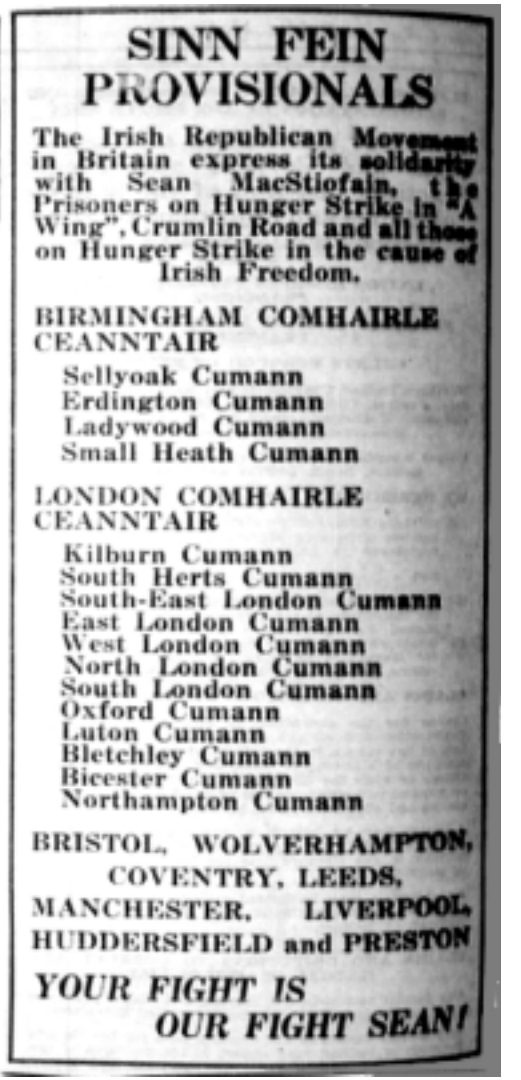
Monday 13th November
Man shot dead by Army
Soldiers have shot dead the driver of a car after they claimed that they were fired on from the vehicle. It is believed that the vehicle had been hi-jacked earlier in the day in the Donegal Road area. Shots were fired from the vehicle in the Iveagh Drive area and the Army returned fire. The driver was shot and the car crashed to a halt at La Salle Drive. A passenger ran off. The dead man is understood to be aged 34 and from the nearby Beechmount area. He was shot in the back. The mans identity is known but his name is not being released until relatives have been informed.

Monday 13th November
Explosives find in East Belfast
Soldiers have seized 14 cwt of explosives and 200 rounds of ammunition at an unoccupied house in Dee Street. A spokesman for the Army described it as a large and significant haul. It consisted of 12 cwt of nitro fertiliser, which is not illegal in itself but requires a licence and 2 cwt of nitram. Batteries were also found.

Monday 13th November
Catholics may organise private army
The Catholic ex-Servicemen's Association (CESA) has taken the first steps to adopt a paramilitary role at a meeting in the Blessed Oliver Plunkett School in Andersonstown. Around 200 men were told that a special company was being organised in the Lenadoon area of Suffolk following petrol bomb attacks on the homes of Catholics. Members plan to begin wearing uniforms – blue in Belfast and other colours outside the city – when they take to the streets in their defensive role. Several thousand uniforms, each costing £4, have been ordered. CESA has said that their men will not be armed however the body has admitted that it has the co-operation and protection of both wings of the IRA.

Monday 13th November
Soldier dies in rail accident
A soldier has died after being struck by a train while he guarded colleagues manning a checkpoint near Newry. The accident happened at Cloghogue Bridge which is about a mile from Newry and the soldier, 18-year-old Private David Harper, was guarding a checkpoint on the road below and it is thought that because of the high winds and rain, he did not hear the train approaching. He was a member of the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Monday 13th November
Man shot in Newtownabbey
A 28-year-old Catholic man has been shot and seriously wounded as he returned home from work. The man, whose name has not been released, was given a lift home by three friends and was walking the last few yards to his home, when a gunman, who was lying in wait, struck. A car drove up to him a burst of shots were fired and he was struck in the head. The man is described as being very seriously ill.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Monday 13th November
Newsagent shot dead in Belfast
Gunmen in Belfast on Saturday shot and killed a 58-year-old Catholic newsagent. The man who died was Mr Gerard Kelly, was shot as he worked behind the counter of his small shop on the Crumlin Road. Two men entered the shop and opened fire on Mr Kelly. Their getaway car was found in the Shankill Road area.

Monday 13th November
UDR man attacked in Larne
Shots have been fired at a part time member of the UDR at

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Magheramourne, Larne. The man is understood to have told the RUC that three high velocity shots were fired at him as he rode his motorcycle.

Monday 13th November
Arson attack on school
Fire has slightly damaged a mobile classroom in the grounds of St Anthony's Catholic Primary School in Larne during the early hours of the morning.

Monday 13th November
Bread server wounded during raid
A young bread server from Glynn, Larne, has been shot during an attempted robbery near his home. Two men, one wearing a hood and the other a face mask attempted to rob the man of his day's takings. In the struggle a shot was fired and the men made off. The bread server was taken to Larne Hospital but it is understood that he is not seriously ill.

Monday 13th November
Maghera RUC Barracks attack
Gunmen using an M1 carbine and a Thompson sub-machinegun fired a number of shots at the rear of Maghera RUC barracks. There were no casualties in the attack


MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice to persons who lost their employment through civil unrest

Persons suffering involuntary loss of their employment on or after 21st August, 1971, through circumstances directly connected with the civil disturbances in Northern Ireland may be entitled to compensation under a scheme to be operated by the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

Persons who consider that they may have a claim should enquire at the nearest Local Office of the Ministry.

Monday 13th November
Soldiers attacked at Dungiven
A Royal Green Jacket mobile patrol have come under fire near Dungiven and although one of the bullets penetrated a Land Rover no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 13th November
Man attacked in Shankill area
The RUC have said that a man was taken from his home in the Shankill area of Belfast and was beaten by a number of men. Initial reports had suggested that the man had been shot at Diamond Street. The 33-year-old man is now recovering in hospital. There is no apparent reason for the attack.

Monday 13th November
Explosives finds
30lbs of explosives have been found in a derelict house at Lisbon Street in East Belfast and in Andersonstown a patrol of soldiers belonging to the Green Howard Regiment have found 45lb of explosives on waste ground in the Glenveigh area.

Monday 13th November
Magherafelt ramps may go
Some ramps in residential areas of Magherafelt may be removed following representations by the Chamber of Commerce and traders. Ramps At estates in Cookstown were removed last week after the Ministry of Home Affairs told the council that there is no legal authority for laying ramps other than for security reasons.

Monday 13th November
Army patrol fired on in Belfast
Four shots have been fired at an Army mobile patrol in the Ligoniel area of Belfast. No casualties are reported.

Tuesday 14th November
Woman accused of spying
The RUC are expected to talk to a 39-year-old housewife who has been attacked by masked women in the Ardoyne



SOLDIER, RUC MAN, 2 YOUTHS
KIILLED IN DAY OF VIOLENCE

DEATH BY ROCKET AND BOMBS

A BRITISH soldier and a policeman were killed in Northern Ireland yesterday as the Provisional I.R.A. launched a new wave of attacks which included 10 rocket raids on Army and R.U.C. posts, and two Derry youths died in a mystery explosion.

of Belfast. The woman, from Eskdale Gardens was beaten three days after she was taken from her home, had her hair cut off and tar poured over her. She has been told to leave the country or be shot. The woman has been accused of spying for the Army.

Tuesday 14th November
Railways open again
Main line rail services between Belfast and Dublin have resumed after workers repaired a stretch of track near Newry which was damaged in an overnight bomb attack. Services were suspended after the bomb, estimated to have contained 100-150lbs of explosives exploded on the railway line at Moore's Bridge, Jonesborough.

Tuesday 14th November
Ammunition found in Belfast
Soldiers have found 483 rounds of assorted ammunition, a sawn-off shotgun and weapon training pamphlets during a search in the Oldpark area of Belfast. The materials were found in Druse Street.

Tuesday 14th November
Offices bombed in Derry
The offices of the Londonderry Development Commission have been badly damaged in a bomb attack. The RUC have said that a bomb, which contained between 10 and 20lbs of commercial explosives was left in the doorway of the building in Strand Road. A warning was given and the bomb detonated 20 minutes later. No one was injured in the attack.

Tuesday 14th November
Arms find
Soldiers have found a shotgun during a search of an empty house in Lincoln Street in Belfast. No arrests were made.

Tuesday 14th November
Soldier killed in Belfast
A soldier has died in hospital six hours after being hit by a sniper's bullet in the Unity Flats area of Belfast. The dead man, 19-year-old Private Stanley Evans had been talking to an officer in a house at Stanhope Street when a sniper opened fire hitting him in the head.





TOP - Clearing up after a bomb attack on the Bee Hive Bar on the Falls Road.
RIGHT - Explosives discovered in the vacant house in Dee Street by soldiers.

Tuesday 14th November
Bomb explodes at Belfast bar
At around 6.00am a bomb exploded without warning outside the Beehive Bar on Belfast's Falls Road. The car which contained the bomb had been stolen from Dhu Varren Crescent in the Woodvale area. The blast has caused extensive damage to the front of the bar.

Tuesday 14th November
Tartans go on rampage
The RUC has reported that Tartan gangs in the Newtownards Road area of East Belfast roamed the area for around two and a half hours stoning vehicles. RUC Land Rovers were also stoned at Long's Corner-Chadolly Street and Dee Street.

Tuesday 14th November
Belfast gun attacks
Two gunmen are reported to have fired nine shots at troops at Glassmullan Camp in Andersonstown. Fire was returned but no one was injured in the attack.
An Army patrol has come under attack on the Andersonstown Road, Belfast. Ten shots were fired at the soldiers but there were no casualties.
In Selby Street, off Roden Street an Army patrol came under attack from gunmen. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed.
Four or five shots were also fired at a sandbag emplacement at Oldpark RUC barracks from the direction of the nearby Park Cinema. Two shots were returned but no hits were claimed.

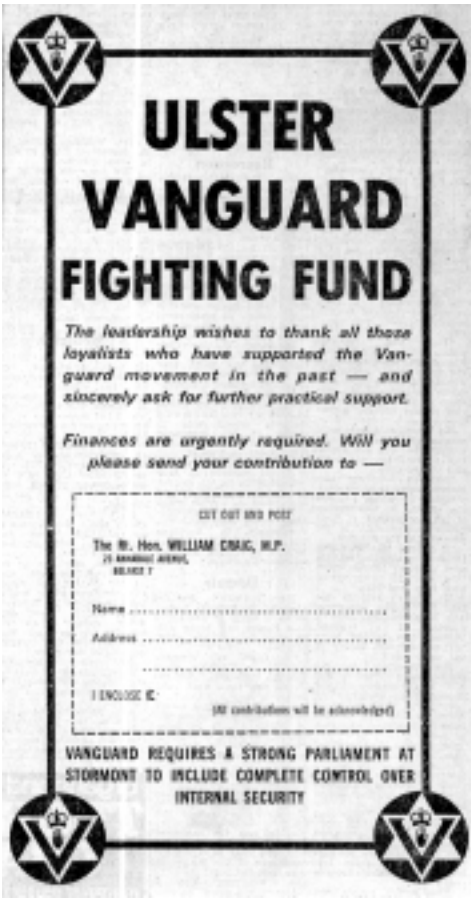
Tuesday 14th November
Bomb explodes in Greencastle
A three-pound bomb which was thrown from a passing car has exploded outside a house in Greencastle. A number of windows in the area were shattered by the blast and one woman was treated in hospital for shock. A second bomb which was also heard in the Greencastle area at around midnight has not been located but there are no reports of injury or damage.

Tuesday 14th November
Woman attacked in New Lodge
An Army patrol has reported that a woman was attacked and beaten up in the New Lodge area of Belfast. The reason for the attack is not yet known.

Tuesday 14th November
Ammunition found in Belfast school
Soldiers have found 50 rounds of ammunition in St Rose's school on the Falls Road.

Tuesday 14th November
Dead man named
The man, who was shot dead by soldiers on the Falls Road, as they intercepted a hi-jacked car near the Broadway Cinema, has been named as Stanislaus Carberry, aged 34, of Bingnian Drive. Mr Carberry died from gunshot wounds to the back.

Tuesday 14th November
Man dies of gunshot wounds
The 28-year-old man who was shot and wounded at Arthur Road in Newtownabbey has died in hospital. He has been named as Joseph McCrystal of Longlands Park.



Tuesday 14th November
Car bomb explodes in Derry
A car bomb has exploded in Derry causing slight damage to the car electrical service depot of Joseph Lucas. The vehicle had been hi-jacked in the Creggan estate and the driver held captive until the bomb was planted.

Tuesday 14th November
Shirt factory bombed
A bomb containing five pounds of explosive mixture has partly exploded near Lyttle's shirt factory, at Distillery Brae, in the Waterside district. No warning was given and the unexploded chemicals were hosed away.

Tuesday 14th November
RUC patrol attacked in Enniskillen
Sixty-five shots have been fired at an Army patrol on Swanlibar Road, Enniskillen. Fire was returned but no one was injured.

Tuesday 14th November
Observation post comes under fire
A shot fired at an observation post at the rear of Dungiven RUC barracks has struck the barrack's married quarters. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed.

Tuesday 14th November
Murdered man was in IRA
Joseph McCrystal, the 28-year-old man who was shot dead in Newtownabbey, has been described in death notices as being a volunteer in 'K' C ompany 3rd Battalion (Auxiliaries), Provisional IRA.

Wednesday 15th November
Mass escape foiled
A mass escape from Belfast prison has been foiled by prison staff and the RUC. It is understood that cells were searched in the early hours of the morning and that wooden replica pistols and rifles, blankets made into ropes, fretsaws, hack-saw blades and catapults were found.

Wednesday 15th November
Soldier wounded in Belfast
A soldier has been shot and wounded in Belfast. The shooting happened as soldiers were responding to a bomb attack on the Youth Employment offices in College Square North. The bomb was carried from a Coca Cola minivan and a ten-minute warning was given. As soldiers moved up Durham Street a low velocity shot rang out and one soldier was wounded in the leg.

Wednesday 15th November
Death notice was hoax
The Provisional IRA and relatives of Joseph McCrystal, who was shot dead in Newtownabbey, have denied that he was a member of the organisation. The IRA has said that the death notice which purported to come from an IRA Company was a hoax. Mr McCrystal, whose brother was one of three men killed in an explosion at Newtownabbey in April, will be buried on Thursday.





TOP - Clearing up in Belfast's city centre after the IRA breached the ring of sceurity and planted bombs in Ann Street and Castle Street.
RIGHT - A new armoured car which has been approved for use in Northern Ireland.

Wednesday 15th November
Woman was spy says IRA
The 3rd Battalion of the Belfast Brigade of the IRA issued a statement in which they have said that the Ardoyne woman who was accused of spying on the IRA had been seen entering and leaving British Army posts over a number of months and that she had been passing on information to the enemy.

Wednesday 15th November
Bomb chemicals discovered in Derry
The Army, during a planned search have uncovered 23 one cwt bags of illegal fertiliser. The fertiliser had a large nitrate content. Similar material has been used in the manufacture of bombs.

Wednesday 15th November
RUC man attacked
A single shot has been fired at an off-duty RUC man in the Ardamoyle Park area of Shantallow. The RUC man was not injured in the attack.

Wednesday 15th November
Troops fire rubber bullets in Derry
Rubber bullets and CS gas have been fired by soldiers at a crowd of around 200 people in the Leenan Gardens area of Creggan.

Wednesday 15th November
Commercial explosives seized in Turf Lodge
Soldiers have seized four and a half pounds of commercial gelignite, two feet of safety fuse and a detonator in the Turf Lodge area of Belfast. In a separate find three nail bombs and three detonators were found in a house in Ardmonagh Gardens in the same area.

Wednesday 15th November
Arms find at Catholic school
The Army has reported that they have discovered a pistol with six rounds in the chamber and 150 rounds of assorted ammunition in a Catholic primary school in Cavendish Street in the Falls area of Belfast.

Wednesday 15th November
Protestant youths stone Army
The RUC have said that a military police vehicle has been stoned by Protestant youths at the Castlereagh Road-Beersbridge Road junction.

Wednesday 15th November
Shots fired in Markets area
Five or six shots have been heard in the Markets area of Belfast but the Army have been unable to locate their source.



Wednesday 15th November
Shot fired in Strabane
A single shot has been fired at members of the Security forces who were investigating a bomb scare in Upper Main Street. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 16th November
Man killed in own home
The RUC have named the 32-year-old man who was shot dead in his East Belfast home after he refused to open the door to a gunman. The dead man, Mr George Doherty, a who lived in the Newtownards Road area became suspicious when two youths knocked at his front door late at night. When he refused to open the door one youth shouted that there was a bomb at the door. Seconds later they fired three shots through the door shooting Mr Doherty in the chest. He was dead on arrival in hospital. The RUC have stated that the only motive for the shooting was that the Doherty family were Catholics.

Thursday 16th November
Ten prisoners released
A total of ten prisoners have now been freed from Long Kesh by the Commissioners. Five other cases have been heard and five detention orders were made out. The number of men detained by the Commissioners is now 21.

Thursday 16th November
Extradition bids fail
The Minister for State, David Howell, has told MP's that moves to extradite people from the South to face charges in the North "has been sought in 16 cases since January 1972." He went on to state that not one case had been successful.

Thursday 16th November
Gun and bomb attack
One soldier has been shot in the abdomen as soldiers went to investigate a car crash on Belfast's Antrim Road. The crashed car was believed to have been used in an earlier shooting and as soldiers approached the vehicle he came under fire from a position behind the polar bear cage in Belfast zoo. The soldier's condition is not believed to be serious.

Thursday 16th November
Blast bombs
The Army has reported that several blast bombs have been thrown in several parts of the city. Bombs have exploded at Milltown Cemetery, Andersonstown and in Twinbrook.

Thursday 16th November
Shots fired in Belfast
Eight shots have been fired at a foot patrol in Edlingham Street in the New Lodge Road area of Belfast. Fire was returned but no hits were claimed. Soldiers also opened fire on a gunman who was seen near St Mary's training School at Broadway. No hits were claimed.

Thursday 16th November
Arms find
The RUC have said that two rifles, two air pistols, four boxes of air gun pellets, 34 shotgun cartridges, 150 rounds of assorted ammunition, a two-way radio, a training magazine, ammunition clips and a magazine for a Self loading Rifle have been found at a house in Tynedale Crescent, off Ballysillan Road in Belfast.

Thursday 16th November
Bomb defused in Portadown
An Army bomb expert has defused a 20lb which was found outside Shillington's general store in Castle Street. He took it to a nearby car park where it was detonated.

Thursday 16th November
Fertiliser seized on farms
The RUC has said that approximately five tons of nitrate fertiliser has been discovered at Ballyneil outside Magherafelt and at nearby Ballymaguigan, 22 cwt was also found.



FACING PAGE - IRA bomb attack on government offices in Belfast city centre.
RIGHT - Funeral of RUC member Joe Calvin in Enniskillen. He was killed in an IRA booby-trap attack.

Thursday 16th November
Fire at Lurgan cinema
The Lyric, the only cinema in Lurgan, has been gutted by fire. The RUC are said to be investigating the blaze to establish if it was malicious.

Thursday 16th November
Petrol bomb thrown in Strabane
A petrol bomb as been thrown into the rear of an RUC barracks in Strabane but damage was confined to a car which was parked in the yard.

Thursday 16th November
Telephone exchange bombed
Three thousand subscribers have been left without telephones in Armagh after the local telephone exchange was bombed for the second time in 15 months. The bomb, contained in a suitcase, was planted at the Dawson Street exchange. A ten minute warning was given and no one was injured.

Thursday 16th November
Squatters
A Parliamentary Secretary, in a written reply to a question posed by Unionist MP, James Kilfeddar, North Down, has said that in mid October 2,065 families were squatting in public authority homes – the vast majority of them in the greater Belfast area.

Thursday 16th November
Fears about electoral details
The National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL) has expressed concern that information contained on electoral forms could fall into the hands of the UDA or UVF and be used to identify people as being Catholic. General Secretary of the NCCL, Mr Tony Smythe, has said, "All Catholics firmly believe, and with good reason, that many officials, including those operating the register of electors, obtain their position through the patronage of the Unionist Party. Furthermore, it was always through rate collectors that the Unionist Party manipulated the electoral lists. ..We feel that information of this kind will certainly be accessible to the supporters of the Unionist Party and thereafter will fall into the hands of organisations like the UDA, UVF etc."

Saturday 18th November
Suspicious car
Army experts have blown open the boot of a suspicious car which had been parked in the grounds of St Agnes's Chapel in Andersonstown. The car did not contain any explosives.

Saturday 18th November
NICRA inquiry
A Shankill councillor, independent Unionist, Hugh Smyth, has attended a hearing organised by the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association. Councillor Smyth called for the setting up of an impartial inquiry centre in Belfast when he put the Protestant case against British Army brutality to the international inquiry.

Saturday 18th November
Protestant youth shot dead
An Army patrol found 17-year-old Protestant youth in Euston Street in East Belfast suffering from gunshot wounds. The teenager had been shot in the abdomen as he walked along the street. He was rushed to hospital where his injuries are described as being serious.

Saturday 18th November
Mobile patrol attacked
Four shots have been fired at an Army mobile patrol in Mill Avenue in Ligoniel. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Saturday 18th November
Army posts come under fire
Six shots have been fired at soldiers in Ligoniel Mill. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.
A sentry at Flax Street Army post has also engaged a gunman who was seen near the Butler Street junction. No hits were claimed.

Saturday 18th November
Belfast gun attacks
Six shots have been fired at an Army patrol in the Carrigart Avenue area of Andersonstown. Fire was returned but there were no casualties.
In the Divis Flats complex soldiers fired at a man who they say was carrying a gun. The man managed to get away and was not injured.
An Army patrol came under fire from a car at North Queen

Street-Sussex Street. There were no injuries.
Shots have also been fired at an Army post in the Lenadoon area. The gunman had taken up position in nearby flats but no one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 18th November
RUC headquarters bombed in Derry
For the second time in two months, a double bomb attack has been mounted by the IRA, on Derry's new RUC headquarters in Strand Road. The new RUC base is still under construction. The bombs have caused severe structural damage.

Saturday 18th November
Bomb attack at Newry canal
Three soldiers have been slightly injured when bombs exploded at lock-gates on Newry canal. The bombs which had been planted by two men exploded at the Lockmasters house. The occupants of the sea-going Victoria locks were taken hostage and were later released unharmed near the border.

Saturday 18th November
Catholics attacked
Three Catholics have been found beaten up in the town of Newtownstewart. An RUC spokesman has said they are investigating the circumstances of the attack.

Saturday 18th November
Soldiers attacked at Tandragee
Security forces who were guarding a power station at Tandragee have come under attack after hearing shots being fired in he area. There were no Army casualties and an Army spokesman has said that fire was not returned.

Saturday 18th November
Fire at hayshed
A hayshed near the Halfway House Bar at Letterbreen has been damaged in an arson attack.

