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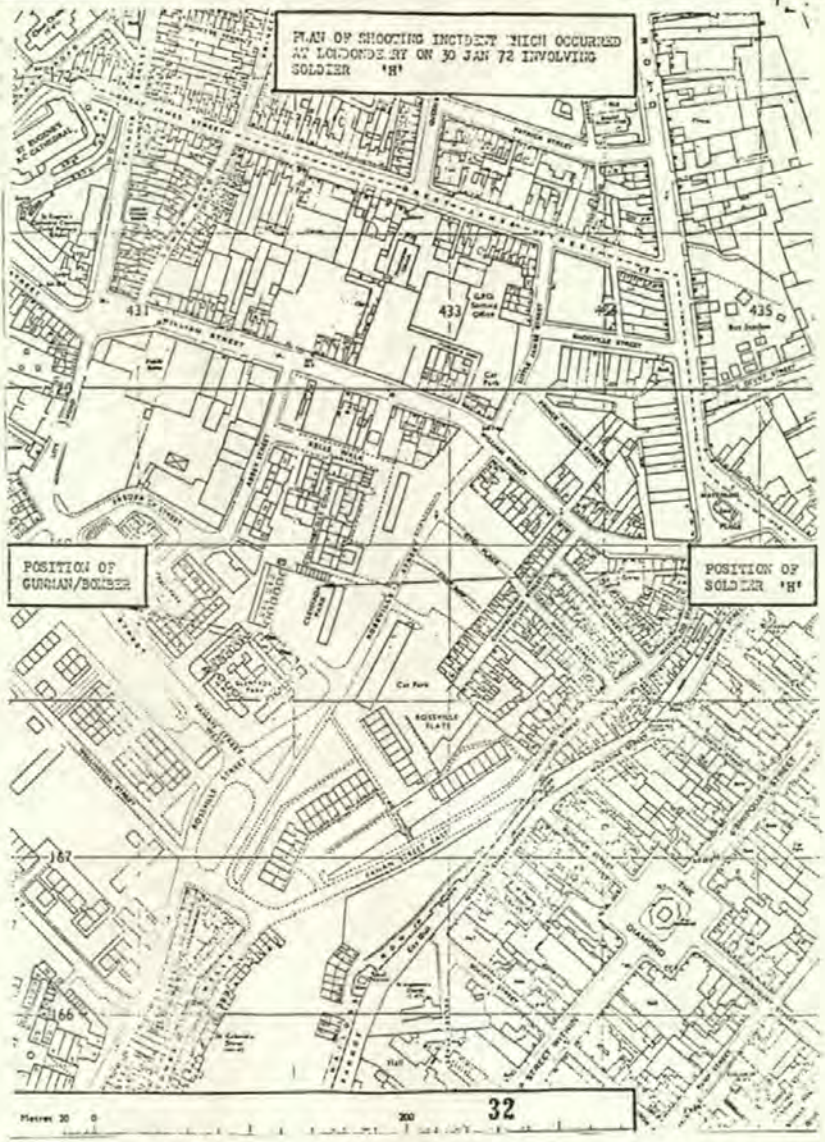
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Case Ref. No 01029/2

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STATEMENT FORM
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STATEMENT OF: Soldier'H'

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Regt. No. and Rank _____ * Height _____
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Unit and Location _____
Type of Engagement _____ Date of Birth _____
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Who states:

I am at present engaged on IS Duties in Northern Ireland. I have been in this command since Sep 70.

At Londonderry on 30 Jan 72, about 1600 hrs, I was deployed under the command of 'G1' in an armoured vehicle,

I was part of a force, the complete Company, which had been deployed in Creggan area. This action had followed intense shooting by the local residents at the Security Forces. My vehicle was in a convoy of 9 vehicles, 7 armoured vehicles and 2 four tonners.

The convoy was proceeding along Rossville Street in the direction of the Lecky Rd.

My vehicle was located second from the rear.

