

SIGNIFICANT SECURITY INCIDENTS - 1985

- 15 January A patrol of 7/10 UDR chased a stolen Ford Granada along Stockman's Lane towards the roundabout at the junction of Stockman's Lane/Kennedy Way. The stolen car attempted to reverse away from a VCP at the roundabout and hit the pursuing vehicle. It then drove forward hitting two vehicles at the checkpoint. The soldiers issued a challenge and opened fire when the car failed to stop. The vehicle crashed and the youths ran off. A further challenge was issued and more shots fired. One youth, Paul Gerard KELLY was killed and another seriously injured.
- 1 February Private James GRAHAM (P/T 4 UDR) was shot dead as he parked the school bus outside Derrylin Primary School, Derrylin. The gunmen made off in a hijacked van. PIRA claimed responsibility.
- 7 February A joint RUC/Army patrol chased a stolen car in West Belfast. The RUC caught up with it at the junction of Springfield Ave/Fort Street. Two constables dismounted and the vehicle drove straight at them. The constables opened fire hitting the driver Gerald LOGUE twice. He died on 8 February.
- 17 February Two masked terrorists approached Mr Patrick KERR, Principal Prison Officer HMP Maze, as he left St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, and shot him four times in the head. He died on the way to hospital. PIRA claimed responsibility.
- 18 February The body of Mark ROSSBOROUGH was found at a waste tip on the Ballygomartin Road, Belfast. He had been severely beaten and shot in what is believed to have been a Loyalist feud.
- 21 February Two terrorists shot Sergeant Frank MURPHY as he left Drumsallen Primary School after dropping off some children. He was hit several times and died instantly - PIRA.
- 23 February An Army patrol encountered three armed masked terrorists in a field near Fountain Street, Strabane. Shots were fired and the three men, Michael DEVINE, David DEVINE and Charles BRESLIN (all PIRA) were killed. Three rifles and 2 home-made rifle grenade projectors and grenades were recovered.
- " " The body of Kevin COYLE was discovered at the junction of Bishop's Street/Corporation Street, Londonderry. He had been shot in the head. PIRA admitted responsibility claiming he was an informer.

- 24 February Douglas McELHINNEY (ex P/T 5 UDR) was shot dead outside a house at Cloughglass, Londonderry. INLA claimed responsibility.
- 28 February A mortar attack was launched on Newry RUC Station from a lorry parked nearby. One mortar struck a temporary hut killing 5 RUC and 4 RUC'R' members - Chief Inspector Alex DONALDSON, Sergeant John DOWD, Constable David TOPPING, W/Constable Rosemary McGOOKIN, W/Constable Ivy KELLY, R/Constable Sean McHENRY, R/Constable Geoffrey CAMPBELL, R/Constable Dennis PRICE and R/Constable Paul McFERRAN - PIRA
- " " An IED exploded next to a telegraph pole in Pomeroy as a UDR foot patrol was passing. Private Trevor HARKNESS (P/T 8 UDR) was killed instantly - PIRA.
- 3 March Sergeant Hugh McCORMAC was shot dead as he left his car outside the Graan Church in Enniskillen. The terrorists escaped in a stolen car which was later found abandoned.