

BLOODY SUNDAY



Bloody Sunday: A Summary

- On 30 January 1972, 3 – 15,000 people participate in a march against internment without trial held in Derry City (Londonderry)
- Members of 1st Battalion, Parachute Regiment (1 Para) open fire, killing 13 civilians and wounding thirteen others
- The Widgery Tribunal, January – April 1972
- The Saville Tribunal, 1998 – 2010

The Background

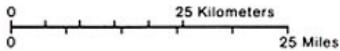
- Occupation of Ireland, 1169 – 1921
- The Plantation of Ulster, 1609
- Partition, 7 December 1922 to the present
 - The Black and Tan War, 1920-1922
- The Irish Republican Army
 - The Border Campaign, 1956-1962
 - The Battle of the Bogside, 12-14 August 1969
 - The Official – Provisional Split, 1969
- The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association, 1967
- Internment, 1971 – 1975
- The Ballymurphy Massacre 9 – 11 August, 1971



United Kingdom
Northern Ireland

- International boundary
 - - District boundary
 - ◎ District seat
 - ▲ Frontier post
 - Railroad
 - Expressway
 - Road
 - [Grey box] Built-up area

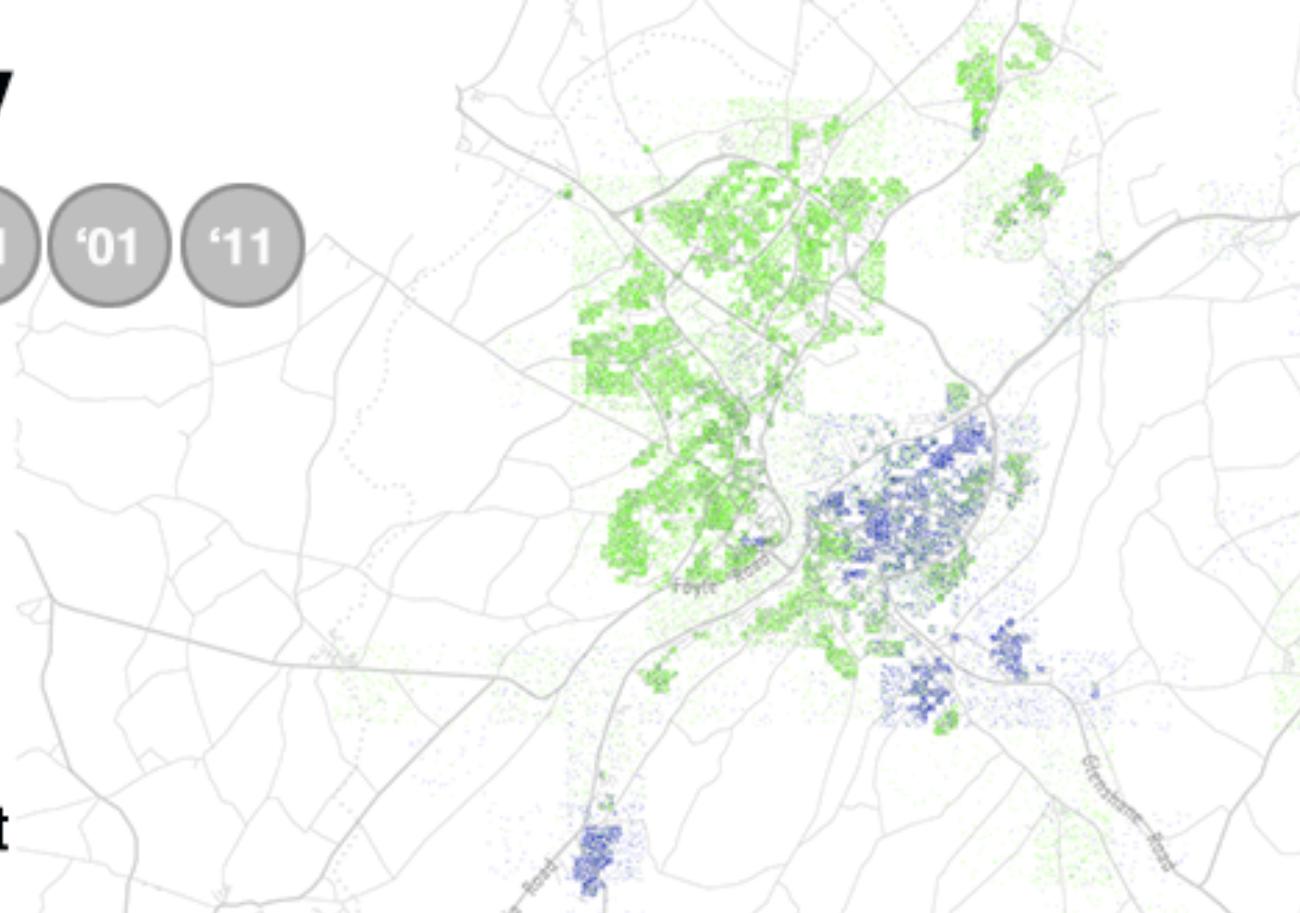
Districts have the same names as their seats except where otherwise noted. Belfast is the seat of both Belfast and Castlereagh Districts.