Saturday 18th November
Shots fired on border
Twelve shots have been fired at an Army patrol near the Fermanagh Cavan border. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Saturday 18th November
Fire in Dungannon
The RUC are investigating the cause of a fire which has extensively damaged auction rooms at William Street.

Monday 20th November
Soldiers die in bomb attack
Two soldiers, an officer and a staff sergeant in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders have died when a booby trap bomb exploded in a farm house. Information had been received that men had been seen acting suspiciously on the disused farm at Culllyhanna, three miles north of Crossmaglen and on investigation a rifle butt and six rounds of ammunition were found near the building. At around 8.00 am the two soldiers, who are said to have been very experienced and had served in Aden and Borneo, entered the building. The 20lb bomb exploded killing both men and all but demolishing the farmhouse. An Army spokesman has said it is a mystery why the two soldiers entered the building. They said that soldiers were watching the farmhouse all night and were waiting for army explosive experts to arrive.

Monday 20th November
Sean MacStiofain arrested
Sean MacStiofan, who is said to be the IRA's Chief of Staff, has been arrested by Gardai and Special Branch officers at Malahide on the outskirts of Dublin. In MacStiofan's company was Belfast IRA leader Joe Cahill. Cahill was not detained.

Monday 20th November
Man dies in hospital
A 45-year-old Belfast taxi driver who was shot in his cab at the entrance to the Glencairn estate more than three weeks ago has died in the Royal Victoria Hospital. The man who died was Mr William Clarke, of Deramore Drive. Mr Clarke, a Protestant, was shot as he dropped off two youths at the junction of Forth River crescent on 24th October.

Monday 20th November
RUC man wounded in Portadown
An RUC man has been shot and seriously wounded in Portadown when a Land Rover in which he was travelling came under fire at Cocrain Road. Six shots were directed at the RUC vehicle from Obin Street. The RUC man was wounded in the stomach, arm and leg.

Monday 20th November
Man shot at Derry checkpoint
A man has been shot in the throat at an Army checkpoint at Westway in the Creggan area of Derry. According to a soldier a car approached the checkpoint at high speed and stopped suddenly, crashing into the back of a vehicle which was parked there. A man jumped out of the car and struggled with a soldier. It was during this struggle that he was shot in the throat. Altnagelvin Hospital have said that the man's condition is "quite satisfactory."

Monday 20th November
Derry riots
Rioting begun in Derry as news of Sean MacStiofan's arrest in Dublin broke. Soldiers fired rubber bullets and CS gas at the rioters in Derry's Creggan estate.



Monday 20th November
Army attacked in Andersonstown
An Army patrol has come under fire in the Slievegallion area of Andersonstown. Fire was returned but there were no casualties.

Monday 20th November
Ardoyne gun attack

Soldiers attached to the Light Infantry Regiment have opened fire on a gunman in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. No hits were claimed.

Monday 20th November
Blast bomb thrown
A blast bomb which was thrown at soldiers in the markets area of Belfast failed to ignite and was later dealt with by an Army expert.

Monday 20th November
Explosives seized
Soldiers have seized 110lbs of explosives during a search in the Stewartstown Road area of Belfast. No other details are known yet.

LEFT - Bomb attack on the Celtic Club in Lurgan
BELOW - UDA bomb attack on a garage in Bridgend, Co. Donegall





A STATEMENT FROM

LOYALIST ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS

Mr. Tom Wright of D.U.P. has obviously been gullible enough to misconstrue statements made by Mr. Hull, Chairman of L.A.W., relating to help from Russia. Contrary to misleading reports Mr. Hull was not declaring Communist sympathy but purely answering a hypothetical question with a hypothetical answer. Just in the same fashion as Mr. Minsoff declared his intentions to "rent out" the Naval Yards of Malta, Mr. Hull has only underlined the practicalities of "leasing out" port and ship repair facilities in Northern Ireland. Unlike Mr. Heath and Mr. Wilson the L.A.W. leader does not underestimate the strategic value of Northern Ireland, the welfare of its people and the right of the people to maintain their standard of living. In Ulster politics to-day blackmail of one sort or another is apparently acceptable with the minority continually blackmailing Westminster, and Westminster in turn blackmailing the Loyalists. In such circumstances it was predictable that Loyalists would eventually have to resort to similar strategy. However, having said that, L.A.W. is not a Communist organisation and we will not allow devious allegation to be made against us.

Mr. Heath has promised the Loyalists a bloodbath if they refuse to accept the Westminster White Paper, he also threatens financial blackmail by his "not a penny" statement. L.A.W. wishes to remind Mr. Heath that Britain's floating pound is not the only other currency in the world and he would be very naive to assume that Ulster Loyalists would live in poverty without his alleged £200 millions. If in the final analysis it is necessary for Loyalists to opt for independence a new currency would be a fundamental prerequisite to spearhead Ulster's new role in international affairs. We sincerely advise Mr. Heath to

"LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP"

Mr. J. SMYTH, Press Officer
Mr. W. SNODDY, Secretary
Mr. H. McCREEDY, Organiser

Monday 20th November
RUC attacked in Belfast
An RUC vehicle has been attacked in the Whitewell area of Belfast. Around 40-50 youths attacked the vehicle which was investigating a stone throwing incident on the Whitewell Road. There were no casualties.

Monday 20th November
Malicious fires at Ballymoney
Two fires, thought to have been started maliciously have destroyed large quantities of hay and machinery on Protestant owned farms at Ballymoney. At one farm 6,000 bales of hay and a combine harvester and tractor were destroyed. The second outbreak, at a neighbouring farm, over 1,000 bales of hay were destroyed.

Monday 20th November
Bomb at Waterfoot
The RUC have said that no one was injured when a bomb exploded at McNaughton's public house at Waterfoot's main Street.

Monday 20th November
Customs post bombed
A bomb has damaged a vacant public house near Beleek's customs post. No one was injured in the blast.

Monday 20th November
Fire at timber yard
A fire has slightly damaged a timber yard at Main Street, Randalstown. The RUC believe that the fire was malicious.

Monday 20th November
Bomb at Lurgan community centre
A bomb has exploded at a community centre which is owned by Craigavon Development Commission. The extent of the damage to the centre at Tannaghmore is not yet known but there were no casualties in the attack.

Monday 20th November
Malicious fire at Moy
A fire, which is believed to have been started maliciously, has caused slight damage to the premises of the Moy Sand and Gravel Company at Charemont Street, Moy.

Monday 20th November
Bomb defused at Newry
An Army bomb disposal expert has defused a bomb which was left outside a shop in the Mall, Newry. Security forces were alerted to the device by an anonymous telephone warning.

Monday 20th November
UDA claim bomb blast
The County Derry command of the UDA have claimed responsibility for an explosion which has badly damaged a car showroom at Bridgend, County Donegal. A UDA spokesman has said that a four man commando unit planted the bomb at McLaughlin's garage in retaliation for the IRA's bombing campaign in the North. The UDA have also dismissed a claim by the IRA that they raided premises in County Donegal and seized 100lbs of gelignite and detonators. The premises, which have not been identified, are said to be used by a London based company.

Monday 20th November
Post Office van hi-jacked
The driver of a Post Office van has been ordered from his vehicle by masked gunmen about one mile from Armagh, on the Killylea Road. The gunmen left the vehicle where it

was but scattered its contents over the road. An Army spokesman said that they were viewing the hi-jacking as an attempt to lure the security forces into the area.

Monday 20th November
Soldier wounded in Fermanagh
An Army sapper has been slightly wounded when a mine exploded on a border road in Fermanagh. A spokesman for the Army has said that the mine was detonated from the Southern side of the border.

Monday 20th November
Loyalist protest ends
It has been learned that the hunger strike by loyalist prisoners at Belfast Prison has ended. The prisoners went on strike ten days ago in protest against conditions in the jail. Republican prisoners who are also on hunger strike are still refusing food.

Tuesday 21st November
RUC men held captive
Two members of the RUC who were kidnapped and held captive in a Shankill Road public house have been released. The men, who were in uniform and on foot patrol in the Shankill Road area of Belfast, were approached from behind by two men who pushed guns into their backs and told them to walk. They were taken to a nearby public house where their uniforms, flack jackets and Walther pistols were taken A shot was fired between one of the men's fingers in an attempt to frighten him. Both RUC men were released unharmed after two hours.

Tuesday 21st November
IRA leader goes on hunger and thirst strike
Provisional IRA Chief of Staff, Sean MacStiofain, has claimed in the Special Criminal Court in Dublin that he is on hunger and thirst strike and that he has only 12 days to live. MacStiofain, who is held on charges of IRA membership, has said that he is aware of the consequences but is absolutely determined to refuse food and drink while he is in custody.

Tuesday 21st November
Bomb in suitcase
A suitcase bomb, in a stolen car, has been blown up by the Army in Andersonstown. The case, containing 10-20lb of explosives was in a car near garages at Rossnareen Avenue. The bomb was wired up and ready for use.



Tuesday 21st November
Sentry comes under fire
A shot has been fired at a sentry at Glassmullin Army camp in Andersonstown. The shooting happened shortly before 1.00pm but the soldier was not injured.

Tuesday 21st November
Loyalists to appeal for Russian aid
Members of the DUP on Belfast City Council have attacked Loyalist Association of Workers leader Billy Hull's suggestion that Ulster would seek help from Russia in a UDI situation. The DUP man said, "Russia would help us the way they helped Czechoslovakia. We are not communists; we are British and none of us want Ulster to become another slave satellite of a communist dictatorship."

Tuesday 21st November
Sniper wounded in Belfast
A soldier has been shot and seriously wounded when a sniper opened fire on an Army Land Rover at the junction of Woodvale Road and Crumlin Road. Other soldiers in the area returned fire at the gunman who was operating from the Butler Street area. In a follow up operation, soldiers found bloodstains on the pavement but the gunman had escaped.

Tuesday 21st November
Shots fired in East Belfast
A burst of 10-12 shots have been fired at an Army patrol at Church Street East, Newtownards Road. No one was injured in the attack.

Tuesday 21st November
Catholic homes petrol bombed
Petrol bombs have been thrown into two houses at South Parade in the Ormeau Road area of Belfast. The houses, which were occupied by Catholic families, were only slightly damaged and the families escaped unhurt.

Tuesday 21st November
Bridge damaged by explosion
A bridge on the Benturbet Road, Aghalane, Derrylinn, has been badly damaged by an explosion in the early hours of the morning.

FACING PAGE - IRA bomb attack in Derry.
RIGHT - IRA rocket attack at Belleek RUC Station with killed a policeman.

Tuesday 21st November
Arson attack at AOH hall
There has been an attempt to set fire to an AOH hall. The arson attempt at Upperlands was discovered and the blaze was put out.

Tuesday 21st November
Cars stolen in Warrenpoint
Two cars which were stolen in Warrenpoint have been discovered by the Army burned out in Patrick Street, Newry.

Tuesday 21st November
Dead soldiers named
The Army has named the two soldiers who were killed in a booby trapped farm house at Cullyhanna. The dead men were Captain William David Watson, aged 28, from Edinburgh and 31-year-old sergeant James Strothers, from Kirknewton.

Wednesday 22nd November
UDR man shot dead
A member of the UDR has been found shot dead outside his County Derry home. The dead man, Mr Samuel Porter,



aged 30, was shot dead as he reversed his car into the driveway of his home at Ballinahone, Maghera. The gunmen had first poisoned Mr Porter's Alsatian dog in its kennel before waiting for him to arrive. Mr Porter was found lying beside his car but a rifle he was carrying at the time was not taken.

Wednesday 22nd November
RTE chiefs face dismissal

Twelve members of the RTE Authority have met under threat of Government dismissal, to consider a Government ultimatum arising out of an interview with IRA Chief of Staff Sean MacStiofain. Just over a year ago, the Government banned interviews with members of illegal organisations being broadcast on RTE. Last week Sunday lunchtime news programme gave a comprehensive interview with MacStiofain. The IRA leader was arrested after the interview was broadcast and that it is understood that the prosecution's case will be based on the tape.





Wednesday 22nd November
Bomb at motor firm

A motor components firm, Simms Motor Units, which is based on Belfast's Grosvenor Road, has been destroyed in an afternoon bomb attack. The bomb, which was planted by four armed men, sent a huge pall of smoke rising over the city. No one was injured in the attack

Wednesday 22nd November
Catholic shot dead in East Belfast

A Catholic man, Mr Joseph McIlroy, aged 30, has been shot dead at his Sandhill Drive home in the Orangefield area of East Belfast. Mr McIlroy was shot dead by two gunmen who fired simultaneously into the kitchen of his East Belfast home. An RUC spokesman has said that the gunmen fired through frosted glass and curtains and could not have seen who they were shooting.

Wednesday 22nd November
Man wounded in Rasharkin

A badly wounded man has been found by a motorist lying in the roadway about 500 yards from a petrol station at Lisheegan, Rasharkin. The RUC have said that the man is a 43-year-old Catholic and that he has gunshot wounds to the stomach, arm and leg. His name is not being released.

Wednesday 22nd November
Shots fired at Army post

Gunmen have fired four shots at the Army post at Casement Park. Fire was returned but there were no casualties.

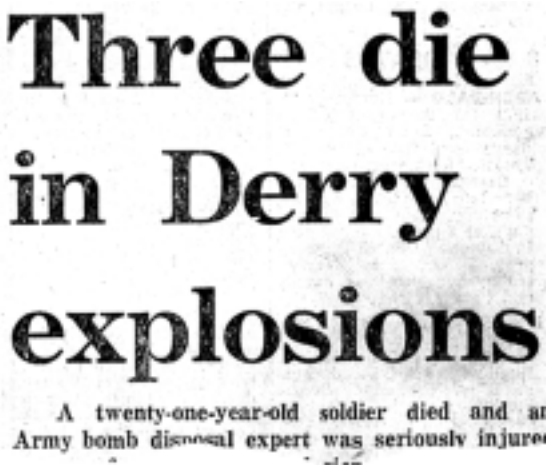
Wednesday 22nd November
RUC barracks comes under fire

The RUC have said that two gunmen opened fire at Andersonstown RUC barracks but no one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 22nd November
Checkpoint attacked

Shots have been fired at troops manning a checkpoint at Kennedy Way in Andersonstown but there were no casualties.

TOP - IRA rocket attack on an army look out post in Albert Street, West Belfast.
LEFT - The remains of a house in the Bogside area of Derry after a premature explosion in which two members of the IRA were killed.


Three die in Derry explosions

A twenty-one-year-old soldier died and a
Army bomb disposal expert was seriously injure

Wednesday 22nd November
Ammunition find
68 rounds of 9mm ammunition has been found in a plastic bag at Ligoniel. The ammunition was discovered by soldiers from the 1st Light Infantry.

Wednesday 22nd November
Lisburn RUC barracks attacked
A single shot has been fired at Lisburn RUC barracks by a gunman in a passing car. There were no injuries

Wednesday 22nd November
Long Kesh escape attack foiled
An attempt has been made by two prisoners to escape from Long Kesh. The men, one dressed as a warder and the other as a prisoner. The escape was detected when prison staff noticed the warder's roughly made tunic. The tunic had been fashioned from prison blankets and other material.

Wednesday 22nd November
Sweet bottle bomb
Army bomb experts have blown up a 10lb bomb planted in a sweet bottle in the information centre at Oxford Island Park on the shores of Lough Neagh, near Craigavon. The bomb was removed from the building and detonated in the park.

Thursday 23rd November
Man killed in Castledawson
A man has been shot dead outside his home in Castledawson. The dead man is 48-year-old Mr William Chivers who is a Catholic. Mr Chivers was killed as he walked his dog in the front garden of his home shortly before 11.00 pm. The dead man was killed 24 hours after a UDR soldier who lived six miles from him.

Thursday 23rd November
Soldier steps on mine
A soldier is in a serious condition in hospital after he was injured in an explosion in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. He was a member of a foot patrol in the Riverdale Park South area when he stood on what is thought to have been a mine. In August this year an Army officer was killed in the same area when a claymore mine exploded as a patrol was wading across a small river near Casement Park.

Thursday 23rd November
Bomb in Lurgan
A bomb has exploded at a Catholic social club in Lurgan causing extensive damage to the building. A woman was injured by flying glass. It has been reported that two men were seen running away from a white Cortina car which they had parked outside the Celtic Club. No warning was given but a club member noticed the suspicious car parked outside the building. A woman was injured by flying glass. A short time later two blast bombs were thrown into a nearby Protestant area but no one was injured.

Thursday 23rd November
Explosion at derelict house
A bomb has exploded at a vacant house close to the peaceline. The house, at the junction of Crumlin Road, is thought to have been bombed because it is often used by soldiers.

Thursday 23rd November
Army opens fire on gunmen
Shortly before midnight soldiers spotted two men, one of whom was carrying a gun, at the junction of the Whiterock and Springfield roads. Four shots were fired at the men but no hits were claimed.

Thursday 23rd November
Shotguns found in Belfast
Two shotguns have been found by soldiers during a search of a vacant house in Belgravia Street, off the Shankill Road.

Thursday 23rd November
Catholic home attacked in Bangor
Shortly before midnight an explosive device was thrown into the home of a Catholic family at Carrawdore Gardens in Bangor. The device failed to explode and it was later removed by Army experts.

Thursday 23rd November
Arson attack in Newry
A caravan belonging to a Catholic family in Newry has been set on fire by two youths. The owner was alerted to the attack when a stone was also thrown through his front window. He was able to extinguish the blaze.

Thursday 23rd November
Bridge damaged by bomb
The Aghalane bridge which is on the Fermanagh-Cavan border and was badly damaged on Tuesday has been further damaged when the Army detonated another bomb which had been placed beneath it.

Thursday 23rd November
Soldiers open fire in Derry
In Derry soldiers have opened fire on a gunman in the Little Diamond. No hits were claimed.

Thursday 23rd November
Malicious fire in Waterside
The RUC believe that a fire which was started in a woodwork room at Clondermott Intermediate School in the Waterside was started maliciously.

Thursday 23rd November
Army detonates bomb in Dungannon
The Army have detonated a 3lb bomb which had earlier been planted in the Post Office building in Market Square, Dungannon. Only slight damage was caused to the premises.

Thursday 23rd November
IRA threatens UDA
The Provisional IRA in Derry have threatened to deal the UDA "a crushing blow" if they in turn carry out their threat to the people of Buncrana. This counter threat came after the UDA issued an ultimatum to the town of Buncrana saying that if they did not get rid of the IRA and their explosives then they would "have to blow them up."

Friday 24th November
Army women go undercover
The Army's women undercover agents – members of the MRF (Military Reaction Force) are to be deployed against bombers in the run up to Christmas, The women, who are mostly English but joined by some local women, are trained to recognise small incendiary type devices. The women are not armed and are instructed to stay in the background as much as possible. It is thought that some of the teams have been issued with a type of pocket radio to summons assistance from soldiers who are permanently posted a short distance away.

Friday 24th November
Car bomb at Belfast harbour
Army bomb disposal experts have defused a car bomb which had been slipped through the tight ring of security and parked outside buildings in Garmoyle Street. When the car was discovered Army experts blew off the boot of the car with a small explosive charge and defused the bomb.

Friday 24th November
Hunger and thirst strike
A solicitor for Sean MacStiofain has visited his client in Mountjoy prison and has said that Mr MacStiofain, who is on hunger and thirst strike had a very bad night and has had severe kidney pains. There has been a dramatic deterioration in his condition in the last 24 hours.

Friday 24th November
Arms raid
Five men, two of them with Northern accents have raided a gunsmiths in the County Louth village of Drumiskin. Two men walked into the public house in the village and held up the owners who are gun merchants. The men threatened to blow up the pub if the weapons were not handed over. The forty weapons, mainly shotguns and .22 rifles were then placed in a car and driven off. One of the gunsmiths said after the raid: "We have been expecting this for some time and we are glad that the guns are now away.

Friday 24th November
Garage bombed in Derry
A man and a woman accompanied by three children are said to have planted a 20lb pram bomb outside Eakin's Garage on Foyle Road. Warnings were telephoned to a local newspaper. The area was cleared and the bomb exploded 20 minutes later. No one was injured in the attack.

Friday 24th November
Wallpaper shop bombed
Two armed raiders have planted a 65lb bomb in a wallpaper shop in York Street Belfast. The bomb at the shop, owned by McNeil and Co, was later defused.

Friday 24th November
Army open fires on gunmen
Soldiers have opened fire on two gunmen seen near the Holy Cross Church but did not claim any hits.

Friday 24th November
Catholic man attacked
The RUC have said that the driver of a fish and chip van, who was himself a Catholic and was stopped in a Catholic estate in Sion Mills was beaten up and shot. He was not seriously injured. The man's van was set alight during the incident.

Friday 24th November
Shots fired in Lurgan
Two shots have been fired at soldiers in the Shankill estate in Lurgan. No one was injured in the attack.

Friday 24th November
Weapons seized in Portadown
Soldiers who searched a scrap yard in the Obins Street area of Portadown have seized a quantity of weapons and bomb making materiels. They found a Garand rifle, four .22 rifles, two .303 rifles, five shoguns and a .32 pistol. Also included, in the haul were 1,750 rounds of assorted ammunition, bomb making equipment, cortex, clocks, watches, switches, test tubes and gaslight burner.

Friday 24th November
Single shot fired in Strabane
A single shot has been fired at an Army vehicle in Bridge Street, Strabane. The shot missed its target and went through the door of a nearby house but there were no casualties.

Friday 24th November
Arson attack on farm
Seven hundred bales of hay have been destroyed by fire in a hayshed near the border. Fire units from Lisnaskea and Enniskillen dealt with the blaze.

Friday 24th November
Soldier has foot amputated
A soldier, who was wounded in a booby trap bomb attack in Andersonstown yesterday, is fighting for his life in a Belfast hospital. An Army spokesman has said that the Private was very seriously ill and had had a foot amputated.

Saturday 25th November
Journalist jailed
RTE journalist Kevin O'Kelly has been sentenced to three months imprisonment at the Special criminal Court in Dublin for refusing to identify Mr Sean MacStiofain as the man he interviewed last Sunday morning. In refusing to identify Mr McStiofain he was deemed to be in contempt of court.

Saturday 25th November
Explosives found in Belfast
Soldiers have found 4lbs of explosives, a detonator and 21 shotgun cartridges in a house in Kane Street off the Kashmire Road in Belfast.

Saturday 25th November
Shot man buried
Mr Liam Shivers, who was shot dead at Broagh, Castledawson has been buried following Requiem mass in St Mary's Church Lavery. Mr Shivers was killed as he took his dog for a walk on Wednesday night.

Saturday 25th November
Republican hunger strike
A Government spokesman has denied that 20 Republican prisoners who have been on hunger strike for the past 12 days are giving cause for serious concern. He confirmed that the men have been refusing food for a period of time but that they were accepting water.

Saturday 25th November
Suspect bomb in Dublin
The centre of Dublin was rocked during the night when Army experts blew up a suspicious car outside the Four Courts. The northern registered car came under suspicion after it was parked there all day. The car was found not to contain a bomb

.**Saturday 25th November**
Explosion at Garda's home
A bomb has exploded at rear of a house being built by a member of the Garda at Glen Road in Monaghan town and the explosion was heard over a wide area. There is some mystery surrounding the blast and a Garda spokesman has said that "It has not been IRA policy up until now to attack property in the Republic but this could be a change in policy."