At the junction of William St and Little James St my vehicle and one other armoured vehicle, a total compliment of sixteen men were tasked to carry out a foot patrol of Rossville Street. Accompanying us on the patrol was the entire Company. They were each given a certain area to patrol. The reason why we debussed was to make as many arrests as possible, as there was a large crowd of approximately 1000 persons of all ages congregating along Rossville St from approximately 50 metres north east of the junction of Rossville St and Fahan St. The crowd was spread over the road and on the waste ground near the High St in a north west direction. They were effectively blocking the route to the Lecky Rd. A barricade had been erected across Rossville St at

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the location of the crowd. It consisted of old cars and paving stones, mostly plundered from the works ground. There were 4 gunmen located in the crowd behind the barricade, they were continually firing at us as we moved from the junction of William Street towards the crowd. My location was on the north side of Rosville Street, on the waste ground, moving close to the gable walls of the buildings which lined the street, about 25 metres from the north west footpath.

My location was about third from the front man. The patrol consisted of the 16 men commanded by 'C1' . On our faces we wore gasmasks as gas had been used by the Security Forces in the area. The conditions were good, visibility was clear. I was dressed in combat uniform, steel helmet no visor and gasmask , armed with a 7.62 SLR fitted with a magazine of 20 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition.

We were being stoned, nail bombed and acid bombed as well as being shot at. As my patrol rounded a north west junction leading to a collection of flats facing William Street I saw a group of youths, they threw stones and nail bombs at our advancing patrol.

They then turned and ran north west in the direction of waste land between 2 blocks of flats about 50-60 metres apart.

I did not recognise the youths that threw the nail bombs. We then pursued those youths through the gap between the two flats about 15 metres wide.

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Dated the day of 19

Signature

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At the gap we saw the group of youths hiding behind a broken down car. Around them in all directions were groups of other youths. On seeing us they began to throw bricks and any other material on the waste land.

I saw 3 youths at a distance of about 70 metres, hiding behind the wall. They were dressed in light clothing. I cannot remember their exact dress. With me were 'F' and 'G' . I saw the three youths in possession of nail bombs. I cocked my rifle, took aim at the youth in the middle of the group and fired 2 x 7.62 rounds at the centre of the stomach. The other two soldiers fired 7.62 rounds at the other persons. I could recognise nail bombs in their hands. All three youths fell to the ground.

A youth then appeared from the north west block of flats. He ran from a crowd of people. He was dressed in a jean suit; that was all I noticed. He picked up an object from one of the youths that had been shot and ran in the direction of the north block of flats across the waste land. I aimed my SLR and fired 1 aimed 7.62 round at him which struck him on the shoulder. He then disappeared into a crowd of people converging on the 3 youths who were lying at the side of the broken car.

The youth, when I fired, was about 20 metres from me. I aimed my shot at his central back. On firing I observed him clutch his right hand shoulder but still continue running into the crowd. 'G1' examined the bodies of the 3 youths. He later informed us they were dead.

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I did not inspect the bodies.

The patrol then continued along Rossville Street towards the barricade, this was finally broken up by the Company. X I then returned along Rossville Street back towards the junction with William Street.

[My patrol numbered approximately 12 men as I neared the junction of the first shooting incident.]

There is a block of flats extending east towards Chamberlain Street. On the west side of the flat about 200 metres from my passing location, the patrol came under fire from a concealed sniper, using a high velocity rifle. I located his position to be a toilet facing me. He was firing from the window, about 1 ft square.

I took a covering position, cocked my rifle and fired 17 x 7.62 aimed shots at the sniper. I then changed my magazine, loaded the rifle with a fresh magazine and fired 2 x 7.62 shots. He did not return fire. X

No investigation of the premises was carried out. We then continued back to our vehicles located on waste ground south east of the William St junction.

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Signature Soldier 'H'

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Dated the day of 19

Signature)

The above statement was recorded and signature witnessed by me at 0210 hrs on 31 January 1972 at (Place) [redacted].

Signature RJ Brobson Cpl (Investigator)

* Signed

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Who states:

Further to my statement of 30 Jan 72 in which I described in detail my actions during the Bn Operation in Londonderry on that day.