Derry

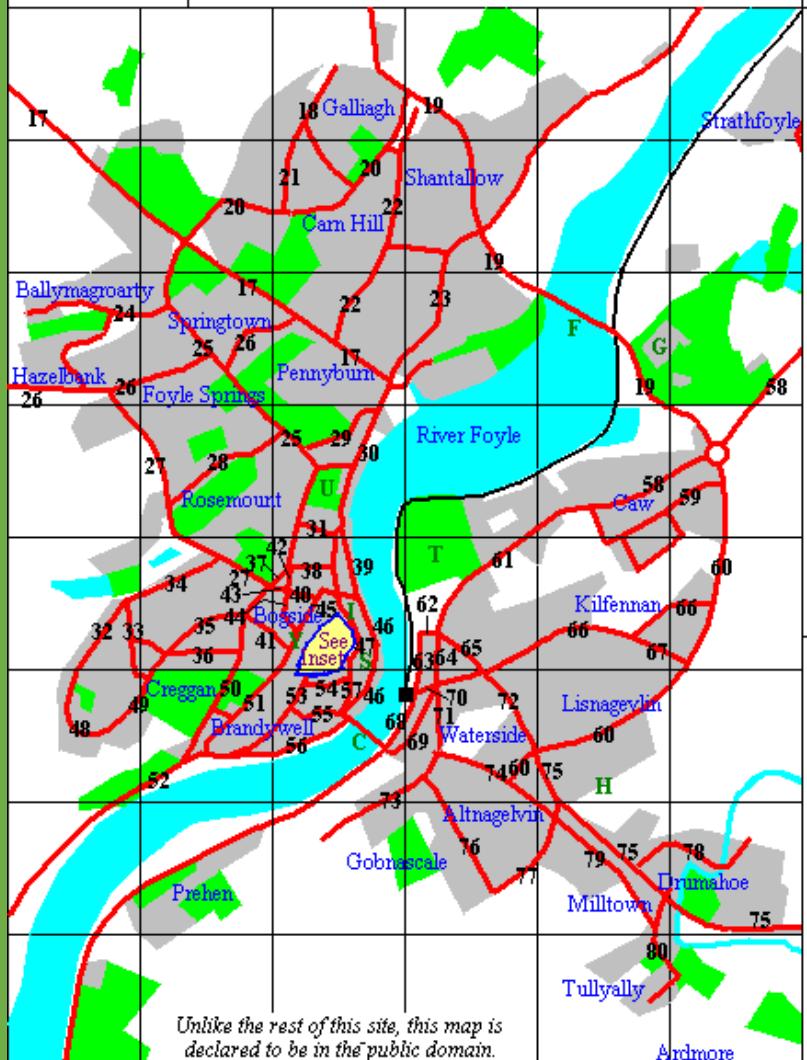
‘71 ‘81 ‘91 ‘01 ‘11

■ Catholic
■ Protestant



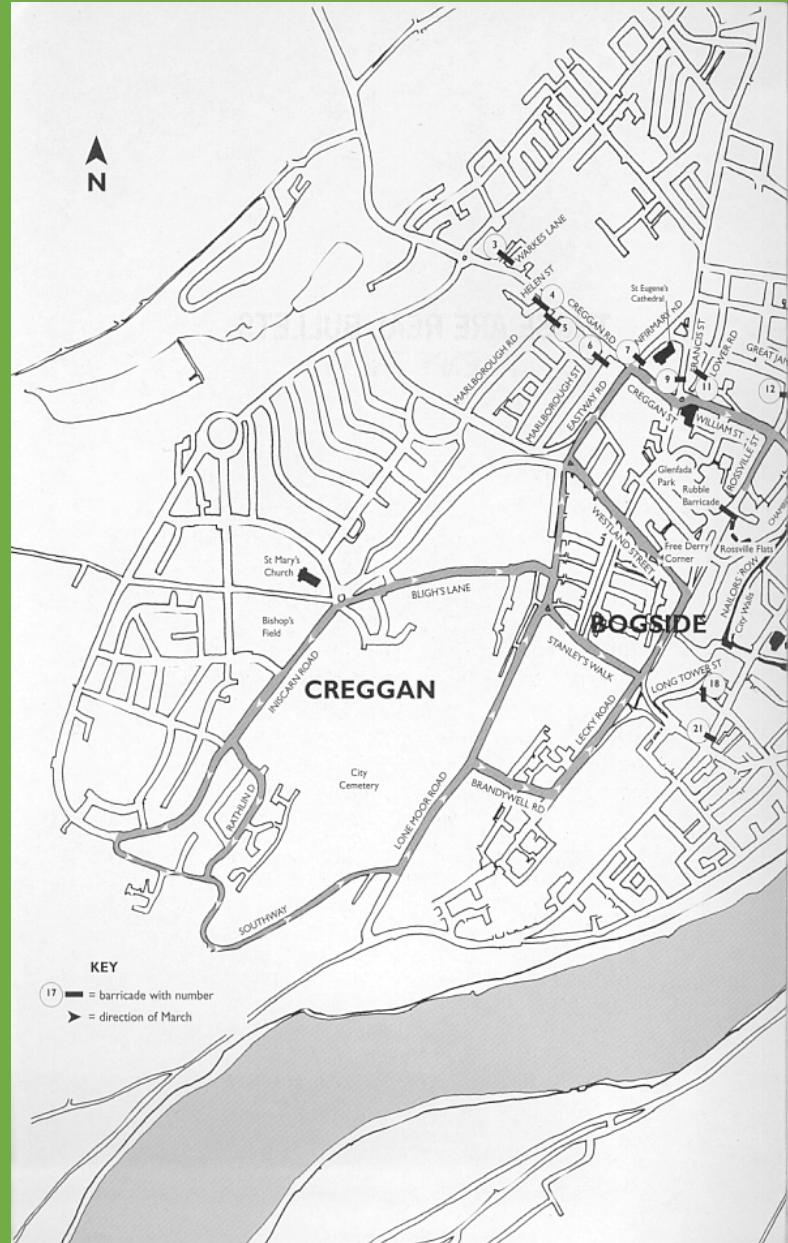
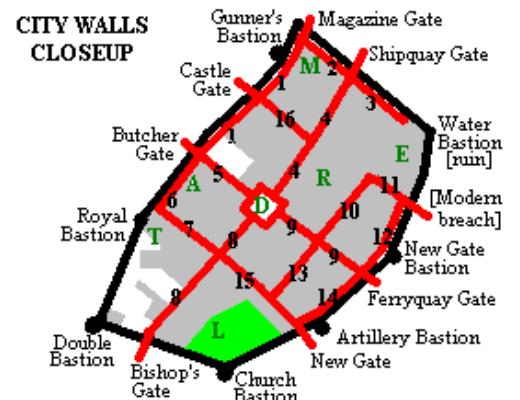
DERRY CITY WITH CLOSEUP MAP OF THE WALLED CITY

KEY		Each grid square is 1 km on a side.
A	Prominent Building: see list	Railway
	Lagan River, Lakes, Sea	Major Station
	Parks, Golf Courses etc	Road
	Built Up Area	(with name: see list)



Prominent Places in Derry	A	Apprentice Boys' Hall	L	St Columb's Cathedral
	C	Craigavon Bridge	M	Tower Museum
	D	Diamond	N	St Augustine's Church
	E	Millennium Centre	R	Richmond Shopping Centre
	F	Foyle Bridge	S	Foyle Side Shopping Centre
	G	Grosvenor Hospital	T	St Columb's Park
	H	Altanagelvin Hospital	U	University of Ulster Magee
	I	Guild Hall	V	'Free Derry' Corner