Saturday 25th November
Army reduce numbers
The Army has reported that it will be reducing its numbers in the North. A spokesman has said that a further 1,000 troops will be withdrawn. The soldiers are said to be Scots Guards who are stationed in Derry and the 1st parachute Regiment who are based in Belfast. This latest reduction leaves 17,000 soldiers still on duty in the Six Counties.

Saturday 25th November
Letters cut into woman's arm
A 30-year-old married woman has been attacked in her Andersonstown home. According to the RUC three youths entered the woman's home in the early hours of Wednesday morning and using a milk bottle cut the letters UDA into her arm. The men also threatened to disfigure her if she did not tell them where her son was.

Saturday 25th November
Armagh bomb
A bomb has been planted in the Central Bar at English Street, Armagh by two men. The attack happened just after 6.00 pm when two raiders left two boxes in the bar and then gave a 55-minute warning before making their getaway. Army experts rushed to the scene but the bomb, containing 50-100lb of explosives blew up as soldiers dragged it out of the building on the end of a rope.



Saturday 25th November
Hotel bombed in Strabane
A suitcase bomb has demolished the commercial Hotel in the centre of Strabane. The bomb was left in the hotel just after 10.00 pm by a masked gunman who told the manager's wife to evacuate the building. The bomb went off a half hour later and demolished the three storey building.

Saturday 25th November
Bomb at Lurgan garage
A parcel bomb which was planted at the front door of Wilson's garage on the Portadown Road, Lurgan has caused extensive damage. According to the RUC, the 50lb bomb caused damage to 12 new cars and four nearby houses suffered blast damage. There were no casualties in the attack.

Saturday 25th November
Bomb on Springfield Road
Four women have been treated for shock after a bomb exploded at the rear of a house on the Springfield Road. The house, which had been used as club, was extensively damaged in the attack.

Saturday 25th November
Army opens fire on petrol bomber
A soldier in the Ardoyne area of Belfast has opened fire on a petrol bomber. The man was spotted in the Brompton Park area but a hit was not claimed.

Saturday 25th November
Soldier wounded
A soldier was slightly wounded when an Army patrol came under fire in the Stewartstown Road area of Belfast. Fire was returned but no hits were recorded.

Saturday 25th November
Catholic home attacked
A shotgun has been fired into a Catholic occupied home in the Belmont Road area of Belfast. The shot broke a number of windows in the house. No one was injured in the attack.

LEFT - The home of a member of the UDR in Co. Fermanagh which was destroyed by fire.



Saturday 25th November
Armoured personnel carrier attacked
A civilian has been slightly injured when an armoured personnel carrier came under attack on the Strand Road in Derry. A single shot was fired at the vehicle as it passed Philip Street. The bullet smashed through the windscreen but missed the soldier inside. The civilian, who was inside the vehicle at the time, was being taken to a nearby RUC barracks for processing. He grazed his wrist as he threw himself to the floor.

Saturday 25th November
Arms find in Derry
Soldiers have discovered a .45 revolver, a homemade bolt-action shotgun and a quantity of ammunition for both weapons were discovered. They also uncovered some safety fuse and a number of detonators.

Saturday 25th November
Blast bomb thrown
A blast bomb has been thrown at an Army Land Rover on the Limavady Road in Derry but the vehicle was undamaged and there were no casualties.

Saturday 25th November
Bomb at Dromara
A bomb has exploded at the rear of the Plough Bar in Dromara. The blast did not damage the building but a small fire which started afterwards was dealt with by RUC personnel who arrived at the scene.

Monday 27th November
Boy shot dead in Belfast
A 14-year-old Catholic schoolboy has been shot dead and his father, a surgeon in the Mater Hospital and his brother seriously injured when their car was riddled by gunfire in the Shankill area of Belfast. It is not certain how the attack happened but it is thought that as the surgeon, Mr Peter Gormley, drove through the Shankill area, two men jumped from behind a parked car and opened fire. Mr Gormley's 14-year-old son, Rory was shot dead.

Monday 27th November
Bomb defused in Twinbrook
An attempt has been made to blow up a boiler house which supplies the central heating to 50 houses in Twinbrook. The bomb, which is made up of 75lbs of home made explosives which were fitted with an anti-handling device. The bomb was defused by Army experts.

Monday 27th November
Major gun battle in Ardoyne
Extra troops were rushed to the Ardoyne area of Belfast overnight at the height of a six hour gun-battle. According to the Army, around 350 shots were fired at troops as they were caught between Protestant and Catholic gunmen. Although the main shooting was confined to Ardoyne sev-

eral people were admitted to hospital suffering from gunshot wounds in different parts of the city. At the height of the gun battle the Army claimed ten hits.

Monday 27th November
Protestant barman wounded
A 24-year-old Protestant barman has been shot and seriously wounded during a shooting incident at a bridge in Mersey Street in East Belfast. An RUC spokesman has said that the man, whose name has not been released, was probably beaten up and then shot as he tried to escape his captors.

Monday 27th November
Protestant home attacked
A shotgun has been fired into a house at Parkgate Crescent. The house, occupied by a Protestant family was attacked in the early hours of the morning. In a search following the shooting two twelve bore shotgun cartridges and a mallet were discovered.

Monday 27th November
Two shot in Greenisland
A 15-year-old boy and a 45-year-old man, both Protestants have been wounded when a number of shots were fired from a house in North Thomas Street in the North Queen Street area. In a follow up search the RUC seized a .303 rifle and a quantity of ammunition.

Monday 27th November
Shots fired at Crumlin Road prison
A number of shots have been fired at sentries at Belfast Prison. It is thought that the shots came from the direction of Landscape Terrace. Fire was returned and soldiers are claiming one hit.

Monday 27th December
Bomb at Portadown
A 50lb bomb which was found by soldiers in a vacant house at Derrytrasna has blown up as troops tried to move it. The house was demolished but no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 27th December
Malicious fire at Maghera School
A fire has partially destroyed St Mary's girl's secondary school at Maghera. An entire block, comprising the assembly hall, kitchen and boiler house was destroyed in the blaze but the classrooms were undamaged.

Monday 27th December
Shots fired in Fermanagh
Gunmen in a maroon coloured Ford Anglia have fired at a motorist near the Donagh crossroads on the Newtownbutler Road but the man was not injured.

Monday 27th December
Arson attack on farm
An early morning fire has destroyed several thousand bales of hay at a farm outside Randalstown. Five pigs died in the blaze which is believed to have been started maliciously.

Monday 27th December
Bomb explodes at Whiteabbey
A 50lb bomb has exploded without warning outside a Catholic owned public house in Whiteabbey but there were no casualties in the attack. A Free Presbyterian church across the road from the public house was also damaged in the attack.

Monday 27th December
Army to blow up cars
The Army have issued a warning about car which are left in restricted parking areas. An Army spokesman has said that if the vehicle's owner cannot be traced then the vehicle will be blown up.

Monday 27th December
IRA attempt to free MacStiofain
A Special Branch officer and two civilians have been wounded when approximately eight IRA men dressed as priests and doctors made an unsuccessful attempt to free IRA Chief of Staff, Sean MacStiofain, from the intensive care unit at Dublin's Mater Hospital. It is understood that the IRA men were approaching MacStiofain's ward when they were recognised by a member of Special Branch. Minutes after the escape attempt, a number of men were arrested in the grounds of the hospital.

Monday 27th December
Bomb at Dublin cinema
Five people have been treated in Dublin's mater Hospital after an early morning explosion at a cinema beside O'Connell Bridge. Both wings of the IRA denied responsibility for the bombs which exploded without warning injuring 40 people. Both the Provisional and Official IRA have blamed the blast on agent provocateurs.

Monday 27th December
Vanguard rally in Coleraine
More than 500 members of the UDA have attended a Vanguard rally in Coleraine. The rally, which was addressed by Mr William Craig, was told that if the Westminster Government attempted to impose "a so-called solution to the Northern Ireland situation without the approval of the loyalist majority would result in all hell breaking loose in the province."

Tuesday 28th November
IRA rocket attacks
The IRA, using rockets have killed one RUC man, injured one soldier and damaged five security posts in an unprecedented wave of attacks on the Army and RUC. Rocket attacks have been on RUC bases at Belleek, Crossmaglen, Strabane, Derry and Belfast
The RUC man who died was 56-year-old, Robert Keyes from Kesh, Fermanagh. He was killed in the first attack which was launched on Belleek RUC barracks in Fermanagh. The attack was launched from across the border. The other attacks were at an Army post at Finiston Primary School in the Oldpark area of Belfast; on an Army checkpoint on the Buncrana Road, Derry; and Strabane and Crossmaglen RUC barracks.

Tuesday 28th November
Two die in Derry explosion
Two youths have been killed by an explosion in the Bogside area of Derry just before noon. The explosion, demolished the home in Meenan Drive of ex-internee Charles McSheffrey, who is at present on remand in Long Kesh on arms charges. Mr McSheffrey's wife and two of their five children were in the house at the time of the explosion but none of them were injured. Soldiers, firemen and gas officials examined the scene to determine the cause of the explosion but it is not thought to be gas related. As the examination of the scene continued, the bodies of two youths were found among the rubble.

Tuesday 28th November
Customs post bombed
A bomb, which was concealed deep in a large furniture lorry and covered in mattresses and carpets, was driven to the customs clearing station at Strand Road. The blast demolished a 20-foot high wall at the side of the building as well as breaking windows over a large area.

Tuesday 28th November
IRA punishments
A 17-year-old Strabane girl who has had her hair shorn and a 35-year-old man was found shot in the New Lodge area of Belfast. The girl was found with a placard around her neck with the words "Soldier Lover" on it. The man was accused of a crime.

Tuesday 28th November
Shots fired at Casement Park
Six shots have been fired at soldiers on duty at the main gate of Casement Park in Andersonstown. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 28th November
Hotel bombed
Two men wearing paramilitary dress have planted a bomb which has extensively damaged the Dreg Valley Hotel at Castlederg. The explosion caused extensive damage to the premises but no one was injured in the attack.

Tuesday 28th November
RUC men injured in Lurgan
Two members of the RUC have been slightly injured when a bomb exploded at the Automart on the Portadown Road shortly after midnight.

Tuesday 28th November
Shots fired in Derry
Five shots have been heard by soldiers on duty at Bligh's Lane Army post. There have been no reports of damage or casualties and the source of the gunfire remains a mystery.

Wednesday 29th November
Rocket attack in Belfast
The IRA has launched another rocket attack in Belfast but the missile only caused minor damage to an Army post. Nobody was injured in the rocket attack on Flax Street Mill which is occupied by the 3rd Battalion Light Infantry. The missile, which was launched from the direction of Crumlin Street, appears to have been aimed at an observation post on the roof of the mill. The rocket however missed its target.

Wednesday 29th November
MacStiofain ends hunger strike
It is being reported that IRA leader Sean MacStiofain has ended his hunger strike and is now being administered a

delicate balance of mineral salts and fluids. His actual medical condition is unclear but Mrs MacStiofain has said that her husband suffered a heart attack.

Wednesday 29th November
Attack on Lisnaskea barracks
The IRA launched a fresh attack on Lisnaskea RUC barracks at around 8.00 pm with bursts of machinegun fire, followed by a rocket attack. The rocket itself tore through the wall of the station and travelled into a waiting room where it exploded. An RUC spokesman and three constables were blown off their feet by the attack but no one was seriously injured in the attack. The raiders made off towards the border. An examination of the scene later revealed that a second rocket had been launched but had failed to explode.

Wednesday 29th November
Pomeroy RUC barracks attacked
A UDR guard at Pomeroy RUC barracks had a narrow escape when a rocket was fired at the barracks. The blast completely demolished an observation post on the roof but there were no casualties.

Wednesday 29th November
Army attacked in Belfast
A rocket was launched at an Army post in Albert Street. An Army spokesman has said that the rocket was fired from the direction of Lady Street-Cullingtree Road. It blew a hole in the roof of the military post and narrowly missed an observation post.

Wednesday 29th November
Landmine attack in Riverdale
Three soldiers were injured when a mine exploded in the Riverdale area of Andersonstown. None of the solders were seriously injured in the attack.

Wednesday 29th November
Blast bombs thrown in East Belfast
Two blast bombs and three shots have been fired at an Army post in Beechfield Street in East Belfast. Troops returned fire but there were no casualties. In the same area, around 20 shots were fired at a military vehicle which was transporting soldiers who were off duty from the docks. An Army spokesman has said that as the soldiers travelled along the Newtownards Road, gunmen opened fire from four different positions. Two soldiers were injured in the ambush but none were serious.

Wednesday 29th November
Shots fired in Short Strand
Seven shots have been fired at soldiers at My Lady's Road from the direction of the Beersbridge Road junction. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Wednesday 29th November
Assassination attempts
A 44-year-old Catholic man and his teenage son have been shot in one of two assassination attempts at Ravenhill Avenue in East Belfast. Neither were seriously injured. A second bid to kill a man in the same street at almost the same time also failed.

Wednesday 29th November
Explosion in Newcastle
An explosion which was heard in the area of Newcastle has been traced to a battery hen house in the Castlewellan area. The RUC have said that a number of hens were killed in the blast at the premises which are owned by a Protestant.

Wednesday 29th November
Claymore mine explodes at Kinawley
An explosion has blown a crater in the road from Enniskillen to Shanra. The Army believe the blast was caused by a claymore mine which went off prematurely.

Wednesday 29th November
Bombs found in Belfast
Soldiers have discovered two blast bombs and 30lb of gelignite while searching a house in Ramoan Gardens, Andersonstown.

Wednesday 29th November
Soldier killed in Derry
The soldier killed in Derry yesterday when a bomb exploded at a supermarket was preparing to take a photograph of an Army bomb disposal expert defusing a bomb. The dead man, Gunner Paul Jackson, was a regimental photographer. He died instantly in the blast

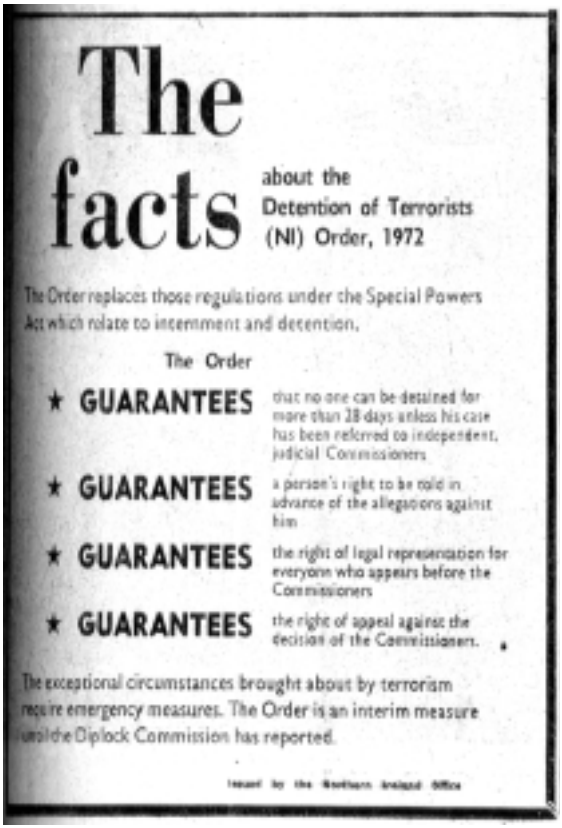
Wednesday 29th November
Dead man was IRA officer
One of the two men who died in the explosion in a house in Derry's Bogside has been described in death notices as a lieutenant in the Provisional IRA's 2nd Derry Battalion. He was 21-year-old John Brady of Malin Gardens, Creggan.

The second man to die in the explosion was 19-year-old James Peter Carr of Abbey Park.

Thursday 30th November
IRA truce offer rejected

On two separate occasions within the last few weeks, indirect approaches have been made by the Provisional IRA to the British Government in Belfast for a truce. The terms which are being offered by the Provisional IRA are said to differ from earlier demands. They still want a British declaration in favour of Irish unity, an all Ireland conference without British participation, an end to internment and special courts and an amnesty for wanted IRA men. But they have also asked for the withdrawal of the Army from the Streets and not as they have demanded earlier, total withdrawal of the British presence from the North in the next two years.

It is thought that the British Government are not interested in talks at this time, given the success that they are having in capturing leading Provisionals.



The facts about the Detention of Terrorists (NI) Order, 1972

The Order replaces those regulations under the Special Powers Act which relate to internment and detention.

The Order

★ GUARANTEES that no one can be detained for more than 28 days unless his case has been referred to independent, judicial Commissioners

★ GUARANTEES a person's right to be told in advance of the allegations against him

★ GUARANTEES the right of legal representation for everyone who appears before the Commissioners

★ GUARANTEES the right of appeal against the decision of the Commissioners.

The exceptional circumstances brought about by terrorism require emergency measures. The Order is an interim measure until the Diplock Commission has reported.

Issued by the Northern Ireland Office

Thursday 30th November
Three new rocket attacks

The IRA has launched three new rocket attacks on the security forces. The most determined attack was at Newry where three rockets were fired at an UDR post. The other attacks were at Flax Street Army post in Belfast and another at a group of soldiers in Ardoyne. No one was inured in the attacks.

Thursday 30th November
MacStiofain makes an appeal

Sean MacStiofain has made an appeal for the people of Ireland to come on to the streets and to support his hunger strike. He has now entered the twelfth day of his hunger strike and since he has begun to take liquids, he is said to have grown a little stronger

Thursday 30th November
Barman shot dead in Belfast

Belfast barmen, fearful of attempts on their lives late at night are threatening to go on strike unless their demand for earlier closing in the winter is met by the city's licensed trade. They want city pubs to close at 9.00 pm so that bar staff can get home by public transport. A spokesman for the barmen's branch of the Transport and General Workers Union has estimated that over the past two years, either ten barmen have been killed or had attempts made on their lives.

Thursday 30th November
Catholic Barman shot dead

A young Catholic barman, 22-year-old, Gerry Gearon, who lived in Belfast's Ardoyne district, has been shot dead as he travelled home in a taxi. It is understood that Mr Gearon went into Arkle Taxis office in Clifton Street and when a taxi arrived, he got into it. Two other men then got into the taxi, saying that they were going the same way. When they reached the Mater Hospital one of the men said that they were going to be sick and asked the driver to pull in. Both youths got out and fired at Mr long fatally wounding him. They then fired at the driver whose condition is described as being not serious.

Thursday 30th November
Man wounded in Carrickfergus

A man, believed to be a Protestant, has been shot and seriously wounded in Carrickfergus. The incident happened in the car park of the Pheasant Inn at Woodburn. The man managed to drive himself to the City hospital. His condition is described as being serious.

Thursday 30th November
Shots fired in Downpatrick
A volley of pistol shots have been fired at Downpatrick RUC barracks from a passing car. No one was injured and fire was not returned. The car was later reported stolen.

Thursday 30th November
Explosion in Andersonstown
A blast bomb has exploded at the back of a house in Groghan Gardens, in Andersonstown. No one was injured. Ten minutes before the explosion two youths called at a neighbouring house and asked for a torch. It is thought that this was used to plant the bomb.

Thursday 30th November
Arms find in Strabane
Soldiers have discovered a quantity of arms and ammunition in a search of fields near Drumrallagh housing estate in Strabane. They found two rifles, a telescopic sight and 120 rounds of assorted ammunition.

Thursday 30th November
Explosives found in Armagh
Soldiers from the 1st battalion Staffordshire Regiment have found 2-3lbs of explosive substance hidden under a coat in a hedge at Drumarg Park in Armagh

Thursday 30th November
Weapons found in Belfast
A loaded pistol and a number of detonators have been discovered in the garden of a house in Carrigart Avenue, Andersonstown.

Thursday 30th November
Army comes under fire in Derry
Two shots have been fired at a Saracen patrolling the Racecourse Road area of Derry. No one was injured and fire was not returned.

Thursday 30th November
Soldier's condition is serious
The condition of the Warrant Officer who was injured in the Strand Road supermarket blast on Tuesday is described by a hospital spokesman as being still ill.



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Friday 1st December
Barmen threaten to strike

Barmen, fearful of attempts on their lives by assassination squads late at night, are threatening to strike unless their demand for earlier closing during the winter is met by the licensed trade. They want all city centre pubs to close at 9.30 instead of 11.30 so that bar staff can get home by public transport. It is estimated that over the past two years ten barmen have been murdered or had attempts made on their lives. The latest to die was Mr Gerry Gearon, of Cranbrook Gardens, Ardoyne. He was killed in a taxi on the Crumlin Road in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Friday 1st December
Man shot in Lower Falls

A man has been taken to hospital with gunshot wounds to the leg following an incident with soldiers in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. An Army spokesman has said that troops spotted a man whom they wanted to interview, in Leeson Street. He ran off into a house in Theodore Street, was pursued by soldiers and captured. Local people came to his aid when he ran off. As the man ran down the street soldiers opened fire hitting him a number of times.

Friday 1st December
MacStiofain on glucose

Although there has been no official confirmation, Army sources at the Curragh military camp have claimed that IRA leader, Sean MacStiofain, is now taking glucose in his drink.



TOP - Loyalist car bomb in Dublin's O'Connell Street. Two people were killed and dozens injured in these no warning attacks.
BELOW - Clearing up in Dublin's Sackville Place after Loyalist bomb attacks



The source has also said that Mac Stiofain, who is now on the 13th day of his hunger strike, is definitely not eating solid foods. His condition is said to be unchanged and he is in no immediate danger of dying.

Friday 1st December
Explosions heard in Belfast
Army headquarters have revealed that a series of explosions which were heard over a wide area of Belfast occurred in a Hightown quarry where bomb disposal experts were detonating old explosives.

Friday 1st December
Man shot in Strabane
A man has been taken from a house in Clady close to the border and shot in both legs. The man, who comes from Ballyshannon, is aged 20. He was taken to Altnagelvin hospital, where his condition is said to be "not serious."

Friday 1st December
Soldier wounded in Derry
A soldier from the Grenadier Guards has been shot in the foot during an incident at Killea. No other details about the incident are known.

Friday 1st December
Sniper opens fire in Bogside
One shot has been fired at an Army patrol in the Bogside area of Derry. No casualties were reported but it was later discovered that a flack jacket belonging to one of the soldiers in the patrol had been torn. It is thought that a bullet fired by an IRA sniper ripped open the jacket.

Friday 1st December
Car bomb explodes in Belfast
A car-bomb has exploded overnight in Belfast city centre. The explosion, outside the Ministry of health and Social Services training centre in Ormeau Avenue, caused extensive damage to the building and surrounding area. Two people were slightly injured in the attack.

Friday 1st December
Rifle stolen in Andersonstown
The RUC have revealed that during the night, two youths forced their way into a house in Andersonstown and stole a legally held .22 Mossberg rifle.

Friday 1st December
Shots fired into shop
At around 3.00 am in the morning a number of shots were fired into a vacant shop at Forth River Road in the Woodvale area of Belfast. No one was injured in the attack and a car sped off after the shooting.

Friday 1st December
Overnight bomb attack in Lurgan
Extensive damage has been caused to a community centre in Lurgan during an overnight bomb attack. The device, which had been planted at the community centre in Tannaghmore Gardens, exploded inside the building.