At approximately 1600 hrs on 30 Jan 72 I was positioned behind a parked civilian car in the north east corner of the Glenfada Car Park with other members of my platoon including 'F'. To the south west of our position were a group of civilian youths numbering between 5 and 7, their ages ranging from 18 to 22 yrs. I do not think that I would recognise any of them again. They were on a footpath at an estimated distance of 70 metres.

I am positive that two of these youths were carrying nail bombs, I cannot say if the others carried weapons of offensive weapons. In my earlier statement I have described my action, however, shortly before I fired at one of the youths carrying a nail bomb and I saw him fall to the ground. This was followed by more shots from the members of my platoon and I can say that four of the youths were shot dead. I did not actually see who shot the other two youths. This was because I was watching a youth who appeared from the west side of the Glenfada Car Park. He ran to where the bodies lay picked up a nail bomb and as he turned I fired one shot from my SLR and hit him

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in the upper right arm or shoulder but he continued and left the area the way he had come. The only thing I remember about him was that he was wearing a blue denim jacket and trousers.

I cannot say what happened to the youths who were not shot who could have numbered between one and three.

The members of the platoon besides myself and 'X' were 'Y' and 'G' . I know that 'Z' and 'C' fired but I did not actually see what they were aiming at.

Shortly after the shooting 'G1' arrived and went to look at the bodies of the youths. He may have been present for some time but I would not have seen him because he would have been behind me.

I did not search or examine the bodies myself. When firing I was guided by the instructions laid down in the Yellow Card.

At the time of firing I was wearing a gas mask so that I am not able to say exactly where 'X' , 'Z' and 'C' stood in relation to myself. Although that 'Z' was positioned near the boot of the car.

A further shooting incident in which I was engaged is detailed in my first statement. I engaged a sniper situated in a toilet within a flat on the south side of the car park. I fired a total of 19 shots at the gunman, my 19th shot appeared to hit him because I saw him fall and then I received the order to cease fire from WO II Lewis, Support

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Dated the day of 19

Signature

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Coy CSM.

Some 15 minutes after these two incidents we returned to our APC vehicle in Rossville Street and when we were in the vehicle we came under fire, I do not know how many shots were fired at us. Fire was immediately returned from the sentries outside the vehicle who were 'F' and 'G' . I do not recall how many shots were fired by them or what effect they had. From what was said I understood that fire was being directed at us from No 1 Block Rossville Flats.

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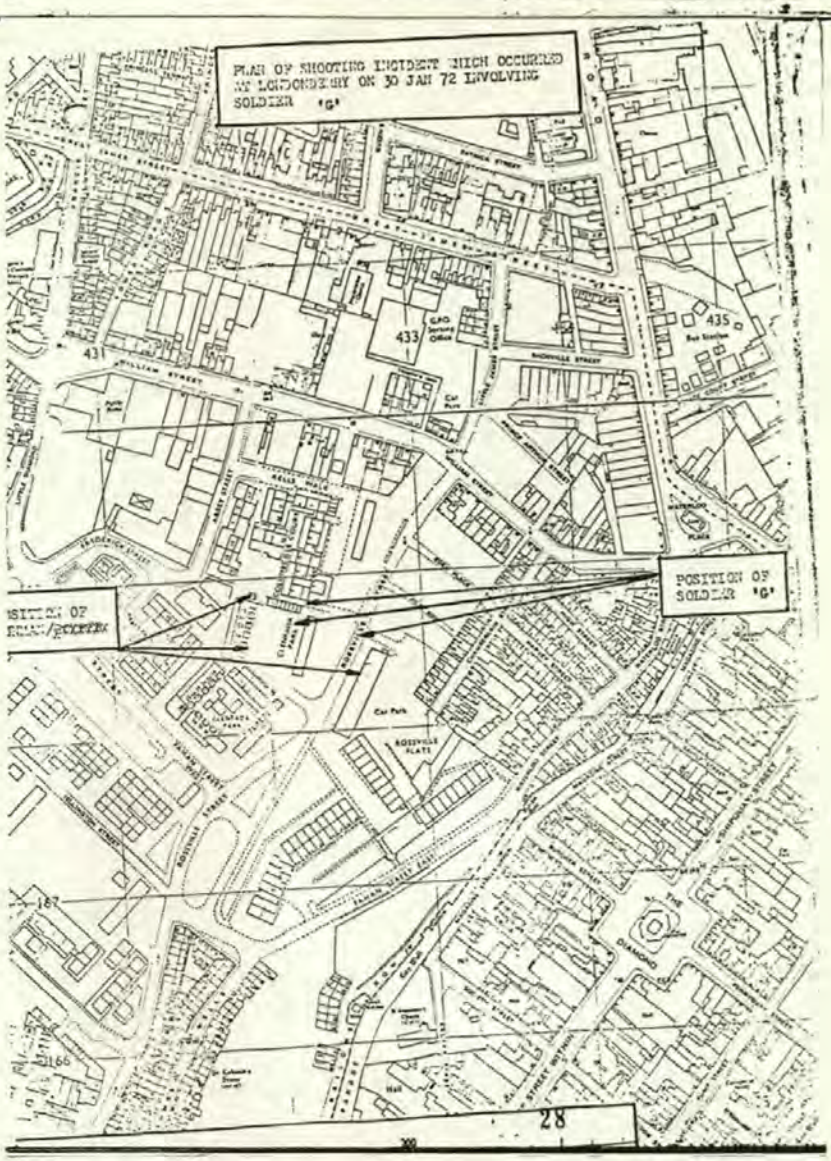
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Regt. No. and Rank _____ * Height _____
Regt. or Corps _____ * Build _____
Unit and Location _____
Type of Engagement _____ Date of Birth _____
Unit Employment _____ Place of Birth _____
Home Address _____ Date due to leave Theatre _____
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Complete where applicable