STREET NAME KEY
1 Magazine Street
2 Union Hall Place
3 Bank Place
4 Shipquay Street
5 Butcher Street
6 Magazine Street Upper
7 Society Street
8 Bishop Street Within
9 Ferryquay Street
10 Linenhall Street
11 Newmarket Street
12 Market Street
13 Pump Street
14 Artillery Street
15 London Street
16 Castle Street
17 Buncrana Road
18 Heather Road
19 Madam's Bank Road
20 Glengallion Road
21 Moss Road
22 Racecourse Road
23 Chumore Road
24 Aileach Road
25 Northland Road
26 Springfield Road
27 Creggan Road
28 Glen Road
29 Duncreggan Road
30 Strand Road
31 Lawrence Hill
32 Creggan Heights
33 Central Drive
34 Westway
35 Eastway
36 Bligh's Lane
37 Infirmary Road
38 Clarendon Street
39 Queen's Quay
40 William Street
41 Westland Street
42 Francis Street
43 Creggan Street
44 Fahen Street
45 Rossville Street
46 Foyle Embankment
47 Orchard Street
48 Circular Road
49 Iniscam Road
50 Lone Moor Road
51 Lecky Road
52 Letterkenny Road
53 Bishop Street Without
54 The Fountain
55 Abercorn Road
56 Foyle Road
57 Carlisle Road
58 Clooney Road
59 Sparren Park
60 Crescent Link
61 Limanady Road
62 King Street
63 Waterside Link
64 Clooney Terrace
65 Glendermott Road
66 Rossdowney Road
67 Kilfernan Link Road
68 Duke Street
69 Spencer Road
70 Simpson's Brae
71 Chapel Road
72 Dungiven Road
73 Strabane Old Road
74 Irish Street
75 Glenshane Road
76 Trench Road
77 Bell Road
78 Drumahoe Road
79 Church Brae
80 Ardmore Road





Major General Robert Ford
Commander, Land Forces, Northern Ireland
29 July 1971 – 9 April 1973