Friday 1st December
Army attacked at Derrylinn
Shots have been fired at a mobile Army patrol at Derrylinn. Fire was returned but no one was injured in the attack.

Friday 1st December
UDR opens fire on car
The RUC have said that UDR soldiers have opened fire on a car which is said to have driven through a checkpoint on the Ballyclare Road in Glengormley. According to the RUC statement, the car then stopped and the driver was allowed to continue after giving an explanation for his action. An RUC spokesman said "People should keep their eyes open for these spot road-checks, particularly at night."

Friday 1st December
IRA statement
The IRA in Derry has issued a statement apologising for an error they gave when giving a warning about a bomb they had planted. The bomb had been left at a customs clearing station but the warning was given as Custom House Street. A number of people were injured in the attack. The IRA in its statement said: "We sincerely regret the accidental injuries caused due to a genuine mistake on our part." In the same statement the IRA claimed responsibility for an attack at a supermarket on Culmore Road in which one soldier was killed and two others seriously injured.

Saturday 2nd December
Two die in Dublin bombs
Two men have died and 100 people injured when bombs exploded in Dublin for the second time in a week. The

first bomb exploded at Liberty Hall, home of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the venue for a recent Provisional Sinn Fein conference and a second exploded at Cleary's department store in Sackville Place, off O'Connell Street.

Saturday 2nd December
Bombs save Dublin Government
The Fianna Fail government of Mr Jack Lynch has been saved from defeat on its anti-IRA Bill in the Dail by the two overnight bombs in Dublin city. As the marathon three day debate, which threatened to topple the Government, neared its end news reached the Leinster House of the Dublin bombs. The news of the blasts shattered the united front of the opposition, Fine Gael, Labour and four independents, all former Fianna Fail deputies, to bring down the Government. Fine Gael, withdrawing its opposition to the second reading of the 'Offences Against the State Bill, 1972', removed the threat to the Government. It is expected the Bill, which will give the Garda greater powers to crack down on the IRA, will become when signed by the President later tonight. Referring to the timing of the explosions, the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, James Tully, said during the debate when he suggested that the only people who could benefit from the bombs were the Fianna Fail Government.

Saturday 2nd December
Branded body found in East Belfast
The body of a young man has been found in East Belfast by a man on his way to work. The dead man, who had been shot in the head and his body dumped in an alleyway at Crossley Street in the Templemore Avenue area, is be believed to have been between 26 and 30 years of age. Initial reports have said that the as yet unidentified man had been striped naked, tortured and then killed. There were burn marks on the man's hands and feet and the letters 'IRA', the number '4' and a large cross had been branded into his back.

Saturday 2nd December
Man dies in hospital
It has been revealed that the 43-year-old farmer, who was shot by a gunman ten days ago at his home near Rasharkin, has died in a Belfast hospital. He has been named as Mr. Joseph McAuley, of Slevanagh, Finvoy.

Saturday 2nd December
Car bomb explodes in Belfast
A bomb has exploded without warning in Belfast. The device, estimated to have contained 100 lb of explosives, exploded at Church Lane off Ann Street, inside the tight security zone. It is not yet known if the bomb exploded in the Nite Bite café in Ann Street or in the RAF recruiting office beside it. It is thought that 16 people have been injured in the attack, four of them seriously.

Saturday 2nd December
Youths learn how to make nail bombs
Soldiers carrying out a search of a disused flat in the Turf Lodge area of Belfast have claimed they found four young boys being taught by another boy how to make and use nail bombs. A dummy nail bomb was seized in the flat. The youths were handed over to the RUC and were later released into their parent's custody.

Saturday 2nd December
Man shot in Shankill area
A 22-year-old Protestant man has been admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital with serious injuries after a mystery shooting in the Shankill area. The man, who comes from the Shankill, was shot in the stomach near the local YMCA. He was later brought to hospital by car.

Saturday 2nd December
Shots fired in Whitewell
A number of shots have been fired at an Army mobile patrol in the Whitewell area of Belfast but no one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 2nd December
Explosives find in Belfast
Soldiers have discovered three pounds of commercial explosives at a house in Rossnareen Avenue in the Andersonstown area of Belfast.

Saturday 2nd December
Soldiers open fire in Derry
Soldiers have opened fire on gunmen operating in Derry on two separate occasions during the night. In the first incident troops opened fire on a gunman seen near a derelict cottage at Killea near the border but the man escaped. Later several gunmen were seen in the area between Creggan and the border. The soldiers opened fire before the gunmen took up firing positions.


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Saturday 2nd December
UDR man attacked in Dunmurry
Shots have been fired through the glass front door at a UDR man as he went to answer the doorbell of his house at Seymour Hill.

Monday 4th December
Gelignite find
Nine sticks of gelignite, which are said to be in a poor condition, have been found by workmen in the roof space of an empty house in Roden Street Belfast.

Monday 4th December
Dead man named
The latest East Belfast assassination victim has been identified. The man, who was found by children who were playing in Comber Street, has been named as Samuel James Hamilton of Frome Street. Mr Hamilton, a Protestant, lived with his elderly mother and worked as a coppersmith.

Monday 4th December
Tortured man identified
The man who's badly tortured body was found in an alleyway off Crossley Street has been identified as Mr Patrick Bansted, of Kilmood Street. Mr Bansted had been badly beaten, branded and burned before being shot.

Monday 4th December
Woman shot dead in own home
Shots have been fired through the side window of a house in Flora Street killing one woman. The woman who died was Mrs Sandra Meli, a Protestant who was married to a Catholic. According to the RUC the gunman fired through frosted glass and could not have identified his victim.

Monday 4th December
Bomb at Crossmaglen
An Army spokesman has said that a booby trap bomb, which exploded in the Crossmaglen area, may have been detonated by a rabbit. The blast blew a crater in a field 25-50 yards from an abandoned lorry that soldiers had been keeping under surveillance for ten days. The crater has been inspected by helicopter.

Monday 4th December
Girl seriously ill after petrol bomb attack
A four-year-old Catholic girl is very seriously ill in hospital after a petrol bomb attack on her Carrickfergus home. The girl, who was in the Coronation Road home with her mother and sixteen-year-old aunt, is said to have received severe burns to legs, hands, face, abdomen and chest. The ground floor of the house was completely gutted.

Monday 4th December
Soldier injured in rocket attack
A soldier has been seriously injured when a rocket was fired at the vehicle in which he was travelling. An Army spokesman has said that the soldier, whose name and regiment are not being revealed, was travelling in an armoured car in the Lower falls area of Belfast when he was struck by fragments in the attack at the corner of Raglan Street and Albert Street. The attack took place as members of the Catholic Ex-Servicemen's Association were marching to a church parade and the wounded man was one of the extra troops brought in to the area in case trouble flared during the parade.

Monday 4th December
Bomb defused in East Belfast
An Army expert has defused a 60 lb bomb which was left beside a brick wall on the east bank of the Albert Bridge. Traffic was diverted for several hours while Army experts worked to defuse the device.

Monday 4th December
Man admitted to hospital with gunshot wounds
A 26-year-old Catholic man has been admitted to hospital after a mystery shooting in the Lower Falls area of Belfast. The RUC have said that the man was driving along Raglan Street when shots were fired at his car. Two children who were in the vehicle escaped unhurt.

Monday 4th December
RUC men ambushed
Two RUC men who went to investigate an incident in Roden Street had a narrow escape when gunmen opened fire on them. The RUC men were unhurt and returned fire.

Monday 4th December
Man shot in leg
A man has been found at Woodvale Road, near Twadell Avenue, with gunshot wounds to the leg. The man, who is being treated in the Royal Victoria Hospital, is said to be in a satisfactory condition.

Monday 4th December
Shots fired in Glengormley
A number of shots have been fired into a house in Glengormley. One bullet smashed through the front window but no one was injured.

Monday 4th December
Tartan attacks
The RUC and Army have come under renewed attacks from Tartan gangs in East Belfast. According to an Army Spokesman, petrol bombs were thrown at armoured vehicles and that rubber bullets were fired to disperse rioters.

Monday 4th December
Shops petrol bombed
A petrol bomb has been thrown into a television rental shop at the Woodstock-Beersbridge Road junction. Only slight damage was caused to the premises.

Monday 4th December
Shots fired at RUC barracks
Several shots have been fired at the front of Willowfield RUC barracks. No casualties were reported.

Monday 4th December
Rocket fired at RUC base
A rocket has been fired at Glengormley RUC barracks. The missile struck sandbags at the front of the barracks and immediately after the rocket a number of shots were also fired. No one was injured in the attack. A short time later a stolen car was stopped on the Shore Road. Its occupants ran off into the nearby Bawnmore estate.

Monday 4th December
RUC man wounded in Castledawson
An off duty detective sergeant in the RUC has been shot in Castledawson. The man, who was driving his own vehicle at the time, is said to be in a satisfactory condition.

Monday 4th December
Golf club bombed
A bomb which exploded overnight at Craigavon has caused extensive damage to a local golf club. The Clubhouse, which was almost completed, was badly damaged.

Monday 4th December
Bomb at Tandragee
The RUC have stated that a bomb has caused severe damage to the Protestant owned Manchester Arms, at Main Street, Tandragee. A fire followed the blast caused by a bomb which had been planted inside the building. No one was injured in the attack

Monday 4th December
Army open fire on gunmen
Soldiers on Derry's city walls have opened fire on three gunmen but no hits have been claimed.

Monday 4th December
Blast bombs thrown
Two blast bombs have been thrown over the wall of the Brooke Park Army post in Derry at around 8.30 pm. Two small craters were made but no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 4th December
Petrol bomb attack on stock yard
A ten-year-old boy, on seeing two youths throw something into a hayshed at Derry's stockyards, ran to a nearby Army post and told the soldiers what he saw. As fire-fighters attempted to put out the blaze, soldiers drove out the 150 cattle which were being held in the yard. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 4th December
Army patrol attacked by youths
Rubber bullets have been fired at youths as they pursued a patrol at Central Drive, Derry. Rubber bullets and CS gas were also used against youths who stoned an Army post at Bligh's lane.

Monday 4th December
Incendiary attacks in Donegal
Three incendiary bombs have been found at business premises in the Donegal border town of Buncrana. Local firemen were called in and the devices were dealt with. The Provisional IRA have denied any involvement with the attack.

Monday 4th December
Dublin dead named
The two men who died when bombs exploded in Dublin have been named. They are 30-year-old George Bradshaw of Offington Avenue, Sutton and 24-year-old Tom Duffy of Gracefield Avenue, Artane.



Tuesday 5th December
Soldiers kill man in Ardoyne

A workman has been shot dead by the Army and a second man injured when soldiers mistook the pair for IRA snipers. The incident happened shortly after an Army post came under attack at around 11.00 am. One of the men was working on the roof and the other was at an upper window when the soldiers returned fire after six shots were fired at the post. An Army statement dealing with the first reports of the shooting said that the men had been spotted on the roof of a house in Berwick Road and two shots had been fired at them. Later a body and a wounded man were found by a patrol. In a second statement the Army admitted that a mistake had been made and the men, both plumbers, had been holding tools and piping. The house at which the men were shot is at the corner of Glenbryn Park, on the Protestant side of the Alliance Avenue peace line. The dead man is the 651st person to die since the troubles began.





Tuesday 5th December
Army trap Post Office raiders

Four youths who attempted to carry out a robbery have been surprised by an Army unit who lay in wait in the backroom of a post office on Belfast's Springfield Road. The post office has been robbed on a number of occasions and anticipating that it would be robbed as it was due to issue the £10 Christmas bonus to pensioners, four soldiers hid in a backroom and waited for the robbery to happen. Two days later, as four youths entered the premises and began the robbery, the soldiers opened fire on the raiders. Four shots rang out but no one was injured. As the youths ran off they dropped an imitation firearm. No one was arrested nor was anyone injured during the incident.

Tuesday 5th December
IRA men captured

Soldiers have claimed to have captured four members of the IRA, including three officers, during searches of the Falls and Andersonstown areas of Belfast.

Tuesday 5th December
Belfast rocket attack

An IRA rocket has been fired into a new RUC barracks which is under construction in the North Queen Street area of North Belfast. The missile struck the first floor of the half completed barracks but damage was minor. A number of soldiers were on guard duty at the time but no one was injured in the blast.

Tuesday 5th December
Youth shot dead in Belfast

Soldiers have claimed two hits in the Ardoyne area of Belfast last night after a Saracen of soldiers from the Light Infantry came under attack at the junction of the Woodvale and Crumlin roads. Three gunmen, said to have been operating from the direction of Brompton Park fired a number of shots at the vehicle. Fire was returned. Some time later the RUC reported that the body of a youth was brought to the mater Hospital by ambulance from the Brompton Park area. A loaded magazine is said to have been found in his pocket.

TOP - Troops searching for clues after a bomb attack on government buildings in Alfred Street.
LEFT - Funeral of RUC member Robert Keys who was killed in a rocket attack on Belleek RUC Barracks

Tuesday 5th December
Bombs explode in Cookstown

Several thousand pounds worth of damage has been caused to shops in the centre of Cookstown by four bombs. The first explosion was caused by a bomb in a duffle bag which had been left in the doorway of the Electricity Board offices. It wrecked the showroom and damaged an adjoining hotel. The second bomb, also believed to have been in a duffle bag exploded in an entry between Lipton's supermarket and the offices of the Mid Ulster mail newspaper. Both buildings were damaged in the attack. A third bomb exploded in a car at a cash and carry warehouse on Sweep Road. A nearby office block was also damaged. The fourth and biggest bomb exploded at Blackley's café and badly damaged an adjoining house. All four bombs exploded in the space of an hour.

Tuesday 5th December
Man wounded in Ligoniel

A 25-year-old Catholic man has been shot and seriously wounded at a shooting incident in Ligoniel. The man, who comes from the area, was in a workman's hut near the Horseshoe Bend when he heard someone call him to come out. Sensing that something was wrong he stayed where he was and two shotgun blasts were fired at him. He was wounded in the groin.

Tuesday 5th December
UDR man ambushed

A UDR man has been shot at and wounded as he left work at the Michelin tyre plant at Mallusk. It is thought that the shots were fired from a passing car. The man was shot in the arm but his condition is not serious.

Tuesday 5th December
Army checkpoint attacked

An Army Saracen on checkpoint duty near the border at Gortmullin, Kinawley has come under rocket and gun attack. An Army spokesman has said that the rocket missed the vehicle and exploded in a field. Around ten shots were also directed at the soldiers who returned fire. It is thought that the gunmen were operating from a point to the north of the border. No one was injured in the attack.



RIGHT - Funeral of UDA member Ernest Elliott on Royal Avenue.
BELOW - UDA gunmen shoot over the coffin of Ernest Elliott. He had been killed in an internal dispute



Tuesday 5th December
Arms find in Derry's Waterside
The RUC have seized a hand grenade, a .45 revolver and five rounds of ammunition in the waterside area of Derry. It is not known if any arrests were made.

Tuesday 5th December
Army attacked in Lurgan
Eight shots have been fired at an Army foot patrol in the Kilmaine area of Lurgan. Fire was returned but there were no casualties on either side.

Tuesday 5th December
Shots fired in Clady
Six shots have been fired at an Army foot patrol near the village of Clady. None of the soldiers were injured and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 5th December
Youths attacked in Belfast
An RUC patrol has discovered two youths tied to a lamp post in the Oldpark area of Belfast. The youths, who were found at Century Street, had been assaulted and one of the men had a broken jaw.

Tuesday 5th December
Arms finds in Belfast
Soldiers in Belfast have discovered a nail bomb in the Ramoan gardens area of Andersonstown. And in the Farringdon Gardens area of Ardoyne soldiers also discovered a .22 rifle. It is not known if any arrests were made.

Tuesday 5th December
Explosions in Derry
A mystery double explosion which was heard in the Bogside area of Derry has been solved. The Army have revealed that the two explosions, each caused by around 5 lb of explosives were planted behind the wall of Brandywell football ground. Initial speculation that the explosions were caused by rockets have now been ruled out and it is thought that the blasts were part of an ambush on an Army patrol which had just passed the scene.

Wednesday 6th December
Bomb attack on Catholic club
The Army has defused two bombs in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. The devices, one containing 5 lb of explosives was concealed in a car and the second, weighing 15 lb was left near by. Both bombs are seen by the army as an attempt to bomb the catholic Ex-Servicemen's Association club.

Wednesday 6th December
Widow bears no grudge
The widow of the man shot dead by the Army in Ardoyne as he worked on a roof has said that she bore no grudge against the Army. The man who died was 30-year-old Samuel Bell, a Protestant of Forester Street.

Wednesday 6th December
Latest victim named
The name of the man whose body was found in an alleyway in East Belfast today has been named as 32-year-old Samuel White, a central heating engineer of Carrybeg Avenue, Newtownards. Mr White was a Protestant and was married with one child. His body was found in Lisbon Street in the Short Strand area of Belfast.

Wednesday 6th December
Bomb expert killed
An Army bomb disposal expert has died after the IRA launched seven separate rocket and mortar attacks on the Army during the night. The soldier who died, a member of the Royal Ordnance Corps was killed as he examined a mortar shell which failed to explode during an attack on the Kitchen Hill camp in Lurgan. The soldier who died, 28-year-old Sgt Roy Hillis, was killed as he attempted to remove a mortar shell from its launcher.

Wednesday 6th December
Attack on Army
There has been a concentrated attack on an Army post in a disused factory on the Loughgall Road, Armagh. Four rockets were fired at the post as was a burst of automatic fire. Small arms fire was also directed at the front of the factory. One of the rockets exploded on the roof of the building and another in a garden. There were no military casualties but a woman who was in a ward of the nearby St Luke's Hospital was wounded by shrapnel.

Wednesday 6th December
Rockets fired in Coalisland
Three rockets and some gunfire have been aimed at soldiers who went to answer a bomb alert at an egg packing factory in Coalisland. An RUC spokesman said that two

men had earlier planted what was thought to be a bomb at the egg factory. The factory is located beside an Army post.

Wednesday 6th December
Mortar bombs explode at Army post
Seven home made mortars and a number of shots have been fired at an Army post at Kilrea. Extensive damage was caused to the post but no one was injured in the attack. One of the bombs only partially exploded and it was dealt with by the Army. In a follow up search a sterling submachine-gun 30 empty cartridges and eight armour piercing rounds were found.

Wednesday 6th December
Mortars found in Derry
Soldiers have found a home made mortar and eight bombs in a laneway in the Creggan Estate, Derry. The find came after three mortars were launched at the Bligh's lane Army post. No one was injured in the attack. According to the Army one of the mortars missed the post and buried itself in the hillside.

Wednesday 6th December
Rocket fired in Coagh
A rocket which was fired at the RUC barracks in Coagh is said to have hit a gable wall but did not penetrate it. Damage was caused to some security fencing but no one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 6th December
Belfast Rocket attack
A rocket has once again been fired at the new RUC base which is under construction in Belfast. The Barracks, at North Queen Street, was struck by one rocket. Damage to the base was slight and no one was injured in the attack.

Wednesday 6th December
UDR man killed
A member of the UDR has been shot dead while on a shopping trip in Killeter village, near the Donegal border. The dead man, Private William Bogle, aged 27, was attached to the 6th Battalion, UDR and is the 29th member of the regiment to have been killed since it was formed.

Wednesday 6th December
Man shot in knees
A man, believed to be a Protestant, has been admitted to the Ulster Hospital at Dundonald with gunshot wounds to the knees. It is believed that he was shot in Clara Street area and was brought to hospital by car.





TOP - Funeral of Constable Nixon passing the Chester Park Hotel on the Antrim Road where he was shot dead.
RIGHT - A badly shocked woman is taken to an ambulance after a Belfast bomb attack.

Wednesday 6th December
Explosives found in car
Seventy to eighty pounds of explosive mixture have been found in the rear panels of a car that had earlier been hi-jacked in the Clonard area of Belfast. The owner was then told to collect it on the Falls Road. The man brought it to the RUC and when the car was examined the explosives were found.

Wednesday 6th December
Shots fired in Newry
A number of shots have been fired at the Army in the Derrybeg estate, Newry. Earlier there had been some stone throwing, hi-jacking and riots in the area.

Wednesday 6th December
Soldier attacked in Lisburn
Shots have been fired at an off duty soldier as he walked in the grounds of Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn. He was not injured in the attack.



LEFT - The first turnstiles to be installed at the Belfast security gates at Wellington Street.

Wednesday 6th December
Shot youth was member of Fianna
A death notice in today's Irish News has revealed that the youth, Bernard Fox of Etna Drive, who was shot dead by the Army in Ardoyne on Monday night was a member of Fianna Eireann. He is described as being O/C of 'A' Coy, 3rd Battalion, Na Fianna Eireann.

Thursday 7th December
Bomb wrecks garage
A Belfast garage and showroom has been wrecked in a lunchtime bomb attack. Chambers and Johnston garage in Agincourt Avenue in the Ormeau Road area was devastated by the 50 lb device. Many windows in the surrounding area were broken but no one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 7th December
Barmen to strike
Belfast barmen, fearful of attempts on their lives as they return home late at night are to strike on Saturday in support of their demands for earlier closing during winter months. 1,100 bar staff are expected to take strike action but it is thought that family run businesses will open in spite of the stoppage.

Thursday 7th December
Soldier loses arm
A 21-year-old soldier, Private Michael George, from Burnley, has lost his arm in an IRA rocket attack on the armoured vehicle in which he was travelling in Varna Street, Belfast.

Thursday 7th December
Bomb hoax halts train
Train services between Lurgan and Portadown were halted for more than two hours because of a hoax bomb call. The railways authority, having received a mysterious phone call saying that it would not be advisable to run the last train between Lurgan and Portadown.. The service was suspended but later resumed when a search of the track did not uncover anything.

Thursday 7th December
RUC man's wife attacked
For security reasons the RUC are refusing to release de-

tails of an attack on the wife of an RUC reservist. The woman, aged 25 and lives in the Ballygomartin area of Belfast, was assaulted by a number of men who entered her home looking for a gun. She has received 28 stitches. A small quantity of ammunition was taken.

Thursday 7th December
Soldier is seriously ill
A soldier in the 1st Queen's Lancashire Regiment has lost his arm and ten other members of the crew of a Saracen armoured vehicle have been treated for cuts and shock after a rocket attack in Varna Street, off the Grosvenor Road. The missile was fired from behind the Saracen as it moved up the street. The warhead exploded, piercing the rear doors of the vehicle and the driver, although concussed managed to drive the vehicle away from the scene. .A 21-year-old soldier is seriously ill.

Thursday 7th December
Wounded soldier is critical
A soldier who was seriously wounded when shots were fired through the rear doors of a Saracen on the Whiterock Road has been named as 18-year-old Rifleman John Joesbury, of the 3rd Royal green jackets. He is described as being very seriously ill. Two other members of the vehicles crew were slightly injured in the attack. Fire was not returned.

Thursday 7th December
Springfield Road barracks attacked
A small bomb which was thrown from a passing car outside Springfield Road barracks has exploded. The device struck a sandbagged Sanger. No one was injured and soldiers inside the Sanger fired at the car. It is not known if anyone was hit.

