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Case Ref. No

Royal Military Police

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STATEMENT FORM
(Military)

STATEMENT OF: 132

Name * Marital Status

Surname/Fore Names

No. and Rank

or Corps * Height

and Location * Build

of Engagement

Employment Date of Birth

Address Place of Birth

states: Date due to leave Theatre

..... Run Out date

..... * Complete where applicable

I am the above named soldier at present with my unit engaged on Internal Security Duties in Londonderry and have been since May 1971. On the 30th January 1972 about 1200 hrs I was deployed with my unit at William St at GR 43441688. I was armed with a 'Baton' Gun and had 15 'Baton' rounds in my possession. I was stood behind the barrier on the left hand side of the road and had a clear view of the junction of Gumberlain St and William St. About 1530 hrs the 'Marchers' approached my location, they were acting in an excited manner but were being controlled by Stewards. As they reached my location I saw speak to them and saw the Stewards talk amongst themselves, a little later a fight broke out between the marchers who numbered into the thousands. At this time about 5 - 6 people attempted to climb the barriers and to remove parts of but Stewards moved them back. The marchers started to throw stones at my location and were shouting abuse at us. I did not hear any warning given to them because of the noise at that time. I saw the 'Water Cannon' come up and start to spray the crowd. The majority of the marchers left leaving about 50 behind who appeared to be the main rioters. It was one of those who threw a gas bomb at us. I caught some gas and it made me gas and feel a little sick. They were still throwing stones and bits of iron at us. I was told that 116 was going to warn the marchers that 'Baton' rounds would be fired at them if they did not disperse.

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SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY

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(Civilian and Military)

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but I did not hear him give the warning. I heard some of my unit on the other side of the road, fire 'Baton' rounds and I commenced firing mine. I fired all the 18 rounds I had and brought some more, I fired about 30 rounds altogether. I know that I hit three people with my first three shots, one on the head and he fell, one on the arm and one on the body. After this I think that most of my shots were hits but as they were fired into the main body of the rioters I could not pinpoint any individual. After I had finished firing I saw the rioters run away and I saw about 20 members of the Parachute Regiment go over our barrier and down the Street in the direction of Rossville St and they were joined by some more from Little James St. After this the area went quiet until recalled about 2200 hrs when we returned to Waterloo Place. The weather was clear and I had an unobstructed view of all incidents that are recorded here.

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

Dated the 4th of February 19 72

Signature

..... being unable to read the above statement, I

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

Dated the day of 19

Signature

Statement was recorded and signature witnessed by me at 1150 hrs on 4th February 19 72

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Signature (Investigator)

Signature witnessed by 1816

Applicable