Lt. Colonel Derek Wilford
OC 1st Battalion, Parachute Regiment

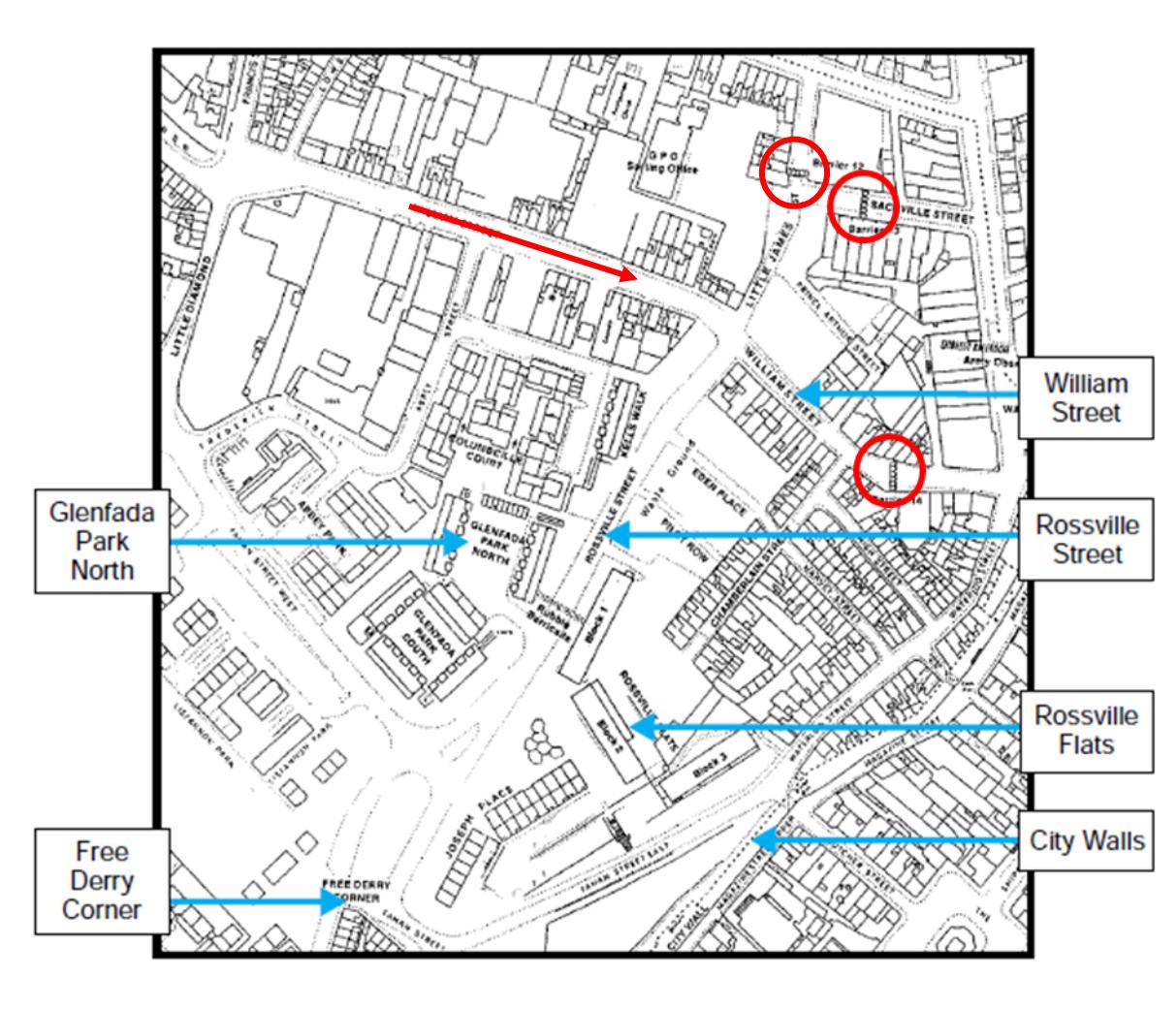