Thursday 7th December
Blast bomb thrown in Andersonstown
A small explosion which was heard in the Andersonstown area of Belfast is thought to have been thrown to draw troops into the area. An Army bomb disposal expert later blew the boot of a suspect car in the area and discovered 5 lb of explosives which may have been booby-trapped.

Thursday 7th December
Shots fired at Army post
Shots have been fired into a Falls Road Army post. No one was injured and fire was not returned.

Thursday 7th December
Catholic family attacked
A pipe bomb has exploded at the side of a house in Leven Drive in the Tullycarnet estate, Dundonald. Two small windows were broken. The occupants, a Catholic family, were not injured in the attack.





TOP - Bomb attack on the Nite-Bite resturant at the corner of Ann Street and Victoria Street.
RIGHT - A British soldier tests a captured IRA mortar in Derry.

Thursday 7th December
Electricity transformer bombed
Part of the village of Sion Mills was blacked out after an explosion damaged an electricity transformer. A cricket pavilion in the area was also damaged by a later explosion.

Thursday 7th December
Nail bombs found in Derry
Two nail bombs, which were found by Development Commission workmen in a storm drain inn the Creggan estate, Derry, have been dealt with by the Army. Soldiers who were called to the scene came under attack from stone throwers. Rubber bullets were fired.

Friday 8th December
UDA leader shot dead
The RUC are said to be keeping an open mind on the identity of the persons responsible for killing a high ranking member of the Ulster Defence Association. The dead man, 28-year-old Ernest Duke Elliot, was found hooded in the back of a car. He had been shot dead and paper, cardboard and wires had been placed around the body to give the impression that it had been booby trapped.

Mr Elliott, had been travelling with a companion, whose identity is being kept secret, from the Shankill Road to Sandy Row. They were travelling in an official UDA car when they were intercepted at the traffic lights at Millfield-Divis Street. Both men were hooded and beaten. Mr Elliott's companion was later released. The dead man is said to have been a member of the Woodvale Defence Association, which is an affiliated body of the UDA. He is said to have held the rank of Lt.-Colonel.

Friday 8th December
City centre bombs
Two bombs have exploded within yards of each other. Both bombs, one of which went off inside a blue car at the narrow King Street Mews, exploded within ten minutes of each other. The second bomb had been earlier placed in the premises of J. A. Irvine & Co. The blast damaged nearby buildings and broke windows in Progressive House and the College of Technology. The Army have said that the bombs were an elaborate attempt to lure the Army into the area.

Friday 8th December
Armagh tyre plant bombed
A bomb blast has caused extensive damage to Highway Remoulds, a tyre plant in Armagh. The bomb, which contained around 50-100 lbs of explosives exploded in the company's premises, a converted railway station. Several houses in Alexander Park, which is 150 yards away, had their windows blown in.

Friday 8th December
Factory bombed in Portadown
A fire has destroyed a large storage area at the Windsor Foods Factory in castle Avenue, Portadown. The outbreak was discovered at around 1.15 am and forensic experts are attempting to discover the cause of the blaze.

Friday 8th December
RUC men ambushed
Around a dozen shots have been fired at an RUC Land Rover on the Melmont Road in Strabane. None of the RUC men were injured in the ambush.

Friday 8th December
Incendiary device fails to explode
An incendiary device which had been planted by armed men in a confectionary shop at Trevor Hill has failed to go off. and has been removed by the Army. After planting the device the raiders then took the owner and two girls hostage. They were released a short time later at Bessbrook.

Friday 8th December
Army opens fire on man in Derry
The Army have admitted opening fire on a man at Molenan, Derry. Soldiers claim that they observed the man carrying a weapon and entering a derelict house. A challenge was issued and shots fired. The soldiers did not claim a hit and the man escaped. No weapons were found.

Friday 8th December
Pipe bomb explodes
A pipe bomb has exploded on a boat which was outside a house in Cloyne Crescent, Monkstown.

Friday 8th December
Hayshed destroyed
Two thousand bales of hay and a hayshed have been destroyed in an arson attack on a farm at Garvagh. No one was injured in the blaze.

Friday 8th December
Catholic Church wrecked
A bomb has exploded at a Catholic Chapel at Glenravel, near Ballymena. A woman, who was on her way to mass, discovered the doors of the chapel had been forced open and a bomb in a milk churn placed in the aisle. The Army was called in but the bomb exploded before it could be defused.

Saturday 9th December
44 UDR men sacked
It has been revealed by the Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Army, Peter Blaker, that 44 members of the Ulster Defence Regiment have been sacked this year for "unsatisfactory conduct" and there is now speculation that the men's dismissals are connected to their political links, such as membership of the Ulster Defence Association

Saturday 9th December
Rocket attack on RUC base
For the second time in less than a fortnight the IRA have launched a gun and rocket attack on the joint Army-RUC base at Crossmaglen in South Armagh. Two rockets and several shots were fired at the barracks. One of the rockets penetrated a wall. Soldiers and RUC personnel returned fire but no hits were claimed.

Saturday 9th December
Man shot dead on bus
A 47-year-old father of five from Monagh Parade in the Turf Lodge area of Belfast, has been shot dead on a bus as he returned from work. The dead man was Mr Joseph Kelly, who worked as a welder for an east Belfast tool company.

Saturday 9th December
Six men arrested in Ballynahinch
Six men have been arrested by the security forces after they were seen acting suspiciously in a field near Ballynahinch. The men, who are all understood to have addresses in the Belfast area are being questioned by the RUC. A .22 rifle and a small quantity of ammunition was seized in the area.

Saturday 9th December
Soldier dies in Belfast hospital
Rifleman John Josebury, of the 3rd Royal green jackets has died in hospital from injuries he received when he was hit by a single bullet to the head. He had been travelling in the rear of a Saracen along Westrock Drive in the Ballymurphy area when gunmen fired twice into the vehicle.

Saturday 9th December
Five soldiers shot in St James's area
Five soldiers have been shot, one of them seriously in the St James's area of Belfast. The seriously ill soldier was shot in the buttocks while the remaining four received wounds to the legs. It is believed that the two gunmen opened fire from concealed positions.

Saturday 9th December
RPG7 rocket launcher found in Belfast
A Russian made RPG7 rocket launcher, similar to the one discovered recently in Derry has been found during a search in the New Lodge Road area of Belfast. The rocket launcher, the first of its kind to be found in the city, is believed to be one of a number which has been used against troops. Several propellant charges were also found with the weapon. A Garand rifle, an SLR, a .303 rifle and 500 rounds of assorted ammunition were also found.
In a separate search in the same area, a Japanese made Armalite rifle, a fully loaded magazine and part of an Army issue SLR rifle was also found.

Saturday 9th December
Catholic family attacked
A Catholic family escaped injury in the Ligoniel area of Belfast when 14 shots from an automatic weapon were fired into their Legmore Street home. The bullets smashed upstairs and downstairs windows.

Saturday 9th December
RUC base comes under fire
A burst of shots have been fired at Glengormley RUC barracks from the direction of Church Road. No one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 9th December
Army blows up explosives
Soldiers have detonated two explosive devices which were found in the Brenda Park area of Andersonstown. The explosives were found in the garden of a house. No one was injured and damage was confined to a small area.

Saturday 9th December
Soldiers attacked in Derry
Three shots have been fired at soldiers in the Upper Nassau Street-Osborne Street area of Derry. No one was injured in the attack. Two cars were seen speeding away from the area after the attack but no arrests were made.

Saturday 9th December
Sniper opens fire on soldiers
A single shot has been fired at an Army patrol near St Columb's College. The shot was fired from the direction of Kildrum Gardens in the Creggan estate.

Saturday 9th December
Bomb explodes in Derry
Slight damage has been caused by a bomb which exploded at a junction box in Derry. The explosion took place at Lonemoor Road. No one was hurt in the attack.

Saturday 9th December
Explosives destroyed by Army
A loud explosion which was heard in East Belfast has been caused by an Army expert blowing up a suspicious milk churn which was found in Lavinia Street in the Ormeau Road area. The churn, thought to contain fertiliser and diesel oil was found lying in the street. It is thought that it may have fallen from a lorry. The churn contained between 3-5 lbs of explosives.

Saturday 9th December
Border poll
A number of the North's Under Sheriffs have had meetings with officials from the Secretary of State's department to discuss arrangements for the border poll, which is due to be held next year. The Sheriffs will have the responsibility for conducting the poll and their recommendations will be reported to Mr Whitelaw.

Monday 11th December
Official Sinn Fein conference
A resolution from the Wicklow branch of Official Sinn Fein has proposed at the part's annual conference that "all republicans come together in the fight against the common enemy." It goes on to say: "In order to achieve this, all bickering must cease between both factions of Sinn Fein. These petty arguments not only waste valuable time but they play into the hands of our enemies as well." Another resolution called on the Gardiner Place leaders to use their propaganda "more intelligently to seek to win the ordinary rank and file Provo to the policy of our movement."

Monday 11th December
Bomb factory found
Soldiers have discovered a large quantity of bomb making materials and a number of blast bombs at a derelict house in East Belfast. Soldiers from 35 Engineer Regiment discovered two hundredweight of a bomb making chemical, four blast bombs, two rounds of ammunition, two empty beer kegs a mixing bucket and half a thunderflash, at the house in Dee Street.

Monday 11th December
New Orange leader
The Rev Martin Smyth, a leading figure in the Unionist Party and Vanguard organisation is expected to take over this week as head of the Orange Order in Ireland. It is understood that Mr. Smyth, a Presbyterian minister in Belfast has been consulted by members of the order's central committee and has expressed his willingness to allow his name to go forward

Monday 11th December
Soldiers shoot man dead
Soldiers have shot a man dead in North Queen Street, Belfast. The man, a civilian in his 50's, was shot once in the back by a soldier who was on sentry duty. The shooting happened at around 2.00 am and the Army have released a statement saying that the soldier's weapon had been fired accidentally. The man's name has not yet been released.

Monday 11th December
Ammunition find
An Army spokesman has said that soldiers have found 40 rounds of ammunition at the rear of a house on Belfast's falls Road. No arrests have been made.

Monday 11th December
Financial boot for businesses
In an attempt to boost businesses in Belfast, Derry and Newry which are facing severe economic difficulties due to the troubles, the Minister for State, David Howell, has announced a £1 million grant fund. The money, in the form of employment grants - £250 for each male and £125 for each female is to help businesses which are approved under the rates rebate scheme.

Monday 11th December
Prison switch
Around 100 special category "political" prisoners, both catholic and Protestant, have been moved from Crumlin Road Prison to Long Kesh. 70 short term prisoners were transferred to Crumlin Road. All prisoners will continue to receive the same privileges as before.

Monday 11th December
Protest at Eton
About 100 demonstrators have invaded the playing fields at Eton College to protest about the Army's occupation of playing fields in the North. The group arrived in a coach with a sign "People's League for Democracy in Northern Ireland". Police and college officials kept watch on the demonstrators but there were no incidents.

Monday 11th December
Rocket kills soldier
An Army sergeant has been killed and two others injured, one seriously, when a rocket which had been found by soldiers exploded inside a Belfast military post. The soldier who died, Colour Sergeant Stewart Middlemass, aged 33, was killed when the rocket exploded inside the Fort Monagh Army base in the Turf Lodge area. The obsolete British-made rocket had been earlier found during a routine search in the area and was brought into the base by soldiers. As the rocket's tail-fin was being examined it exploded killing the soldier and wounding his colleagues. It was initially thought that the rocket had been booby-trapped but it is now believed that the explosive charge was in a bad state of deterioration and had become unstable and it was this that caused the explosion.

Monday 11th December
UDR man comes under attack
Several shots have been fired at a UDR man at the entrance to the UDR depot at Ladas Drive in South-East Belfast.. The depot is only a short distance from the city's heavily guarded RUC headquarters. The part-time soldier returned fire but no one was injured in the attack.

Monday 11th December
Shots fired in Ballysillan
Four shots have been fired into a house in the Ballysillan area of Belfast during the night but there are no reports of any injuries.

Monday 11th December
Andersonstown gun battle
Seventeen shots have been fired at soldiers in the Koran Ring area of Andersonstown. The soldiers fired back and claim to have shot one gunman.

Monday 11th December
Former B Special attacked
Shots have been fired at a former member of the Ulster Special Constabulary as he drove along the Ballymacran Road in Ballynahinch. The gunmen, believed to have been travelling in a light green car, are believed to have followed the former USC man for some distance before launching the attack. No one was injured in the attack.

Monday 11th December
Soldier caught in booby-trap
A soldier who was on foot patrol near the junction of Malin Gardens and Broadway had a narrow escape when he was blown off his feet by a small booby-trap device. The bomb is believed to have been detonated electronically. A search of the area revealed 80 yards of fuse wire leading from the scene. The soldier was not hurt in the attack.

Monday 11th December
Shots heard in Bogside
Three shots have been heard in the Bogside area of Derry in the early hours of the morning but the Army and RUC say they were not involved in the shooting and there are no reports of damage or injuries.

Monday 11th December
Soldiers attacked in Derry
Soldiers have returned fire after a sniper opened fire on them in Glenview Street and Osborne Street area of Rosemount. No hits were claimed.

Monday 11th December
Bomb explodes at Newry club
A bomb, which is estimated to have contained between 5 and 10 lb of explosives has damaged the front of the Irish National Forester' Club in William Street, Newry. No one was injured in the attack and a spokesman said that the club would be opening as usual. Around 50 panes of glass in an adjoining hall which is owned by a non-subscribing Presbyterian Church were broken in the same attack.

Monday 11th December
Arson attack on Catholic hall
The RUC have said that a fire at a Catholic parochial hall at Mulavilly, half-way between Portadown and Tandragee, has been started maliciously

Tuesday 12th December
UDA man buried
Volleys of shots have been fired by six men over the coffin of UDA member Ernest Duke Elliott as his funeral passed through the Woodvale area of Belfast. It is estimated that around 4,000 people attended the UDA man's funeral, including around 1,000 members of the UDA. Mr Elliott was found shot dead in a car close to Windsor park. The dead man's coffin was draped by an Orange Lodge banner and his UDA uniform was placed on top. In attendance at the funeral were LAW leader, Billy Hull; UDA Chairman Jim Anderson and Vice-chairman Tommy Herron. Also in the cortege were Orangemen in full regalia and members of the Orange Volunteer Force.



Tuesday 12th December
Garda seize stage "props"
The Garda have seized a number of weapons belonging to an Italian film company when they were flown into Dublin. The weapons, which belong to Oceania Production, were mainly wooden and plastic models of machineguns and revolvers were to be used in a film about the mafia which is being filmed in Dublin. However, the Garda have said that a number of the guns seized were real weapons which had been doctored to make them unusable. A Garda spokesman said that this process could easily be reversed.

Tuesday 12th December
Derry to get Bloody Sunday memorial
The Northern Ireland Civil Rights association plans to erect an 8 foot high plinth to the victims of Bloody Sunday shootings in Derry last January when 13 people were shot dead during a Civil Rights march. A spokesman for Derry CRA has said that the memorial will be erected in the area of St Joseph's Place in the Bogside. It will be unveiled on the first anniversary of the shooting on Sunday 28th January. The anniversary ceremony will start with an all night vigil at Free Derry Corner at midnight on the 27th.

Tuesday 12th December
Solder shot in New Lodge
Snipers have shot and wounded a soldier in the New Lodge area of Belfast. The soldier, who is seriously ill, was part of a foot patrol which came under fire at Edlingham Street.

Tuesday 12th December
Rocket attack foiled
The Army believe that they have foiled a rocket attack on the Flax Street military post in Ardoyne. Soldiers at the post fired at a man in Havana Street whom they claim was aiming a rocket launcher at the post. They claim the man was hit and was helped away by two other men. Neither the man or launcher were found.

Tuesday 12th December
Bomb explodes in Belfast
A bomb has exploded at the Northern Ireland Carrier depot on Belfast's Grosvenor Road. The blast caused severe dam-

LEFT - A Russian made rocket launcher which was discovered in a search of the New Lodge area in North Belfast.

Russia is helping IRA, says Army

The Russian-made rocket launchers now being used by the IRA could not have been bought without the help of the Soviet authorities.

be taking a more direct line.

Military experts believe that foreign agitators were responsible for the development of the rioting in Ulster and for the battles around the Bogside, Londonderry, in 1969.

Although no communist weapons were captured in

on November 18 this year was sponsored by the World Peace Council (WPC), a communist front organisation proscribed by the British Labour Party. The tribunal was investigating alleged brutality by soldiers in Ulster.

The first visit by the WPC

detectives shadowed a man thought to be a colonel in the Russian secret police, the KGB, when he paid a visit to Dublin.

The man, Belgian-born Victor Louis (43), is entrusted by the Russians with difficult and delicate negotiations in countries where

age to a parcel shed and a number of vehicles. No one was injured in the attack.

Tuesday 12th December
Man shoots himself
A 21-year-old part-time member of the security forces has been treated in hospital after accidentally shooting himself in the hand with a legally held firearm. The incident happened in the Woodvale area of Belfast and he has been since released from hospital.

Tuesday 12th December
Man shot in Carrick
Detectives are attempting to establish a motive for the abduction and shooting of a 34-year-old Protestant man. The man was taken from his home by three armed and hooded men and was driven to Snowey Glen. There a shot was fired at him and the bullet struck him in both knees. He is now recovering in Carrick Hospital.

Tuesday 12th December
UDR man attacked
Six shots have been fired into a UDR man's home at Lurgan. The bullets went through a window but no one in the house was injured.

Tuesday 12th December
RUC ambushed in Derry
Two bursts of automatic gunfire were fired at an RUC Land Rover in the Shantallow area of Derry. The vehicle was not hit and fire was returned. No hits were claimed.

Tuesday 12th December
CRA run low on funds
The Civil Rights Association has said that its finances are at an all time low and that it will be unable to give money to innocent dependants this Christmas. In a circular issued by the association it has been claimed that over £12,000 have spent on prisoner's relief this year. The circular also states that the association's newssheet will cost 5p from January and will be issued on a fortnightly basis.

Wednesday 13th December
SDLP calls for joint police force
The SDLP have revealed that during a two hour meeting with the Secretary of State, Mr Whitelaw, they asked that a new police force be recruited under the joint authority of Dublin and London.

Wednesday 13th December
RUC man shot dead
The RUC have still not released the name of the 47-year-old RUC man who was shot dead outside the Chichester Park Hotel on Belfast's Antrim Road It is believed that the gunmen, armed with Thompson and Sterling sub ma-



RIGHT - Bomb attack on Chambers and Johnston, automobile engineers, in Agincourt Avenue.

chine guns fired 24 shots from behind a hedge. He was hit in the chest and head and died a short time later.

Wednesday 13th December
Men attacked outside bar
Three men who were standing outside Hannigan's bar at the junction of North Queen Street and Henry Street have been wounded as was one customer in the bar when gunmen fired between 15 and 20 shots from a passing car. All four men have been detained in hospital and a spokesman for the hospital has said that one of the wounded is in a serious condition. The car drove off in the direction of York Road.

Wednesday 13th December
Woman wounded in North Belfast
A woman has been shot and seriously wounded when gunmen opened fire on an Army unit which had been called in to deal with a bomb which had been planted in a local building. The bomb in the building occupied by the Expandite company, contained around 30 sticks of gelignite. It was later defused.

Wednesday 13th December
Soldiers come under attack in Andersonstown
Soldiers in an observation post at Glassmullen Gardens in the Andersonstown area have escaped injury after around 30 shots were fired at them from a passing car and from a nearby Shell garage.

Wednesday 13th December
Army detonate bombs in Riverdale
In Riverdale Gardens, Belfast Army bomb disposal experts destroyed two bombs which were found in petrol cans. Window damage to surrounding property is reported to be slight.

Wednesday 13th December
Spent cartridges found
The Army have revealed that they have found around 50 spent cartridges at Norfolk Parade in the Turf Lodge area.

Wednesday 13th December
RUC men ambushed in Lurgan
Two members of the RUC who were on patrol in a Ford Escort car in Lurgan have come under attack. The RUC men were driving through the Rathmore estate when a gunman sprayed their vehicle with 14 shots from an automatic weapon. One of the RUC men was shot in the thigh but he was not seriously hurt. He has since been released from hospital. Fire was returned at the gunmen but no hits were claimed.



Wednesday 13th December
UDR men attacked in Armagh
Three bullets have struck a UDR scout car on the Moy Road, outside Armagh. The scout car, part of a two vehicle patrol, was attacked by gunmen who were using trees in St Patrick's cemetery for cover. None of the patrol were injured and fire was not returned.

Wednesday 13th December
Bomb defused in Keady
A bomb in a duffle bag has been placed in Bertie Cheever's bar in Keady, County Armagh. Customers were told that the device had been fitted with an anti-handling device. It was defused around five hours later by a controlled explosion.

Thursday 14th December
Helicopter attacked in South Armagh
An Army helicopter has come under attack as it flew between Bessbrook and Crossmaglen on the South Armagh border. Bullets struck the helicopter, wounding one solder in the thigh and damaging a rotor blade. The pilot was able to land near Crossmaglen barracks. A short time later Garda arrested four men and seized four M1 rifles and 161 rounds of ammunition. Three of the men are from Crossmaglen and the fourth is from Courtbane which is about a mile away on the southern side of the border. Neither the Garda or British Army would say if there was a connection between the two incidents.

Thursday 14th December
Date of border poll set
Mr William Whitelaw, Secretary of State, has said in the Commons that the date for a border poll, based on the availability of a new up to date register, would be the 8th March.

Thursday 14th December
Bomb explodes in Belfast
A Belfast garage has been badly damaged in a lunchtime bomb attack when an employee, believed to be a foreman, was hi-jacked and forced to drive his car, which had been loaded with a 50 lb bomb back into his work place. The man was told where to leave the car and warned that he was being watched from the M1 and if he disobeyed them he would be shot. It now seems that this was not an idle threat for when some time later firemen arrived on the scene and tried to move in two shots were directed at them from Rodney Parade. The bomb, which exploded at 1.50 pm, badly damaged Clarence Engineering works.

Thursday 14th December
Portadown bomb attack
A bomb in a stolen car in Woodhouse Street in Portadown has exploded outside Murray's public house shortly after midnight. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 14th December
Detonators found in Belfast
Shortly before tea-time soldiers found 185 electric detonators during a search at a house in Glenshane gardens in Andersonstown.

Thursday 14th December
Mortar making kit found
A mortar making kit has been found in a duffle bag in the garden of a house at Leenane Gardens in the Creggan estate, Derry. The find consisted of three empty mortars, 12 _ lbs of dynamite, 12 propellant charges, some chemicals and 60 rounds of assorted ammunition. The Army have said that the find consisted of the ingredients for making mortar bombs. Two men have been arrested.

Thursday 14th December
Border gun battle
Soldiers have fought a short but intense battle with the IRA on the Derry-Donegal border. Three rockets and 70 rounds



FACING PAGE - Wreckage after the bomb blast which killed two teenagers at Belturbet, Co. Cavan.
RIGHT - Bomb attack on Frank Dolan's Bar in Killeter in which his daughter, Kathleen, was killed.

of ammunition were fired at the soldiers who suffered no casualties but who did claim one hit in return fire.