Who states:

I am with 1st Parachute Regt at present stationed in Northern Ireland.

On Sunday, 30 Jan 72, I was on duty in Londonderry with a platoon of eighteen men commanded by 'C1'.

Sixteen men were armed with SLRs with magazines of twenty rounds affixed. Two men had anti-riot guns.

About 1610 hrs, we moved into position in Little James Street.

Rioting was taking place near the junction of Rossville St and William St.

The rioters were pushed back to Rossville Flats and my platoon moved in vehicles along Rossville St and debussed at the junction of Eden Place.

We moved in pairs, on foot, along the north side of Rossville St. I was with 'F'.

Soon after debussing we came under fire from a gunman positioned in Block 1 of Rossville Flats, about three shots were fired at us.

About thirty seconds later we came under fire again from Block 1 this time about six of us took cover behind a low wall. Fire was returned by some of the men when the gunman was located.

A barricade had been set up about fifty yards away on Rossville St and a crowd of about four hundred had gathered behind it.

We moved further up the street and I saw a gunman positioned behind a wall at the end of an alleyway about fifteen yards away. I fired two quick rounds

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7.62mm at the gunmen to give cover to one of the other men who was running across open ground.

The gunman went to ground at this time. I ran up the alleyway with 'Z' into Glenfada Park area. We were followed by two others.

The alleyway was about ten metres long travelling north from Rossville Street. At the end of the alleyway 4 blocks of Maisonettes formed a square. On entering the square I saw two men standing about twenty five metres away, both of them were holding what appeared to be small rifles in their hands.

There was a small group of people standing near to them. I fired three aimed shots at one of the men and I saw him fall to the ground. 'Z' fired at the same time and I saw the other gunman fall.

The group of people standing near to the gunmen picked up the two weapons and ran off down an alleyway in a North Easterly direction. We split up and gave chase. I ran down the alleyway past the two bodies lying on the ground but the people with the weapons had already turned off from the alleyway out of sight. We were recalled to Rossville St and when I returned I found that prisoners had been taken from the area by other members of my platoon. The bodies of the gunmen were left where they fell.

Our vehicles had been moved up Rossville St and were positioned on the street opposite the east corner of Block 1 of the flats. We all mounted the vehicles, I myself was in the rear of the rear vehicle. We were there about two minutes

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Signature)

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Signature (Investigator)

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when we were fired on by a gunman from a window on the second storey of Block 1 of the flats, about 3 windows from the Western corner.

