

Royal Military Police

STATEMENT FORM (Military)

STATEMENT OF: 145

Surname _____ * Marital Status _____
 Christian/Fore Names _____
 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 _____
 _____ Run Out date _____
 _____ Complete where applicable

Who states:

I am the above named officer at present with my unit engaged on Internal Security Duties in Londonderry and have been since June 1970.

On the 30th January 1972 about 1600 hrs I was with my platoon in Barrack St. holding a block position. About 1600 hrs, there was, at my location (2) two Ford Cortinas, the Reg No I cannot recall. I heard a baton round being discharged and I went to see what was happening. I walked over to the Cortina on the left hand side of my location. This vehicle contained a wounded man.

I do not know his identity. The other (2) two men from the car had been taken by men of my platoon and stood against a wall by an Armoured Personnel Carrier.

In this area 135 was the only soldier with a baton gun. As I arrived at 135 location the Cortina from the left hand side was starting to roll down

the road and Sgt _____ and Pte _____ went to the rear of the vehicle to stop it. It was at this time that I was fully aware that there was a wounded man

still inside the vehicle. 104 climbed into the vehicle and I instructed him to drive the car back up the hill to our location. I noticed the second

Cortina with one of my men stood by it. I went over and noticed that 150 was in the drivers seat and I saw another person in the back who was obviously seriously injured if not dead. The other passengers from this vehicle had been taken out and stood by the wall to one side, there was (2) two of them. 150

drove the car through the gap in the barriers and up the hill to our location. I then gave the order for everyone to move back to their normal

SIGNED _____

SIGNATURE WITNESSED BY _____

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positions behind the barriers as we were in an extremely exposed position. I then went to the Cortina and ascertained that the person in the rear of the car being driven by 150 was in fact dead. The person in the back of the car driven by 104 was seriously injured in the chest. I ordered the two Cpls to take the cars and the wounded man and the body to Coy HQ. It was at a later time that I ascertained that the baton round discharged by 104 had been fired at a third person from the left hand car, who had run away. I did not see this incident myself.

* This statement, consisting of 2 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 3rd day of February 1972

Signature _____

* (_____ 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 0845 hrs on 3rd February 1972 at (Place) _____

Signature _____

(Investigator)

* Signed _____

Signature witnessed by _____

* Delete if inapplicable

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On 30 January 1972 my platoon was holding barrier number 20 in Barrack Street. At about 4.00 pm two Ford Cortinas arrived at my position. I found that the first of these had a wounded man inside the vehicle and I told 104 to drive the vehicle through the barrier. I then noticed the second Cortina with ~~no driver~~¹⁵⁰ standing by it. He was already climbing into the driving seat and I told him to follow the other Cortina which had halted about 20 metres beyond the barricade. At about the same time I looked into the car and saw that someone was lying on the back seat. I did not know whether he was dead or injured. I walked back through the barricade to the first vehicle. The man in it was obviously alive. I told the driver, 104, to drive the vehicle back to Company Headquarters. I then went to the second car and looked in it. I then decided that the man inside was obviously dead. And told the driver to follow the first car. About a minute and a half later I saw them come back and turn at the crossroads down Abercorn Road - obviously going to battalion headquarters.

We made no search of the people in the vehicles at all, and no-one said anything to me about there being a nail bomb on the persons of either of them. 104 told me when he came back that a nail bomb had been found in the dead man's pocket. Well I must have discussed the matter with 150, who drove the vehicle, I cannot now recall what we said.

A photograph has been produced to me marked EF5A/25 but I cannot positively identify it as being either of the Cortinas I saw. I have also been shown a photograph marked EF5A/25. I cannot say whether that was the dead man I saw - I looked at him through the driver's window and the angle was quite different. Certainly he was clothed and had no blanket or other covering over him.

Signed

Taken by B B Hall
8 March 1972