Thursday 14th December
Bank robbed in Dungannon
In Dungannon, four men, one of whom was armed with a sub-machinegun, and the others with revolvers, have robbed the Allied Irish Bank in Irish Street. The raiders got away with an undisclosed sum of money.

Thursday 14th December
Soldiers destroy bombs
Shortly before midnight soldiers in the Riverdale area of Belfast set fire to a car which contained a quantity of explosives. The bomb exploded. In the same area a short distance way, and at around the same time the soldiers also detonated a claymore type mine. No one was injured in the blasts.

Thursday 14th December
Family has narrow escape
A family in the La Salle area of Belfast had a narrow escape after the Army evacuated their street when a neighbour reported that a bomb had been left in his car. The bomb exploded as the soldiers tried to defuse it. Extensive blast damage was caused to the surrounding area. The family, who were overlooked, had been wrapping their Christmas presents at the time of the explosion. They were treated in hospital for shock and minor injuries.

Thursday 14th December
UDA chief meets prison governor
UDA Chairman, Jim Anderson, has met with the Governor of Crumlin Road Prison to ask for the removal of 14 loyalist remand prisoners to Maze Prison. The talks between the UDA Chief and the Governor Major Albert Mullin followed allegations that IRA prisoners attacked loyalist cells on Monday.

Thursday 14th December
Soldiers on drugs charges
Three soldiers have been court-martialled at Colchester and sentenced to various periods of imprisonment up to one year for the possessing and supplying of drugs. The Charges involve amphetamines, LSD and cannabis. Some of the offences are said to have occurred while they were on duty in Derry, also Gibraltar and at the Colchester garrison.

Friday 15th December
RUC man is shot dead in Lurgan
An RUC man has been killed and two others injured, one critically, in Lurgan's Kilwilkie estate. The RUC men had been delivering a present to a young girl who had been in an accident with an RUC vehicle. They were about to leave the estate in two Land Rovers when they noticed a suspicious car. Suspecting that it might contain a bomb they began to evacuate some houses. It was at this point that the four RUC men came under attack from six gunmen who opened fire from two different positions. Three of the four RUC men fell under a hail of bullets.

Friday 15th December
Teenager shot dead in Greencastle
A 16-year-old youth from Greencastle has been shot dead by a gunman on a motorcycle as he stood on a corner near his home. The youth, James Joseph Reynolds, from Mount Street was standing at the corner of Dandy Street, not far from his home just before 7.00 pm when he was shot from the passing motorcycle.

Friday 15th December
Girl dies in car bomb attack
A 19-year-old girl from Killeter, County Tyrone, Kathleen Dolan has been killed when a car bomb exploded outside her father's pub in the village. The dead girl was to be married in January and had just posted her wedding invitations when the bomb exploded. Her father and two sisters were among the injured but their conditions are not thought to be serious. The 50 lb bomb wrecked the bar and caused extensive damage to nearby buildings including a post office and three private houses.

Friday 15th December
RUC and civilian come under fire
The RUC and a civilian have come under attack at Mayo Street, Belfast. An RUC spokesman has said that a number of shots were fired at a Protestant man as he went into his father's home. The bullets went wide and the man was unhurt. A short time later, a gunman opened fire from the roof of a factory in Mayo Street, at an RUC patrol. There were no casualties.

Friday 15th December
Rifle found in West Belfast
An Armalite rifle has been found by soldiers in a house during a search operation in the Albert Street area of Belfast.

Friday 15th December
Soldier wounded in Derry
A soldier was wounded in the shoulder when two gunmen opened fire on his patrol in the Shantallow area of Derry. An Army spokesman said that gunmen fired about 15 shots from behind a parked car hitting the soldier in the shoulder but not seriously wounding him. Other members of his patrol opened fire but did not claim any hits. Water pipes in several houses in the estate were damaged by bullets during the brief gun battle.

Friday 15th December
Shots fired in Shantallow
A number of shots have been fired in the Shantallow area of Derry. The target was an Army mobile patrol. No hits were recorded and fire was not returned.

Friday 15th December
Soldiers open fire on IRA men
Soldiers have opened fire on two IRA men in open country near Kilmore after one of the men went over a trip-wire and set off a flare. No hits were claimed.

Friday 15th December
Telephone exchange bombed
A bomb in a duffle bag has damaged an automated telephone exchange in the village of Sion Mills. Considerable damage was caused to the building which is on the fringe of a large housing estate and only yards from the Omagh-Strabane road. A second bomb found at the exchange was thought to be booby-trapped but an Army expert detonated it after the area had been cleared and there were no casualties. Earlier in the evening several shots were fired at an Army patrol in the Townsend Street area.

Friday 15th December
Army deny pull out from GAA ground
Army headquarters in Lisburn have denied a report in the Irish Independent newspaper that troops would be pulled out of Casement Park GAA ground, probably next month. Soldiers have occupied casement since Operation Motorman and it is used as the local headquarters for units operating in Andersonstown. An Army spokesman said "We don't want to stay in the ground any longer than we have to. But we will not be able to leave it until the security situation allows it.

Friday 15th December
Cost of Army operations
The Minister of State, David Howell, has said that the estimated extra cost of Army operations in the North since August 1969 to the end of March 1973 is £51 million.

Saturday 16th December
Pensioner's homes hit by gunfire
The RUC are investigating a shooting incident at the Manor Park estate in Lurgan when a gunman fired at five protestant owned houses with a shotgun. Manor Park houses both Protestant and Catholic pensioners. No one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 16th December
Army blows up explosives
Army experts have blown up a drum containing 60 lbs of explosives at Mullaghbane, near Forkhill. The drum was found early today by soldiers. Wires were found leading from it to a battery.

Saturday 16th December
Man's body found in Butchers shop
The body of a young man has been found in the fridge of a small butchers shop in the village of Derrylin, County Fermanagh. The man's name has not been released officially but he is believed to be a 26-year-old catholic from the Lisnaskea area. Local people have said that the man had been shot several times in the head at the small shop in the Main Street. The RUC have not confirmed that the dead man was the owner of the shop.

Saturday 16th December
Bombs explode at Omagh
Three bombs have exploded at Omagh during the night. Two of the bombs were at public houses and the third at a garage. The first of the bombs exploded in an MG 1100 car outside James Eakin's tractor depot on Market Road. The blast wrecked the building and caused considerable damage to a number of cars.
A second blast at the other end of the town occurred a few minutes later, when a suitcase exploded in a lavatory at Broderick's bar in George Street. Extensive damage was caused to the rear of the building. A third bomb was left in a suitcase at the entrance to a temporary licensed premises in Campsie on the outskirts of the town. The blast left a crater outside but caused only superficial damage. A fourth explosion in the town was caused by Army experts who

blew up a suspicious box, which was found to be harmless. The three bombs were all placed outside the towns security barriers and the warning calls traced to the Carrickmore area.

Saturday 16th December
Car bomb explodes at Lisnaskea
A car bomb has exploded at Lisnaskea during the night and caused damage to a number of premises in the town. The car had been hi-jacked earlier in Newtownbutler. The blast was heard over a wide area but no one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 16th December
Bomb at bank explodes
A bomb has exploded causing slight damage to the Northern Bank at Kilrea. A warning had been given and the area cleared when the explosion occurred.

Saturday 16th December
UDR man killed in Armagh
A 40-year-old member of the UDR has been shot dead as he was leaving the factory at which he worked. The dead man, who has been named as Fredrick Greeves, of the Grange , Moy, was married with two children.

Saturday 16th December
RUC man named
The RUC man who was shot dead in Lurgan has been named as 44-year-old George Chambers. He was a father of six and had only recently been stationed in Lurgan.

Saturday 16th December
Soldier shot in Armagh
A soldier has been shot in the hip during an ambush on his mobile patrol in Irish Street, Armagh. His Land Rover was fired upon as it went under a flyover. Five shots were returned and the patrol believe that four of them struck the gunman's vehicle.

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Saturday 16th December
Gunmen open fire on Protestant youth
At around 9.30 pm gunmen opened fire from a moving car at a Protestant youth who was standing outside a chip shop at Navarra place on the Whitewell Road. The youth was shot in the face but his condition is said to be satisfactory.

Saturday 16th December
Men shot outside social club
Three men have been shot, one seriously, outside Mackies Social Club on the West Circular Road, Belfast. The condition of two of the men is described as fair, the third man was shot in the abdomen.

Saturday 16th December
Soldiers claim to have shot gunman
Soldiers have claimed that they have shot a gunman who was seen on the roof of a house in Sanderson Street. One shot was fired at the man who was seen to fall.

Saturday 16th December
Catholic youths attacked in North Belfast
Three Catholic men have been shot from a passing car while standing at the junction of the Cliftonville Road and Orient Gardens. One of the men is said to be seriously ill and his companions are described as fair.

Saturday 16th December
Blast bomb thrown into pub
Customers in the Earl Inn bar near Belfast's New Lodge Road had a narrow escape when a blast bomb was thrown into the bar from a passing car. Damage was caused to the building but no one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 16th December
Girl hit by rubber bullet
A 14-year-old girl from the New Lodge area has been admitted to hospital after she was hit by a rubber bullet. Her condition is described as satisfactory.



LEFT - Bomb attack on St Brigid's Roman Catholic Church, Derryvolgie Avenue.

Saturday 16th December
Fire destroys football pavilion
Fire has destroyed a football pavilion at Ormeau Park. The fire started after midnight and the RUC are said to be treating the blaze as malicious.

Saturday 16th December
Malicious fire at school
A fire has destroyed a wing of Ashfield Boys School which contained several classrooms. The fire was malicious and water and smoke have caused serious damage to another wing.

Saturday 16th December
Helicopter attacked
An Army Sioux Helicopter has come under attack from gunmen operating in the Drumarg estate in Armagh. Six shots were fired at the aircraft which was not hit.

Saturday 16th December
Shots fired at UDR man
Seven shots have been fired at an off duty UDR man as he worked as a bread server. At Steelstown in Derry. One of the shots went through the windscreen of his vehicle but he was not injured.

Monday 18th December
Unionist MP resigns
Stratton Mills, the unionist MP who last week led the unsuccessful move to split the Unionist Party from the Vanguard Movement , has resigned from the Unionist Party but will continue at Westminster as an Independent Unionist. His decision to leave the party comes as no surprise after he failed to convince a standing committee that membership of the Unionist Party and vanguard were incompatible. His resolution, which was almost tantamount to calling for the expulsion of vanguard members, drew little support and was not even voted upon.. Mr Mills represents the North Belfast constituency, which he has held for 13 years.

Monday 18th December
Barmen call off strikes
Belfast barmen are to suspend their Saturday token strike, which has been going on for the past two weeks the decision, say the bar staff, is in appreciation of the support they have had from the general public in their dispute and in order to allow everyone to "enjoy the Christmas festivities."

Monday 18th December
UDR man had gun while drunk
A 41-year-old UDR man from the Braniel area of Belfast has appeared in court charged with being drunk while in possession of his personal issue 9 mm Browning pistol and 37 rounds of ammunition. He was released on Bail.

Monday 18th December
Shots fired at Army
Twelve shots have been fired at an Army patrol near Clady from across the border. There were no casualties.

Monday 18th December
Man shot dead in off-licence
Raiders have shot dead a man in a Belfast off licence. The dead man, Mr Joseph Blaney, a married man in this thir-



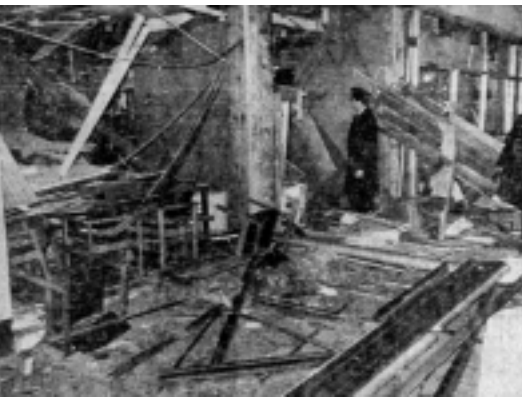
RIGHT - Bomb attack on a pait store in King Street

ties, is believed to have struggled with the men during a hold up at his York Street off licence. He was shot three times. According to the RUC customers in the off licence had been locked in a small cupboard.

Monday 18th December
IRA man detained by troops
The Army are claiming that a man who was detained by troops in the Suffolk area of Belfast is a member of the provisional IRA's Belfast Brigade Staff.

Monday 18th December
Bomb explodes at Catholic Church
A 25 lb bomb has exploded at the front of St Brigid's Catholic Church at Derryvogie Avenue, Belfast. No warning was given and damage to the building was severe. It is the second time the church has been bombed. There were no casualties in the attack.





Monday 18th December
Fermanagh victim named
The 26-year-old butcher found dead in his shop in Derrylin, County Fermanagh has been named as Mr Louis Leonard.

Monday 18th December
Catholic housewife attacked
A 19-year-old Catholic housewife has been attacked in her home in the village of Sion Mills. The woman, who lives with her mother and seven month old daughter, was confronted by three men who broke glass and cut her both arms and her forehead.

Monday 18th December
Man shot from passing car
A 20-year-old catholic man has been shot and wounded from a passing car as he walked along Rock Road on the outskirts of Armagh city. He was taken to hospital by his brother and his condition is not serious.

Monday 18th December
Army patrols come under fire
Army patrols have come under attack twice in Derry but there were no casualties. In the first attack, one shot was fired at a patrol in the Old Strabane Road area of the waterside. The second attack, later in the day was in the Rosemount area where another mobile patrol came under fire.

Monday 18th December
Soldiers fire on IRA men
Soldiers have opened fire on two men, believed to be members of the IRA, who were spotted in open country between Killea and Creggan reservoirs. According to the Army one of them was seen to be armed.

Monday 18th December
Soldier wounded
An Army spokesman has said that a soldier who was shot in the shoulder in Derry on Saturday afternoon is comfortable in hospital.

TOP - Bomb attack on the Beechlawn Hotel, Dunmurry
BOTTOM - Bomb attack on the Skandia Resturant, College Square North

Monday 18th December
Incendiary devices explode
Incendiary devices which were left in three Dungannon shops have caused extensive damage. The devices exploded in the drapery section of a Scotch Street store. The ground floor was badly damaged and firemen had a difficult task stopping the fire from spreading. A second drapery shop at market Square was also targeted but damage was slight. A third incendiary device was thrown at the home of a Catholic family in the town but it bounced off the window and caused little damage.

Monday 18th December
GAA club bombed
An explosion near Seaview House Gaelic Club on Hightown Road, Glengormley has caused slight damage. There were reports of shooting in the area after the blast but the Army were unable to confirm this.

Monday 18th December
Arson attack at Catholic Church
A fire at Castlehill Catholic Church at Gillford is believed to have been started maliciously. The blaze was brought under control before serious damage could be caused.

Monday 18th December
Bomb explodes at Bessbrook
A 20 lb bomb which was planted at a grocery store in Bessbrook has been defused by the Army.

Tuesday 19th December
Member of Police Authority shot dead
Unionist Councillor, Police authority member and local businessman, William Johnston has been shot dead in Armagh. The 48-year-old councillor was abducted from Armagh's Drumarg estate where he had gone to conduct some business. It is believed that Mr Johnston was abducted along with another man, he was taken across the border, interrogated and then shot. The second man was released.

Tuesday 19th December
Army post attacked
A gunman has fired four shots at an Army post on top of Springfield Road Barracks in Belfast shortly before midday. The shots missed their target and the RUC returned fire but do not believe anyone was hit.

Tuesday 19th December
Ex-MP quits Unionist Party
Mrs Patricia Fisher, a former Unionist MP for North Down has resigned from the Unionist Party. She made the announcement in London and it follows the news of Mr Stratton Mills's resignation.

Tuesday 19th December
RUC man shot in leg
An RUC man was hit in the leg when a gunman fired six shots at a Land Rover as it turned out of the Limestone Road and on to the Antrim Road. The gunman opened fire from a position near the bottom of the Cavehill Road. The RUC returned fire but the attackers escaped.

Tuesday 19th December
Girl wounded during hi-jack attempt
A six-year-old girl was shot and wounded in Belfast when four men attempted to stop and hi-jack the car in which she was a passenger. The driver accelerated when he saw the men and sped into nearby Lincoln Street where the girl lived. As he turned up the narrow street shots rang out and the girl was injured.. She was taken to hospital but her injuries were not serious.

Tuesday 19th December
Soldiers open fire on armed men
Soldiers have opened fire on two men, one of whom is said to have been carrying a rifle. No hits were claimed and the men escaped across the Derry-Donegal border.

Tuesday 19th December
Army vehicle stoned
An Army vehicle which was being driven through the Bogside has come under attack from stone throwers. The vehicle, a Saracen, was being driven by a soldier when a stone shattered its windscreen and glass splinters went into the soldier's eye.

Tuesday 19th December
Shots fired in Strabane
Eight shots have been fired at an Army vehicle in the Cavanlee area of Strabane. One shot struck the vehicle but there were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Tuesday 19th December
Incendiary device found in Omagh
An incendiary device which had been left in a solicitor's

office in Omagh has failed to go off. It is believed that the device has been there since the weekend. An army expert has dealt with it.

Wednesday 20th December
UDR man is shot dead by sniper
A 28-year-old Private in the Ulster Defence Regiment has been shot dead by a sniper in a field as he worked on a building site. The man Ellis Hamilton, of Kildoag, Claudy was married with one child. The dead man had been working with other men at a reservoir at Croppy Hill, near Steeltown. He was rushed to hospital but he died a short time later.

Wednesday 20th December
Catholic gunned down on his way to work
A 37-year-old father of four, David McAleese has been shot dead as he crossed a road in East Belfast on his way to work. Mr McAleese, a Catholic, was shot dead by a rifle from a distance as he waited for a lift near his Vulcan Street home.

Wednesday 20th December
Security guard carries bomb from shop
A bomb, was concealed in a basket and left in Paul Fashions at the junction of Strand Road and Great James Street, in Derry As the bombers left they gave a warning to a 70-year-old security guard. The guard then decided to risk carrying the bomb out of the shop and left it in the street. The bomb later exploded causing extensive damage to a local hardware store.

Wednesday 20th December
Tax office bombed
A bomb has exploded at the Motor Tax Office in Belfast's Ormeau Avenue, the interior of the taxation building suffered extensive damage and will be closed until 27th December

Wednesday 20th December
Hotel bombed
A bomb has been planted at a Dunmurry hotel by four men and a girl. The bomb, which was planted on a porch, wrecked the cabaret lounge and dining room. More than 100 diners were evacuated from the hotel before the bomb exploded.

Wednesday 20th December
Newry woman appeals for news of husband
A Newry woman, Mrs Teresa Hughes, has appealed for information from the authorities about her husband who she believes died in an Explosion at a Customs clearance station on the Dublin Road. Eight bodies were recovered but at the time of the explosion in August, there was speculation that there was a ninth body. Mrs Hughes, who is expecting a baby in March, said that she was unaware that her husband was a member of the Provisional IRA at the time but has since been told by members of that organisation that he was at the scene of the bomb. She also said that the RUC showed her small parts of a body and clothes and asked he to identify them. Mrs Hughes told them that they were her husbands but they only put down in the statement that they were similar. She has said that she accepts that her husband was killed in the blast and wants the authorities to confirm this.

Wednesday 20th December
Scrap jury trials says Diplock
The Diplock Commission, which was set up in October has recommended to the Government that juries should be scrapped and that judges should sit alone. In relation to firearms and explosives, it is to be recommended that the law be changed to put the onus of proof on the person accused to show he/she did not know about them.

Wednesday 20th December
Belfast paint store bombed
Four or five youths have left a drum at the MRCB paint store in King Street, Belfast and told staff that there might be a bomb in it. The device exploded forty minutes later, causing extensive damage to the store and surrounding area.

Wednesday 20th December
Bomb defused in Belfast
A major security alert was in force in Belfast City centre last night after a telephone caller warned of a bomb in Arnott's store in Bridge Street. An Army bomb disposal team eventually moved in and dealt with the device.

Wednesday 20th December
UDA pickets RUC barracks
UDA members have picketed RUC barracks in Willowfield, Castlereagh and Strandtown to complain about the delay in the Army making a public report on the circumstances surrounding the deaths of two Protestants during rioting in


Eight fall to assassins' guns in 24 hours, and as many more injured

5 MEN MOWN DOWN IN DERRY PUB MASSACRE

East Belfast in September. An RUC spokesman said that the report could not be released until after the inquests on the two people had taken place.

Wednesday 20th December
Shots fired at Army post
Four shots have been fired at Army post in Alliance Avenue from the direction of Berwick Road. There were no casualties and fire was not returned.

Wednesday 20th December
Shots fired in Ardoyne
Six shots have heard in the Jamaica Street area of Ardoyne but the security forces were not involved and there are no reports of damage or injury.

Wednesday 20th December
Army patrol attacked in Belfast
A gunman, believed to have been armed with an Armalite rifle has fired a single shot at soldiers in MacCrory Park. Troops returned fire at the gunman who was operating from the direction of the City Cemetery.

Wednesday 20th December
Bomb demolishes cafe
A bomb has demolished a café in Obin Street, Portadown. The device, contained in a suitcase was planted by two masked men. Extensive damage was caused to surrounding premises.

Wednesday 20th December
Army carries out controlled explosion
Army experts have carried out a controlled explosion on a bomb which is estimated to have contained between 50 and 100 lbs of explosives. The device was discovered in Wilson's lane between Scotch Street and Irish Street in Dungannon.

Wednesday 20th December
Gelignite seized in Derry
Soldiers have seized seven pounds of commercial gelignite and 184 rounds of .303 ammunition during a search of the Bogside area of Derry.

Wednesday 20th December
Drapery shop destroyed by incendiary
More than £15,000 worth of damage has been caused by an incendiary device which exploded in a drapery shop at Fintona. The shop is owned by an Omagh Rural Councillor.

Thursday 21st December
Five killed in Derry pub bombing
Five men have died and another four have been seriously injured when gunmen sprayed a Derry bar with gunfire. The attack was on the small Catholic owned bar 'Top of



RIGHT - A British soldier at the entrance of a tunnel discovered at Landscape Terrace close to Crumlin Road jail

the Hill' inn at Strabane Old Road, in Derry's Waterside area. The dead, four of whom are Catholics and one a Protestant, have been named as Michael John McGinley, aged 40, of Anderson Crescent; Charles McCafferty, aged 30, of Anderson Crescent; Bernard Kelly, age 26, of Minosa Court; Charles Boyd More, age 30, of Spencer Road and Frank McCarron, aged 58, of Strabane Old Road. The gun attack was carried out by two men who then walked to a waiting Ford Zephyr car. The car was later found burnt out a mile away at Trench Road in the Waterside

Thursday 21st December
Man shot dead in Tyrone
A 19-year-old man, Alphonsus McGeown, of Clintclay, Dungannon has been shot dead at Clonmore, County Tyrone. The dead man had just dismounted from a bus in the company of a friend and were walking along a country lane when a car passed them and then returned. As it passed the second time five shots were fired at the two men. Mr McGeown died almost immediately and his friend received facial and body injuries.