I got out of the vehicle and took up a position behind the front right wheel and faced the flats. I located the gunman and saw a muzzle flash coming fr[illegible] his position. I fired one aimed shot at the gunman but I cannot say that I definitely hit him. The gunman fired approximately 5 rounds at us. All his shots went high over the vehicle.

I fired a total of six rounds 7.62 mm during the action.

Firing ceased at this point and after about five minutes we pulled back from the flats. We remained in the area for a further ten minutes and then moved to another location.

At the time of the incident the weather was fine visibility good, daylight hours.

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Dated the 31 day of January 1972

Signature Soldier 'G'

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Dated the day of 19

Signature)

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Signature J.L. SMITH CPL. (Investigator) OW

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Who states:

I am at present engaged on IS Duties in Northern Ireland.

On 31 Jan 72 I was shown a collection of photos by Cpl Brobson SIB. I selected two photos of Young showing two positions of a male dressed in a jacket with dark trousers with a head wound.

I am reasonably sure that I shot this man in an incident in the Glenfada flats, Londonderry during a full scale riot on 30 Jan 72. The youth was throwing nail bombs.

I have appended my signature to the rear of the two photos.

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Signature (Investigator)

* Signed

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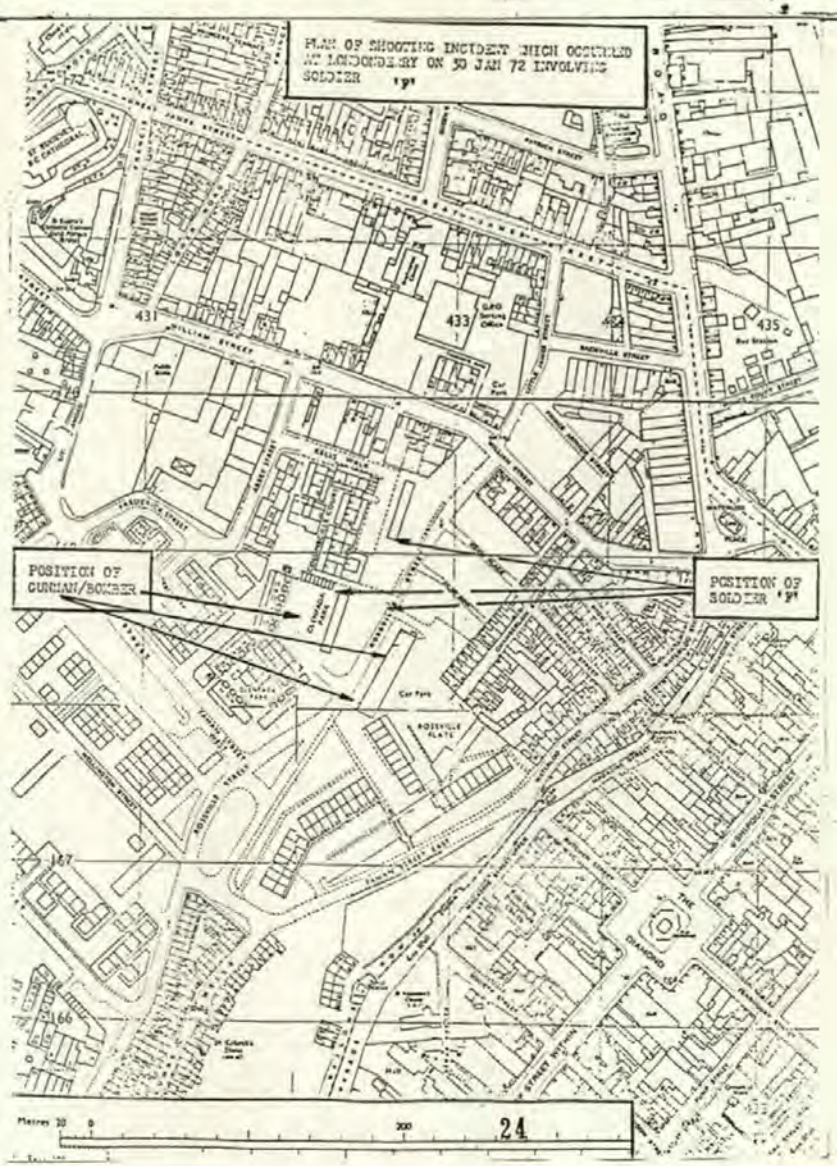
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Who states:

