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Case Ref. No. 01029/2

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(Military)

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Rossville St/William St. Later I saw gas drifting over the Eden Place/Rossville St area, towards Bogside. After this, I saw about ten men run down Rossville St from William St. They turned into Kells Walk. Then number of 1-ton Armoured Humbers went down Rossville St from William St, and a number of these stopped outside Kells Walk. The remainder carried on down Rossville and out of my sight. From the APC that had stopped, about ten men debussed and ran down Kells Walk. I then heard the sound of baton guns being fired from the area of Rossville St.

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Dated the 2 day of February 19 72

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The above statement was recorded and signature witnessed by me at 2025 hrs on 2 Feb 19 72
at (Place) LONDONDERRY

Signature _____ (Investigator)

* Signed _____

Signature witnessed by CPL SIB

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AN ADDITIONAL COPY OF SOLDIER 122's STATEMENT

DATED 2.2.72

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THE BLOODY SUNDAY INQUIRY

I, Lieutenant 122 will say that:

1. On 30th January 1972 I was a Platoon Commander in the 22nd Light Air Defence Regiment
2. I can remember almost nothing about the events of 27 years ago on 30th January 1972. I was on my second or third tour of duty in Northern Ireland, having joined the army in 1968. I have a vague recollection of hearing shots, but as I have been involved in a number of tours of Northern Ireland, this was a regular occurrence. My memory is something of a blur. There have been a lot of tours and a lot of active service elsewhere in the world.
3. On 30 January 1972, I think that I was on duty around the City Walls in Londonderry which was a routine activity as part of a four month tour of duty. The duty around the City Walls involved staying on the city side of the walls around Upper Magazine Street and preventing rioters getting beyond Butcher Gate, and also preventing Protestants making attacks on the Bogside on the other side of the City Walls.
4. I have been shown a statement of Soldier 122 in February 1972, a copy of which is attached to this statement. I have no recollection of making this statement and I am not convinced that it describes my activities on 30th January 1972. Subsequent to making my draft statement, I have been shown the original RMP handwritten statement by my lawyers. I accept that the signature on the original statement is mine and that Soldier 122 must be me, however, I have no recollection of making this statement or of the bulk of its contents. I simply cannot remember. The first five lines generally describe my position on the day as I recall it, but the remainder of the statement means little to me now, 27 years on. The statement taker is described as INQ 1847, whom I do not know. This is the first time I can recollect seeing this statement. It describes stoning and bottling by a crowd of youths which was a regular occurrence in 1972 in Londonderry though I cannot specifically record the incidents of this particular day.
5. The giving of a statement to the military police after a particular incident is a normal occurrence, particularly for officers. I would expect that I have given statements of this nature over a dozen times in my career.
6. I have no recollection of the kind of shots I heard, whether they were machine gun fire or high velocity or low velocity shots. I have no recollection of what my platoon of men was doing nor do I recall anyone else's deployments on that day. The 22nd Light Air Defence Regiment may have logs in their archives which would explain how many men were used in what locations on the day. Such logs would also contain transcripts of radio contact and might well give a clear picture of the Regiment's activity during the day. The place to start looking for the regimental histories would be at the Royal Artillery Base in Woolwich, South-East London.
7. I have no recollection of seeing the march nor do I have any recollection of the sounds of explosions on that day - I heard explosions frequently during my tours of duty in Northern Ireland.

8. I did not give evidence to the Widgery Tribunal.

Signed

Lieutenant 122

Dated 3 May 2000

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