Thursday 21st December
Two men shot in East Belfast
Two Protestant men, aged 34 and 67 have been rushed to hospital with gunshot wounds. The attack happened just after noon on the Newtownards Road at the junction with the Short Stand. The two men were among a group of four who were walking towards the city centre when a gunman fired five or six shots. The actual location of the gunman has not yet been established but the Army have found a number of spent cartridges in an alleyway at the back of Saul Street. This latest shooting happened only 20 yards away from where 37-year-old David McAleese was shot dead on his way to work on Wednesday. The condition of one of the men is described as "ill" and the other "satisfactory."

Thursday 21st December
Car bomb in Belfast
A car bomb has exploded in Belfast's Lower Donegal Street. The vehicle which contained the bomb, a green Ford Cortina, had been parked outside Eason's warehouse and stationary store and exploded around a half hour after it was planted. Considerable damage was caused to the building and the blast was followed by a fire. Firemen who rushed to the scene also had to deal with a gas leak.


Bride-to-be victim of Killeter car bomb

CATHOLIC GIRL DIES IN BLAST

A 19-YEAR-OLD GIRL was killed and her father was one of at least six persons seriously injured when a car bomb exploded outside a Catholic-owned public house in the main street of Killeter, Co. Tyrone, last night.

The girl who died, Miss Kathleen Doran, was the eldest daughter

Thursday 21st December
Man shot in Shankill area
A 38-year-old Protestant man has been found shot at Wilton Street in the Shankill Road. It is thought that he was shot from a passing car. His condition has been described as critical.

Thursday 21st December
Sisters shot on Belfast's Springfield Road
Two teenage sisters who were walking on the Springfield Road in a citywards direction escaped serious injury when a gunman opened fire on them from a passing car. The girls were treated in hospital for gunshot wounds to the legs and arm. Their condition is said to be satisfactory.

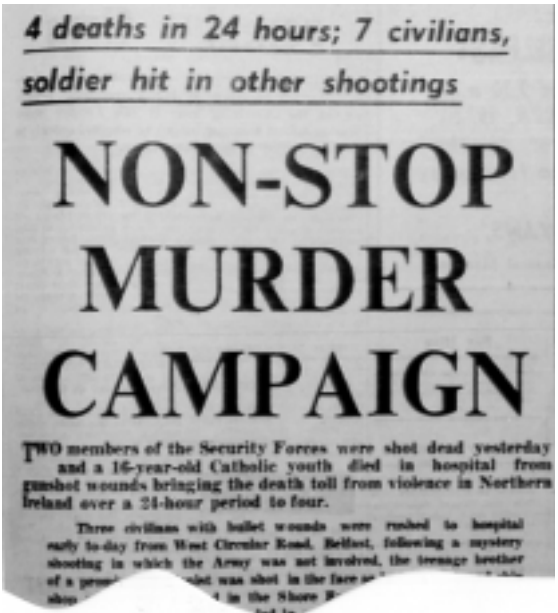
Thursday 21st December
Restaurant bombed in Belfast
A bomb, estimated to have contained between 10 and 20 lb of explosives has been planted by two young men in Belfast's Skandia restaurant. In College Square East. The bomb exploded 15 minutes later causing extensive damage to the kitchen area. There were no casualties in the attack.

Thursday 21st December
Bomb defused outside club
Army explosives experts have made safe a 20 lb bomb in a plastic bag which had been planted outside a working men's club at Sanda Road in the Shore Road area of Belfast.

Thursday 21st December
Soviet made rocket fired in Belfast
The IRA has fired a Soviet made RPG7 rocket launcher at a Saracen armoured vehicle in the Beechmount Grove area. The rocket missed its target and went through the roof of a house and lodged itself in an attic. Army bomb experts detonated the bomb causing slight damage to the dwelling.

Thursday 21st December
Petrol bombs found at GAA club
Two milk crates full of petrol bombs have been found by the RUC during a search of St Enda's Gaelic Football Club at Glengormley.

Friday 22nd December
Soldier drags bomb from bar
No disciplinary action is to be taken against a soldier and RUC man who dragged a bomb from a small public house in the Tyrone village of Beragh. An Army spokesman described the actions as "foolhardy but brave". The bomb was dragged into the street where the soldier then proceeded to fire shots into it in order to detonate it. The Army spokesman said that it was "against Army regulations for anyone other than a qualified bomb expert to interfere with explosives. If this bomb had gone off as it was supposed to, both these men could have been killed and lives would have been lost quite unnecessarily. What I want to get across to everyone is that while a damaged building can be repaired, a life cannot be brought back."


4 deaths in 24 hours; 7 civilians, soldier hit in other shootings

NON-STOP MURDER CAMPAIGN

TWO members of the Security Forces were shot dead yesterday and a 16-year-old Catholic youth died in hospital from gunshot wounds bringing the death toll from violence in Northern Ireland over a 24-hour period to four.

Three civilians with bullet wounds were rushed to hospital early to-day from West Circular Road, Belfast, following a mystery shooting in which the Army was not involved, the teenage brother of a pens[illegible]ist was shot in the face a[illegible] shop[illegible] in the Shore R[illegible]

Friday 22nd December
IRA truce
Although there have been no official approaches, it seems likely that the announcement of a truce over the Christmas period by the Provisional IRA was imminent. There is strong speculation among informed sources that the period would last for at least 48 hours

Friday 22nd December
Two men questioned over bar killings
Two of the five men detained after the pub killings in Derry's waterside are still being held by the RUC. Three other men have been released after questioning.

Friday 22nd December
Catholic man killed in Bangor
A 25-year-old Catholic man has been shot dead in Bangor as he waited on the Clandeboy Road for his usual lift to work at a Donaghadee factory. The dead man, Mr. James Mullan, of Tutor Park, Bangor was shot when a car drew up along side him. Five shots were fired and Mr Mullan was hit twice. He was taken to Newtownards hospital where he died a short time later

Friday 22nd December
Two men escape from custody
Two prisoners have escaped from custody in County Armagh yesterday, one from a hospital and the other from a courthouse. One of the escapees, a 15-year-old boy escaped through a window at Armagh City Hospital where he was being treated for gunshot wounds to the knee. A man who was serving a six months sentence at Magilligan for riotous behaviour escaped from Lurgan Court House on a motoring charge. On the courthouse steps his handcuffs were removed and the man bolted. The !8-year-old Lurgan man is due to be released in February.

Friday 22nd December
Helicopter used to arrest man
The Army made a dramatic arrest in the Waterside area of Derry today when a helicopter landed on ground between Rossdowney Park and Dungiven Road. According to eye witnesses soldiers jumped out of the helicopter and took the driver of the car into custody. An Army spokesman has said that the helicopter had been following the car for some time.

Friday 22nd December
Shots fired in Ballysillan area of Belfast
Several shots have been fired into a house in the Ballysillan area of Belfast during the night. But the only occupant, a 16-year-old girl escaped injury. The RUC say that the shots came from a passing car and were directed at the house in Ballysillan Avenue.

Friday 22nd December
Suspicious car is blown up
Soldiers have blown up a suspicious car at the junction of Riverdale Park South and Finaghy Road North. The car was found to contain 150 lb of explosives.

Friday 22nd December
Shots fired in Portadown
The RUC have said that three shots have been fired into the home of a Catholic family at Festival Road, Killycomaine, Portadown. One bullet struck the front door of the house but no one was injured.

Friday 22nd December
Weapons found in Derry
A Sten gun and magazine and 93 rounds of ammunition have been found in the Shantallow area of Derry

Friday 22nd December
Shots fired in Strabane
Several shots have been fired at an Army mobile patrol in the Melmont Road area of Strabane. There were no casualties and soldiers did not return fire.

Saturday 23rd December
UDA march
The Ulster Defence Association plan to turn out in force on Sunday for a commemoration service for Ulster Protestants who have died in the troubles. Contingents, in full dress uniform, will parade from Boundary Street along the Shankill to Woodvale Presbyterian Church.

Saturday 23rd December
Prison Protests
Over the Christmas period People's Democracy plan to have a number of demonstrations at prisons in the North and South. Protest marches will take palace at the Currragh camp and at Mountjoy. On Christmas day marchers will leave Beechmount on the Falls Road at 1.00 pm for a demonstration at Long Kesh.


Oglaigh na hEireann

THE STAFF OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS IMPRISONED IN "E" WING, CRUMLIN ROAD JAIL FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE

With all their Relatives, Comrades and Friends

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

TERENCE CLARKE
THOMAS GORMAN
JIM McGEOWN
DESMOND MACKIN
MICHAEL HONE

J U S T I C E

F R E E D O M

Due to harassment by the Prison Authorities we have been unable to express through Republican Xmas Cards our messages of goodwill.

We wish to state that 500 Xmas Cards with the message "Justice, Charity, Equality and Freedom" were banned from us by the Prison Authorities.

We sincerely hope this message of goodwill reaches the hearts of all our loved ones and our comrades who are carrying on the struggle so gallantly.

"THEY MAY BREAK US IN BODY BUT NEVER IN SPIRIT

Saturday 23rd December
Shooting at UDR HQ
Twelve high velocity shots have been fired at a UDR company HQ at Lislea Drive, off the Lisburn Road. An Army spokesman has said that fire was returned but no hits were claimed

Saturday 23rd December
Single shot fired in Belfast
A single shot has been heard in the Rosetta Park area of Belfast but soldiers were not involved in the incident and there are no reports of casualties.

Saturday 23rd December
Catholic family attacked
The last remaining Catholic family in Alliance Road have come under attack in their home. At around 4.00 am in the morning as the family lay asleep at least one man kicked open the front door of the house and ran up the stairs. Two shots were fired through one of the closed bedroom doors. One of the bullets narrowly missing a six-year-old girl and embedded itself in her headboard. The family had emigrated to America two years ago and had returned home to visit family. A flare was lit by the gunman as he left the house.

Saturday 23rd December
Bombs explode at Masonic Hall
Two explosions at Brookvale Masonic hall on the Antrim Road are believed to have been caused by blast bombs. The explosions, which occurred at one minute past midnight broke several windows and damaged two parked cars but no one was injured in the attack.

Saturday 23rd December
Sniper fires on soldier
A single high velocity shot has been fired at a soldier on duty at the Springfield Road-Kashmir Road junction. He was not hit and did not return fire.

Saturday 23rd December
Ulsterbus workshops bombed
A bomb has caused extensive damage to the Ulsterbus workshops at Duncrue Street, Belfast. A warning was given and the area was evacuated before the bomb exploded.

Saturday 23rd December
Public house bombed
A suitcase bomb, which exploded at the rear of a public house at Main Street in Killyclogher has caused extensive damage. The RUC have said that the GPO received a warning ten minutes before the bomb exploded. The bar was evacuated and no one was injured.

Saturday 23rd December
Fire destroys Hay
A man is reported to have been seen leaving a farm at Loughanreagh, Coleraine, shortly before fire destroyed a shed with 600 bales of hay. It is believed that the blaze was started maliciously.

Saturday 23rd December
Ammunition find in Derry
Ten shotgun cartridges have been found when soldiers searched a field at Vorrody in the Waterside area of Derry.

Saturday 23rd December
Woman attacked in own home
The RUC have confirmed that a woman was attacked in her home in the Donegal Road area of Belfast on Thursday morning. Youths burst into the woman's home and burned the letters IRA on her arm with cigarettes.

Wednesday 27th December
Twenty held in Armagh raids
Twenty men have been arrested by troops carrying out a wide scale search operation in two Armagh housing estates on Tuesday. The operations in the Dalton and Drumarg estates were said to be for "general questioning"

Wednesday 27th December
Two men wounded in Belfast shooting
Two men have been gunned down in Brompton Park in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. The men aged 24 and 26, were standing talking to friends when ten shots were fired at them. Both were taken to hospital but their conditions are not serious.

Wednesday 27th December
Man shot in Belfast bar
A man has been shot in the chest and seriously wounded when a gunman fired through the door at Stanley's Bar at Willow Street in the Grosvenor Road. A young boy has also been shot in the arm and leg on the Springfield Road. Both victims are said to be Catholics.

Wednesday 27th December
Grenade attack on pub
Four civilians have been taken to hospital after a grenade, possibly a home made one, was thrown into the Cherrymount Inn on the Crumlin Road. The casualties, all thought to have been caused by shrapnel were taken to the nearby Mater Hospital. Two of the men were detained.

Wednesday 27th December
Man shot in foot
A man is reported to have been shot in the foot in the York Street area of Belfast. The circumstances in which he was shot are not yet known but the man is not seriously hurt.

Wednesday 27th December
Shots fired at mobile patrol
Five shots have been fired at an Army mobile patrol in the Falls Road area on Tuesday night. Soldiers returned fire after being attacked near the Donegal Road and claim to have hit one gunman.

Wednesday 27th December
Sniper opens fire on sentry
Two shots have been fired by a sniper at a sentry on duty in Casement Park. The soldier was not hit and fire was returned.

Wednesday 27th December
Vigilantes attacked
Early on Christmas day two shots were fired at vigilantes near the M2 at Greencastle. No one was hurt.

Wednesday 27th December
Army opens fire on man
On Christmas night soldiers opened fire on a man who they say had a gun. No hits were reported.

Wednesday 27th December
Bombs explode in Newry
Two bombs have exploded in Newry overnight and caused extensive damage. The first bomb exploded shortly after 9.00 pm at a council yard in Francis Street. The second bomb, at Hogg's furniture shop in Merchants Quay exploded some forty minutes later. Both bombs are estimated to have contained around 30lbs of explosives but there were no casualties in either blast.

Wednesday 27th December
Woman attacked at Stewartstown
A 35-year-old woman, from Stewartstown, has been attacked by three men and had her hair shorn and paint poured over her. Her attackers are reported to have told her that she was being punished for keeping company with a soldier. She was treated in hospital after the incident.

Wednesday 27th December
Sion Mills shooting
A shot has been fired at the wife of a UDR man as she was bringing in washing at her home on Christmas day. She was not hit.

Wednesday 27th December
Shots fired in Portadown
Shots have been fired at three people standing outside a public house at Obins Street in Portadown on Christmas night. The shots came from a passing car and one bullet ricocheted off a wall and struck one man in the elbow. His injury did not require hospital treatment.

Wednesday 27th December
Man shot in Newtownstewart
A county Antrim man is seriously ill in hospital after he was shot in Newtownstewart, County Tyrone. The man, who received gunshot wounds to the abdomen is understood to have been visiting friends in the Mourne Park housing estate. The circumstances surrounding the shooting are vague and there is no clear explanation as to what happened.

Thursday 28th December
Tyrone pub is bombed
Staff and customers in a Dungannon pub have escaped injury after a bomb, concealed in a transistor radio, exploded without warning. A barman at Devlin's bar in scotch Street, noticed the transistor-type radio which had been left by a man on the floor of the pub. He quickly alerted customers and evacuated the premises. The 10 lb bomb exploded a short time later. The bar man is said to have become suspicious when the man made a phone call and then quickly left the bar. No one was injured in the attack.

Thursday 28th December
Car bomb at Portadown
A car bomb, containing around 70 lb of explosives has been detonated by army experts in Portadown. The explosion, twelve hours after the bomb had been planted, caused slight damage to Shillington's hardware store in Castle Street.
In a separate explosion in Portadown a bomb has exploded at the Cookery Nook bakery in Woodhouse Street. The bomb exploded but no one was injured.

Thursday 28th December
UDR man found dead
The body of a UDR man has been found in the cab of an overturned digger in the townland of Corlave near Pettigo. The man has been named locally as 21-year-old Private Thomas Irvine Boyd. The RUC say that there are injury marks on the back of his head which they think may be stab wounds.

Thursday 28th December
Soldiers shoot dead man in Strabane
One man has been shot dead and another seriously injured after soldiers fired at two men who they said were carrying rifles. A foot patrol of Royal Welsh fusiliers are said to have challenged the men. The warnings were ignored and the soldiers opened fire killing one man and wounding the other. Soldiers seized two weapons at the scene, a .303 Lee Enfield rifle with armour piercing bullets and a .30 Garand rifle and ammunition. Some dum-dum bullets are also said to have been found. The dead man has been named as 22-year-old Eugene Martin Devlin, of Innisfree Gardens Strabane.

Thursday 28th December
RUC man attacked in Bellaghy
An RUC reserve constable had a narrow escape when gunmen called at his house at around 9.00 pm. They pushed passed the man's wife and opened fire at the reservist. The man had been leaving the bathroom when the attack happened but none of the four or five shots hit him. The gunmen escaped by car.

Thursday 28th December
Gunman opens fire on girl
A young girl slammed a door in the face of a gunman who called at her home on the Springfield Road. On answering the door the girl saw the man who was armed with a .22 weapon, she stepped back and quickly closed the door. The man fired through the door but missed the girl.

Thursday 28th December
Shots fired on Ormeau Road
Two blasts from a shotgun have been fired from a car near Rutland Street on the Ormeau Road. The pellets hit the windows of two shops but two youths who were standing nearby were uninjured.

Friday 29th December
UDR man died accidentally
The UDR Private, Irvine Boyd, who was found dead in Fermanagh yesterday is reported to have died as a result of an accident. The man is believe to have been killed after being hit by a moving part of the digger.

Friday 29th December
Man shot dead on border
Soldiers have shot dead a man on the Derry-Donegal border this afternoon at Ballyarnettt, which is a few miles north of Derry. According to the Army three men were spotted and that shots were fired. One man was hit and the other two men made off across the border. There were no military casualties.

Friday 29th December
Car bomb kills two
Two teenagers have been killed and 20 other people injured in three explosions in a border town. The two who died were 14-year-old Geraldine O'Reilly and a 16-year-old lorry helper, Patrick Stanley. They were both killed by a bomb which went off in a car which was parked outside the post office in the centre of Belturbet, County Cavan. The young girl had just left a fish and chip shop and was on her way to meet her brother when the bomb exploded. The second victim, Patrick Stanley, was found in a telephone box. He had just booked into a guest house and was phoning his mother to let her know where he was.
The second car bomb went off in Clones, County Monaghan. It blasted the town's principal shopping Centre, Fermanagh Street at around 10.00 pm. Only slight injuries were caused to passers-by.
A third explosion went off just 100 yards inside the border near the Donegal village of Pettigo. The target was the village pub but no one was injured as there were no customers on the premises.

Friday 29th December
Major bomb and weapon finds
Three quarters of a ton of explosives and an assortment of weapons, including five Army rifles have been discovered in two lock up garages in Protestant areas of Belfast's Crumlin Road. A search of the lock-up garage in Rosemount street uncovered eight cwt of ammonium nitrate, and sodium chlorate, 500 detonators, almost 5,000 rounds of ammunition and 20 lbs of commercial gelignite. Also in the garage was a practice rocket of the type formerly used by the British Army, 1,000 feet of detonating cord, 100 feet of safety fuse and 10 Pye radios. Some of the explosives were too dangerous to move and were detonated in a controlled explosion. At a second lock up at Blayney Street, off Agnes Street RUC and Army personnel discovered five self loading rifles, similar to those on issue to soldiers and UDR men, 15 magazines, a German-made machine pistol, an air rifle, a revolver and a quantity of ammunition.
At Ballynahone, near Armagh, 30 lbs of primed sodium chlorate, nitro benzene a bullet and other bomb making equipment were also found. And at Aghacommon area in Lurgan soldiers from the Staffordshire Regiment have discovered 435 lbs of explosives and 17 M1 carbine rounds.

Friday 29th December
Fermanagh men injured in Monaghan bombing
Two Fermanagh men who were injured in a bomb attack in Clones, County Monaghan are in hospital fighting for their lives. The two men from Newtownbutler were having a meal in a café when the bomb exploded. The RUC have said that the cars which were used in the Clones and Belturbet explosions were stolen in Enniskillen. There is strong speculation that the blasts are the work of Protestant

extremists but the Ulster Defence Association have denied that they were involved in the attack. A Garda spokesman in Dublin has denied reports that the explosions at Clones and Belturbet had been linked to any known Protestant groups.

Friday 29th December
Magherafelt bomb attack
The RUC are appealing for information about the overnight bomb attack on Magherafelt labour exchange.

Friday 29th December
Bullet grazes youth's hand
A 13-year-old Protestant youth has received a gunshot wound to the hand as he was walking along Roden Street. It is believed that the shots were fired at him from the direction of the Grosvenor Road.

Friday 29th December
Bomb attack at Dundrum pub
A 40 lb bomb has exploded at the vaults public house in the village of Dundrum. The bomb had been left in a hallway and a warning was given. The bomb exploded just after 11.00 pm and caused extensive damage but no one was injured in the attack.

Friday 29th December
Crossmaglen bomb
A bomb has exploded at the Ulster Bar on the Dundalk Road, Crossmaglen. The bar has been empty for some time and was extensively damaged. No one was injured in the attack. Electricity supplies were disrupted in the area for some time after the 60 lb bomb exploded.

Friday 29th December
Dangers of CS Gas
Four scientists have made a call through the 'Nature' magazine for tests to be carried out to see if CS gas can cause cancer. The scientists from the Huntingdon Research Centre, which specialises on testing chemicals for their biological effects, claim that in their experiments CS gas produced the same sort of changes in the skin of mice as known cancer causing substances, including tobacco.

Saturday 30th December
Man shot dead in east Belfast
A 55-year-old father of five Mr Hugh Martin , of Eskdale Gardens in the Ardoyne area of Belfast has been shot dead. His body was found by a passing Army patrol at Lichfield Avenue in the predominantly Protestant Bloomfield estate. His body was found slumped over the wheel of his car and he had two bullet wounds in his arms. Mr Martin, who spent three years in a German prisoner of war camp during the second world war, was shot dead minutes after finishing his shift at the Tip-Top bakery. He had worked at the firm for more than 20 years.

Saturday 30th December
Hand grenade found
Soldiers have discovered a home made hand grenade in the garden of a house at Riverdale Park Drive, in Andersonstown. The grenade, which was described as being in a dangerous condition, was made safe.

Saturday 30th December
Gelignite find
Soldiers have discovered a half a dozen sticks of gelignite when they searched a car at Lifford Road, Strabane. The driver of the car, believed to be from Strabane was driving towards the border. He has been arrested and is being questioned by the RUC.

Saturday 30th December
Army shot unarmed man
The Provisional IRA in Derry have issued a statement saying that the man who was shot dead by the Army had been unarmed. The dead man, named as James McDaid, aged 30, of Drumleck Drive in the Shantallow area of the city, was hit by a single shot fired by soldiers from the 25th Light Regiment, Royal artillery. The Army have said that he was one of three men seen crossing the border from Donegal. The Army have claimed that one of the men was seen carrying a light rifle, possibly an Armalite or Carbine. But although the man's body was recovered no weapon could be found.

Saturday 30th December
15 people arrested in Belfast swoop
Twelve men and three women have been held during a joint RUC-Army swoop on the Riverdale area of Belfast. A number of weapons including two M1 carbines, a .45 pistol, a .303 rifle, an Armalite a .65 Mauser pistol, 11 detonators, two timing devices and ten foot of detonating cord were found.

Saturday 30th December
Arms find in Monastery
455 rounds of assorted ammunition and a magazine for a Thompson sub-machinegun have been found during a search in the Lower Falls. The find was made by the Army in the grounds of Clonard Monastery.