I am a member of . Coy of 1 Para, Regt, at present serving in Northern Ireland. We are normally located in Holywood Barracks, Belfast. Owing to a riot situation in Londonderry we were on duty there on Sunday 30 Jan 72. I am a member of . Sec, Commanded by 'F1' . About 1600 hrs we deployed from our vehicle at the junction of William Street and Rossville Street. We deployed in pairs and I was working with 'G' . We advanced along Rossville St towards Rossville Flats where numerous rioters were. I was armed with a SLR loaded with a magazine of 20 rounds. When we deployed and started to advance I cocked my weapon with one round in the breech. The safety catch was on safe.

We advanced about 30 yards and came under under sniper fire which sounded like rifle fire. These shots came from the direction of Rossville Flats. We were too far from the flats to pinpoint the gunmen at this stage.

We continued to advance and as we got nearer to the flats I could see that there was a barricade across the street at the far end of the flats. I estimate there were about 200 rioters in this area at that time. They were throwing stones, bottles and other missiles at us and other troops as they advanced. I saw at least two nail bombs explode as we advanced..

We took up position behind a wall on the right hand side of Rossville St about 40 yards short of the Rossville Flats. We again came under sniper fire from the flats. I estimated that this gunfire was coming

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from the second floor of the flats and the third window along. I fired 3 aimed shots at this window and I saw all three shots strike the windows.

After these shots the sniper fire stopped and I saw about 30 - 40 rioters leave the barricade and go to the right behind a block of flats out of our sight.

On seeing this we moved position to our right to Glenlada Park where I saw one of the men light something. I saw it fizzle and spark, and I realised it was some form of bomb. He raised his arm as if to throw the bomb. I fired two aimed shots at the man. The first I saw strike him in the shoulder and the second strike him in the stomach. The bomb did not explode.

By this time other members of my unit had joined us and we advanced towards the rioters. The rioters dispersed.

The remainder of my team gave me cover when I checked around the corner of a building. Around the corner I saw huddled against the wall about 20 people, 19 men and 1 woman. I called to the remainder of the team and we arrested this twenty people.

We then escorted the prisoners back towards Rossville St, covering each other as we moved back. By this time we were ordered to join our vehicles which were now near the Rossville Flats. We had handed the prizoners we had arrested to the Military Police.

We got into our vehicles and stayed in position for a couple of minutes when

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our Radio Operator said, "There's a sniper up in the flats." I jumped out of the vehicle and took up a firing position beside the vehicle. The Radio operator told me where he had seen the gunman and I saw something move in the window. I fired approximately 4 aimed shots at this window and I saw all four shots strike in the area of the window.

I changed position to near the vehicle parked in front of ours. At this time a man appeared in a window in the second from the top floor of the flats. He had a rifle and fired two shots at our position.

I then fired 4 aimed shots at this man and I saw the 4 shots strike the area of the window. I do not know if I hit the gunman or not.

About 10 minutes after this we withdrew from the area.

* This statement, consisting of 5 pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 31 day of January 19 72

Signature Soldier'F'

* I (being unable to read the above statement, I of read it to him before he signed it.

Dated the day of 19

Signature)

The above statement was recorded and signature witnessed by me at 0200 hrs on 31 Jan 19 72

at (Place) LONDONDERRY.

Signature W.S. ROSE (Investigator) ew

* Signed

Signature witnessed by

* Delete if inapplicable

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Army Form A6006

Case Ref. No.