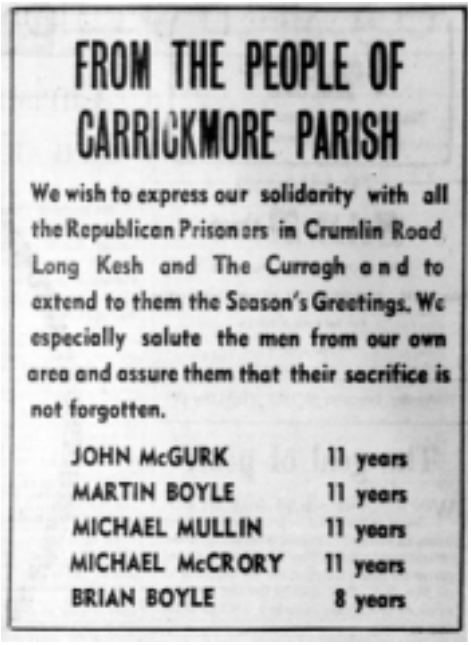
Saturday 30th December
Gun attack in North Belfast
A man and a woman walking along North Queen Street had a narrow escape when a gunman opened fire on them from a passing car near the junction of Great George's Street. The attack happened just after midnight.

Saturday 30th December
Shot fired at barracks
Just after 1.00 am a single shot was fired at the partially constructed RUC barracks in North Queen Street. No one was injured in the incident.

Saturday 30th December
Belfast shootings
There have been a number of sporadic shooting incidents throughout Belfast. Four shots were fired at the military observation post in Chief Street. One of the shots was fired from Herbert Street but no one was injured. Two high velocity shots were fired towards Ardoyne from the direction of the Holy Cross School and later three shots were fired from the same area at an unknown target. No one was injured. At Elmfield Street five shots were heard but the security forces say they were not involved. At Corporation Street two reserve RUC men came under attack. Neither man was hit and their attacker fled. Shots were also fired at an Army Land Rover at Paxton Street in the Mountpottinger area but no hits were recorded.

Saturday 30th December
Bomb at Strabane supermarket
A 50 lb bomb has caused extensive damage to a Strabane supermarket and children's clothes shop at the junction of main Street and Castle Street. The bomb was left on the stairway leading to Leitch's children's shop which is on the first floor above the VG shop.

Saturday 30th December
Hay destroyed in malicious fire
Eight hundred bales of hay and straw have been destroyed in what is believed to have been a malicious fire at a Protestant owned farm at Greystone.



FROM THE PEOPLE OF CARRICKMORE PARISH

We wish to express our solidarity with all the Republican Prisoners in Crumlin Road Long Kesh and The Curragh and to extend to them the Season's Greetings. We especially salute the men from our own area and assure them that their sacrifice is not forgotten.

JOHN McGURK	11 years
MARTIN BOYLE	11 years
MICHAEL MULLIN	11 years
MICHAEL McCRORY	11 years
BRIAN BOYLE	8 years



CO. ANTRIM EXECUTIVE OF REPUBLICAN CLUBS

On behalf of the membership and officer boards of Republican Clubs in Belfast and Antrim we wish to extend Seasons Greetings to all Republican Prisoners in Long Kesh, Crumlin Road Prison and The Curragh. Furthermore we pledge to work unceasingly during the coming year to secure the release of all political prisoners.

We especially salute the members of the above organisation and assure them that their sacrifice is not forgotten.

Saturday 30th December
Shotguns seized
The Army, claiming that they were acting on information received, have seized two shotguns from a house in the Warrenpoint area.

Saturday 30th December
Internee escapes from Hospital
A massive RUC and Army alert has been put into place after seven armed raiders entered the Lagan Valley Hospital in Lisburn and snatched an IRA suspect who had been brought there from Long Kesh for treatment. Two RUC men were disarmed and 27-year-old James Brown from Andersonstown, whisked away.

Saturday 30th December
Crumlin Road escape bid
An Army patrol, being suspicious of an aerial on the roof of a house at Landscape Terrace, discovered a mass jail break in progress. Inside the house soldiers from the Queen's Regiment discovered two rooms full of earth. A shaft leading to a 40 yard tunnel was discovered under the stairs. The tunnellers had used a trolley to bring the earth along the tunnel and had used high powered torches to see where they were going. The tunnel had been properly shored and it is estimated that it could have taken up to two months to dig. Army experts have estimated that it was near completion. Based on the direction of the tunnel it is believed that the destination was for a wing of the prison which contains a large number of political prisoners.

Saturday 30th December
IRA fire salute at funeral
IRA men have fired a gun salute at the funeral in Strabane of 22-year-old Eugene Martin Devlin who was shot dead by soldiers on Wednesday. The salute was fired as his tricolour draped coffin, flanked by uniformed members of the Provisional IRA, approached the cemetery.

Saturday 30th December
Soldier wounded in Falls
A soldier has been wounded in a shooting attack at Mulhouse Street in the falls area by a bullet which ricocheted off a wall. The Army believe that the shot came from the direction of Leeson Street- Merrion Street. Fire was not returned and the soldiers condition is not serious.

Saturday 30th December
Woman and child killed in crash
A 64-year-old Tyrone woman and her two year old granddaughter have been killed in a crash involving an Army Ferret Scout car. The dead woman, Mrs Margaret Daley and her granddaughter, Orla Martina Daley of Minaduff, Gortin were travelling along with other family members on the Mountjoy Road, Omagh when they were in a collision with an Army vehicle. The Army scout car, one of three which were going out on patrol, was first in a slight collision with another car before colliding with Mrs Daly's Ford Anglia.





THOSE WHO DIED

MARGARET CUNNINGHAM
AGED UNLISTED
7th November 1972
Mrs Cunningham died as troops searched her home in the Turf Lodge area of West Belfast. The soldiers found three shotguns in her home and when they asked Mrs Cunningham about the weapons she collasped and died. The guns had been legally held.

IRWIN LONG
AGED 29
8th November 1972
A member of the UDR, Mr Long was shot dead in an IRA ambush in Lurgan's Lake Street.



Irwin Long

JOSEPH KELLY
AGED 47
8th November 1972
Mr Kelly was returning home from work on a bus when in was flagged down in Castlereagh Street in the east of the city. Two gunmen were involved and one of them ran on to the bus and shot Mr Kelly dead.



Joseph Kelly

RONALD KITCHEN
AGED 20
10th November 1972
A soldier in the Royal Corps of Transport, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper in the Oldpark area of North Belfast.

JOHN KELLY
AGED 50
11th November 1972
Mr Kelly was shot dead by Loyalist gunmen in his shop on the Upper Crumlin Road. The killing was witnessed by the victims young daughter.

JOSEPH McCRYSTAL
AGED 28
13th November 1972
Me McCrystal was shot dead by UDA gunmen as he returned to his home in the Longlands area of Newtownabbey. A death notice appeared in the Irish News newspaper describing his as a member of the IRA but this was denied by the family and by the IRA and was later discovered to have been a hoax.

STANISLAUS CARBERRY
AGED 34
13th November 1972
A member of the IRA he was shot dead by British Troops in disputed circumstances in the Falls Road area of West Belfast.



Stanislaus Carberry

STANLEY EVANS
AGED 19
13th November 1972
A soldier in the Queen's Regiment, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper as he searched a house in the Unity Flats complex in West Belfast.

GEORGE DOHERTY
AGED 32
15th November 1972
He was shot dead by members of the UDA at his home in Sintonville Avenue in the Upper Newtownards Road.

JOSEPH CALVIN
AGED 42
17th November 1972
A member of the RUC, he was killed in an IRA booby-trap bomb attack as he came off duty at Enniskillen Barracks.



Joseph Calvin

WILLIAM WATSON
AGED 28
20th November 1972
A soldier in the Argylle and Sutherland Highlanders, he was killed alongside Sergeant James Strothers, in an IRA booby-trap at a derlict farmhouse near the village of Cullyhanna. They had been searching the area with sniffer dogs when they triggered the device.

JAMES STROTHERS
AGED 31
20th November 1972
A sergeant in the Argylle and Sutherland Highlanders, he was killed alongside William Watson in an IRA booby-trap.

WILLIAM CLARKE
AGED 45
20th November 1972
He died in the Royal Victoria Hospital almost a month after he was shot by the UDA in the Forthriver Estate in West Belfast. A taxi driver, he had driven two youths to the estate when a lone gunman approaced the car and shot the driver. A Protestant he was mistaken for being a Catholic.

JOSEPH McILROY
AGED 32
21st November 1972
He was shot dead by UVF gunmen who fired through the window of his house in Sandhill Drive in East Belfast.

SAMUEL PORTER
AGED 30
22nd November 1972
A member of the UDR he was killed in an IRA ambush as he returned to his home near Maghera. He had been driving his car up the driveway when waiting gunmen opened fire on him.

WILLIAM CHIVERS
AGED 48
22nd November 1972
He was shot dead by UDA gunmen near his home in Castledawson as he took his dog for a walk.

RORY GORMLEY
AGED 14
27th November 1972
He was shot dead by mambers of the UVF who opened fire on his

fathers car as he drove him to school. His father, a surgeon in the Mater Hospital, had been driving through the Shankill area of West Belfast when he stopped at the junction of Downing Street and Ariel Street. It was there that the gunmen struck. His father was hit on the shoulder and his brother was struck on the arm and leg.



Rory Gormley

ROBERT KEYS
AGED 55
28th November 1972
A member of the RUC Reserve, he was killed in an IRA rocket attack on Belleek RUC Barracks. He had been about to go off duty when the rocket pierced a steel shutter and struck Mr Keys on the chest.



Robert Keys

JOHN BRADY
AGED 21
28th November 1972
A member of the IRA, he was killed alongside James Carr as they were praparing a bomb in a house in the Bogside when it exploded prematurely.



John Brady

JAMES CARR
AGED 21
28th November 1972
A member of the IRA he was killed alongside John Brady in a premature explosion in Derry (See above)



James Carr

GERARD GEARON
AGED 22
29th November 1972
He was shot dead by two youths who he had been sharing a taxi with. They had been travelling up the Crumlin Road when one of the youths said he felt sick. He got out of the car, produced a gun and opened fire of Mr Gearon. He had been a barman in McGlade's and, because of home sickness, had only returned to Belfast from Dublin where he went to get away from the conflict. Members of the UDA were behind the attack.



Gerard Gearon

JOSEPH McAULEY
AGED 43
1st December 1972
He was shot and injured a week previous as he walked from his home in Ballymoney by members of the UDA.

GEORGE BRADSHAW
AGED 30
1st December 1972
He was killed alongside Thomas Duffy when the UVF detonated a huge bomb in Dublin city centre. It was the second such device to go off, the first being at Liberty Hall. 127 people were injured.

THOMAS DUFFY
AGED 24
1st December 1972
See above.

PATRICK BENSTEAD
AGED 32
2nd December 1972
His naked body was found in Crossley Street where it had been dumped by members of the UDA. He had been abducted, totured and shot through the head. Decsribed at the time as being 'retarded' he had a cross cut into his back along with the words IRA beside it. The city coroner described it as the most horrifying case he had ever come across.

SANDRA MELI
AGED 26
2nd December 1972
She was shot dead after members of the UDA opened fire on her through the kitchen window of her house in East Belfast.



Sandra Meli

SAMUEL HAMILTON
AGED 50
3rd December 1972
He was found shot through the head in the Newtownards Road area. It is beleived that the IRA was responsible.



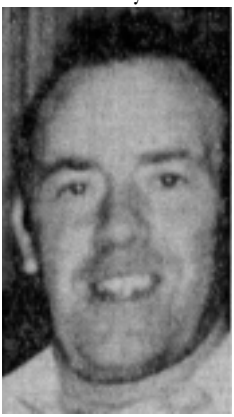
Samuel Hamilton

BERNARD FOX
AGED 16
4th December 1972
A member of the junior wing of the IRA he was killed during an exchange of gunfire with British troops in the Ardoyne area of North Belfast.



Bernard Fox

WILLIAM BELL
AGED 30
5th December 1972
He was shot dead by British troops who mistook him for a gunman as he worked on the roof of a house in Ardoyne.



William Bell

ROY HILLS
AGED 28
5th December 1972
A soldier in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps he was killed after an IRA mortar he was disfusing exploded. The incident occured in the Kitchen Hill area of Armagh.

WILLIAM BOGLE
AGED 28
5th December 1972
A member of the UDR, he was killed in an IRA ambush as he sat in a car with his children outside a post office in Killeter in County Tyrone.

SAMUEL WHITE
AGED 32
6th December 1972
His body was discovered in an alleyway in the Short Strand area with bullet and stab wounds. He had been badly beaten before being killed and it's beleived republicians were responsible.

ERNEST ELLIOTT
AGED 28
7th December 1972
A member of the UDA, his body had been found in the boot of a car in the Lisburn Road. He had been shot in the face by fellow members of the UDA in a dispute over weapons.



Ernest Elliott

JEAN McCONVILLE
AGED 37
7th December 1972
Mrs McConville was abducted from her home in the Divis area of West Belfast and killed by the IRA. The mother of ten was dragged from her bedroom at gunpoint and that was the last she was ever seen. It was suggested that the reason was because she had comforted a British soldier who was seriously injured outside her front door. Mrs McConville was one of the victims of what later became known as 'the dissappeared' and decades later extensive searches were carried out looking for her remains.

JOHN JOESBURY
AGED 18
8th December 1972
A soldier in the Royal Green Jackets, he was on patrol in the Ballymurphy area when he was shot by an IRA sniper. He was rushed to hospital but died two days later.

HENRY MIDDLEMASS
AGED 33
10th December 1972
A colour sergeant in the King's Own Scottish Borderers, he was killed in an IRA explosion at an army base in West Belfast. He and two of his collegues were examining a rocket which had been found the pervious night and when he picked it up by the tail fin it exploded.

JAMES WARD
AGED 58
11th December 1972
He was shot dead outside North Queen Street RUC Barracks by a soldier who was on sentry duty. The army expressed regret at the incident and described it as 'a complete and utter accident.'



Kathleen Dolan

JAMES NIXON
AGED 49
13th December 1972
A member of the RUC, Mr Nixon was killed in an IRA ambush at the Chester Park Hotel on Belfast's Antrim Road. He had been almost ready to retire after 30 years service to the force.

KATHLEEN DOLAN
AGED 19
14th December 1972
She was killed when a loyalist car bomb exploded outsider her father's public house in the village of Killeter as she was on her way to post wedding invitations.

JAMES REYNOLDS
AGED 16
15th December 1972
He was shot dead by loyalists on a motorcycle as he stood with friends at the junction of Dandy Street and the Shore Road in North Belfast.

GEORGE CHAMBERS
AGED 44
15th December 1972
A member of the RUC he was killed in a gun attack launced by members of the Official IRA in the Kilwilkee Estate in Lurgan. He had been delivering Christmas presents to an 8 year old girl who was injured by a police vehicle.



George Chambers

FREDERICK GREEVES
AGED 40
15th December 1972
A member of the UDR, he was shot dead by the Official IRA as he left work at Moy Street in Armagh.

LOUIS LEONARD
AGED 26
16th December 1972
A member of the IRA, Mr Leonard was shot dead by loyalists at his shop in the village of Derrylin.



Louis Leonard

JOSEPH BLANEY
AGED 41
16th December 1972
He was shot dead during a robbery by loyalists at his off licence on the York Road.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON
AGED 48
18th December 1972
A member of the Ulster Unionist Party, his body was found at Ward's Cross in Armagh where he had been killed by the IRA. He and an employee were abducted in the Drumarg Estate and taken across the border where they were questioned. Taken back into Northern Ireland, Mr Johnston was shot dead and his employee released unharmed.



William Johnston

DAVID McALEESE
AGED 37
20th December 1972
He was killed in a drive by shooting by the UDA as he waited for a lift to work on the Newtownards Road.

GEORGE HAMILTON
AGED 28
20th December 1972
A member of the UDR, he was shot dead by an IRA sniper at the Croppy Hill Reservoir in Derry.

ALPHONSUS McGEOWN
AGED 19
20th December 1972
He was shot dead by members of the UVF in a drive by shooting near Loughgall.

CHARLES MOORE
AGED 31
20th December 1972
Mr Moore was one of five people killed in a UDA gun attack on a bar in the Waterside area of Derry. At around 10.30pm two men burst into the Top of the Hill Bar and opened fire with a Stirling Sub-Machine Gun and a pistol.

CHARLES McCAFFERTY
AGED 30
20th December 1972
From Anderson Crescent, he was having a drink with his bother in law when loyalist gunmen opened fire inside the bar. (See above).



Charles Moore



Charles McCafferty

BERNARD KELLY
AGED 26
20th December 1972
From the Gobnascale Estate he was also killed in the gun attack at the Top of the Hill Bar. (See above).

FRANCIS McCARRON
AGED 58
20th December 1872
From the Strabane Old Road in Derry, he was shot dead in a UDA gun attack on the Top of the Hill Bar in Derry. (See above).

MICHAEL McGINLEY
AGED 37
20th December 1972
From Andrson Crescent he was also killed in the Top of the Hill Bar gun attack. (See above).



Bernard Kelly



Francis McCarron



Michael McGinley

JAMES MULLAN
AGED 25
21st December 1972
He was shot dead in a loyalist drive by shooting at Tudor Park in Bangor.

COLIN HARKER
AGED 23
24th December 1972
A soldier in the Royal and Mechanical Engineers, he was shot by an IRA sniper while on guard duty at

Derry's gas works fifteen weeks previously.



Eugene Devlin

EUGENE DEVLIN
AGED 22
27th December 1972
A member of the IRA, he was shot by undercover British troops in the Townsend Street area of Strabane while about to launch an attack on a nearby barracks.

GERALDINE O'REILLY
AGED 14
28th December 1972
She was killed in a no warning UVF bomb attack in Belturbet in County Cavan. She was walking towards her brothers car when the explosion occured and she was struck by a piece of metal from the exploding car. She died instantly.

PATRICK STANLY
AGED 16
28th December 1972
He was also killed in the UVF bomb attack at Belturbet. He had been telephoning his family to let them know he would be staying here when the explosion occured.

JAMES McDAID
AGED 30
29th December 1972
A member of the IRA, he was shot dead by British soldiers after three men were seen crossing the border from Donegall. Although the IRA state that he was killed in action, he was unarmed at the time.

HUGH MARTIN
AGED 55
30th December 1972
He was shot dead by the UVF as he left work at the Tip Top Bakery in East Belfast.

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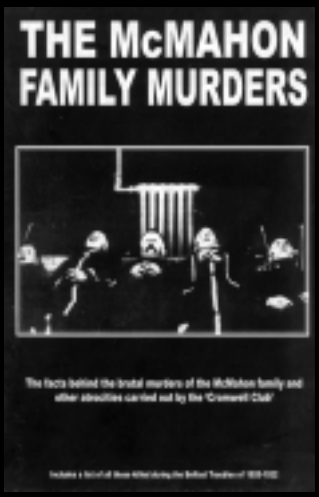

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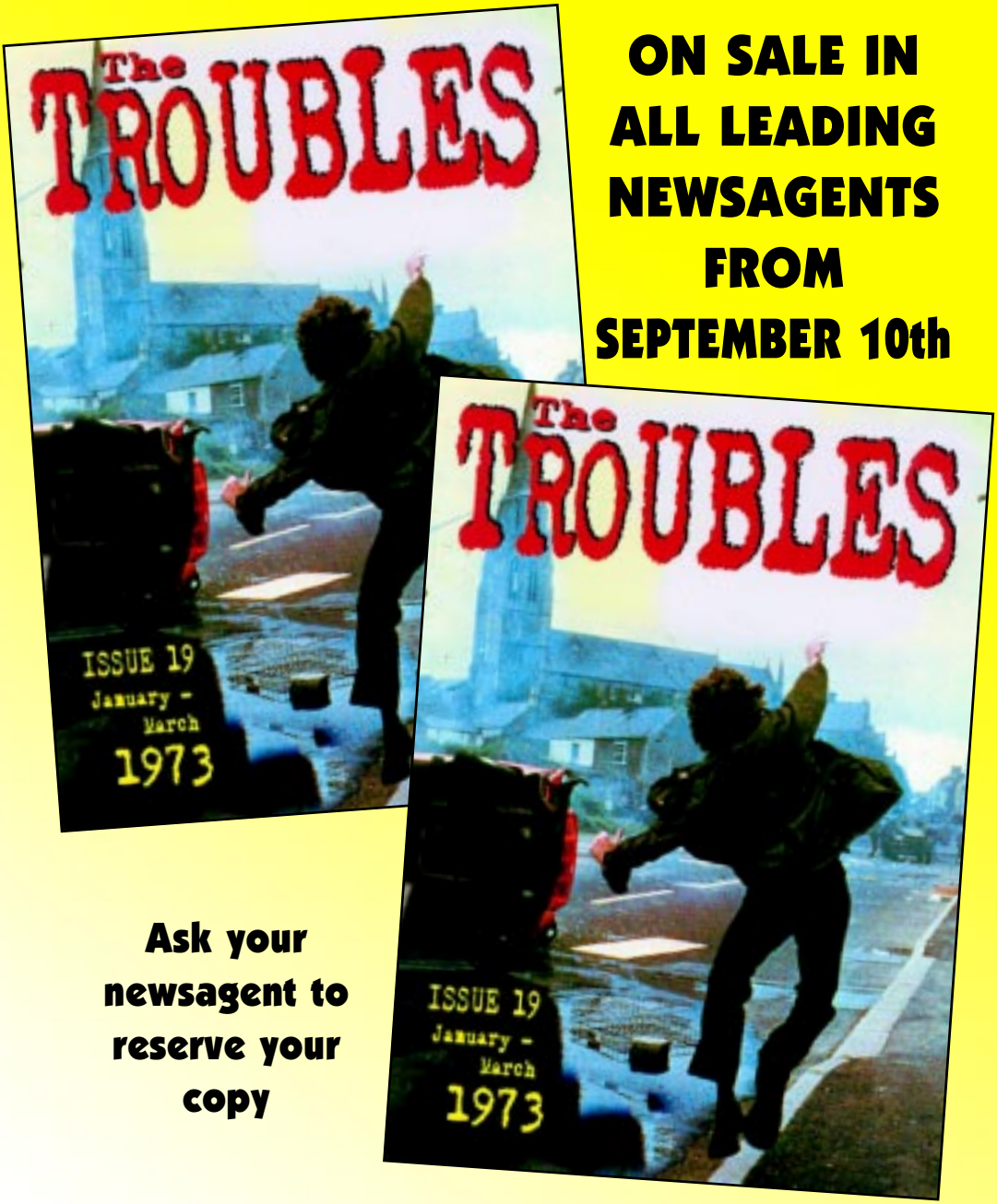

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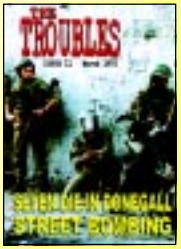

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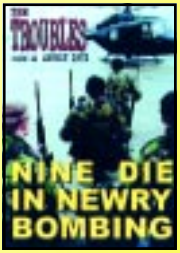

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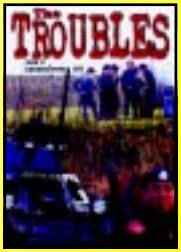

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