Royal Military Police

STATEMENT FORM
(Military)

STATEMENT OF Soldier '7'

Surname _____ * Marital Status _____
Christian/Fore Names _____
Regt. No. and Rank _____ * Height _____
Regt. or Corps _____ * Build _____
Unit and Location _____
Type of Engagement _____
Unit Employment _____ Date of Birth _____
Home Address _____ Place of Birth _____
Date due to leave Theatre _____
Run Out date _____
* *Complete where applicable*

Who states:

I am at present engaged on IS Duties in Northern Ireland.
On 31 Jan 72 I was shown a collection of photographs by Cpl Brobson SIB. I selected two photographs marked Donaghy, showing two positions of a male dressed in a denim jacket and trousers with a wound to his left hand side.
I am reasonably sure that I shot this man in a full scale riot in the Glenfada flats on 30 Jan 72 for being in possession of nail bombs.
I have appended my signature to the rear of the photos.

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SIGNED Soldier '7'

SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY

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ROYAL MILITARY POLICE

Army Form A 6008

Case Ref No._____

STATEMENT CONTINUATION FORM
(Civilian and Military)

Statement of: Soldier 'F'

Surname_____

Christian/Forename(s)_____

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Dated the 31 day of January 19 72

Signature Soldier 'F'

* (_____ being unable to read the above statement, I _____ of _____ read it to him before he signed it.

Dated the day of 19

Signature_____)

The above statement was recorded and signature witnessed by me at 1410 hrs on 31 Jan 19 72 at (Place) LONDONDERRY

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Signature_____ (Investigator)

* Signed_____ Signature witnessed by_____

* Delete if inapplicable

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Army Form A6006

Case Ref. No 01029/2

Royal Military Police

STATEMENT FORM
(Military)

STATEMENT OF: Soldier 'F'

Surname _____ * Marital Status _____
Christian/Fore Names _____
Regt. No. and Rank _____ * Height _____
Regt. or Corps _____ * Build _____
Unit and Location _____
Type of Engagement _____
Unit Employment _____ Date of Birth _____
Home Address _____ Place of Birth _____
Date due to leave Theatre _____
Run Out date _____
* Complete where applicable

Who states:

I am with 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment stationed in Holywood, N. Ireland.

Further to my statement of 31st January 1972 with reference to IS Duties in Londonderry on 30th January, 1972.

About 1610 hrs I was positioned near the junction of Rossville Street and William Street, where we had debussed.

We deployed to the West of Rossville Street and moved southwards on some waste ground. We came under fire from a gunman who was south of my position but I was unable to locate him. I saw three men move from the barricade north west into the area of Glenfada Park flats. One of the men was carrying what looked like a rifle.

Myself and 'G' of my Company ran down an alleyway and came into a square formed by the three blocks of flats and a block of garages. We were positioned at end of the garages about fifty metres west of the north west corner of Block 1, Rossville Flats. I saw the three men on the other side of the square about thirty metres away near to 24, Glenfada Park, south west of our position.

I shot and hit one man as he attempted to throw an object which looked like a mailbomb. I saw 'G' fire and hit another of the men who was carrying what appeared to be a rifle.

The third man ran off but I believe he was engaged by another soldier. I did not see this.

SIGNED _____ (27C)

SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY _____

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Case Ref No. 01022/2

STATEMENT CONTINUATION FORM
(Civilian and Military)

Statement of: Soldier 'F'

Surname

Christian/Forenames(s)

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We were ordered to remount our vehicles and withdraw. The vehicles were positioned level with the north east wall of Block 1, Rossville Flats, facing south down Rossville Street. As we entered the vehicles three shots were fired at us from a window on the second floor of Block 1. The window was about the fifth from the southern end of the flats. The shots passed high over the vehicles. I returned two rounds at the gunman and I saw 'G' return one shot. I saw all the 3 bullets strike the windows. I cannot say if the gunman was hit.

I did not search the dead, wounded or arrested persons.

The orders for firing were: Fire when ordered or if the situation is covered by the Yellow Card issued to troops on IS Duties in Northern Ireland.

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Dated the day of 19

Signature Soldier 'G'

_____ being unable to read the above statement, I _____

_____ of _____ read it to him before he signed it.

Dated the day of 19

Signature _____

The above statement was recorded and signature witnessed by me at _____ hrs on _____ 19

(Place) _____

Signed _____ (270)

Signature _____ (Investigator)

Signature witnessed by _____

Delete if inapplicable

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