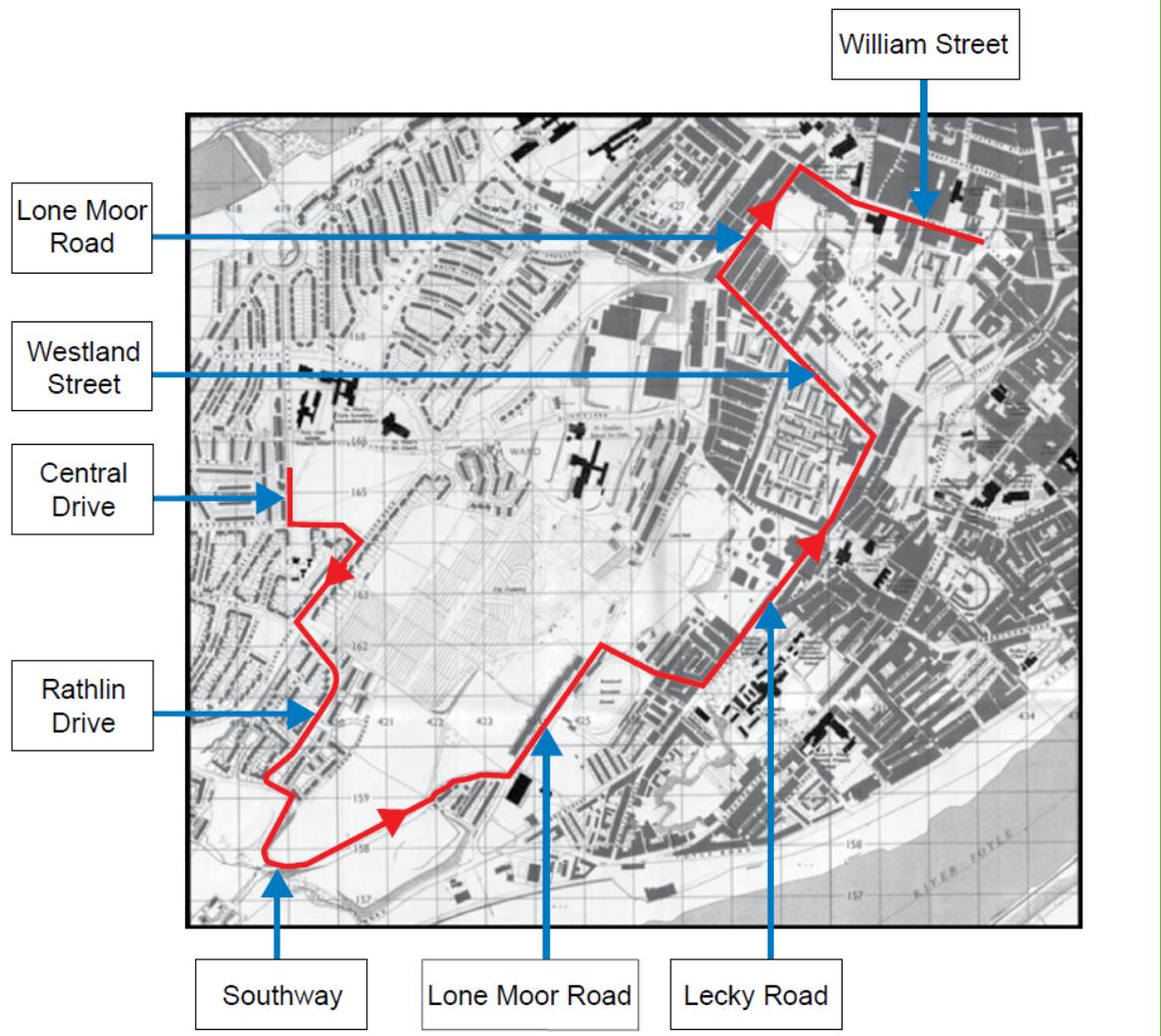
Internment: Operation Demetrius



The NICRA March Against Internment

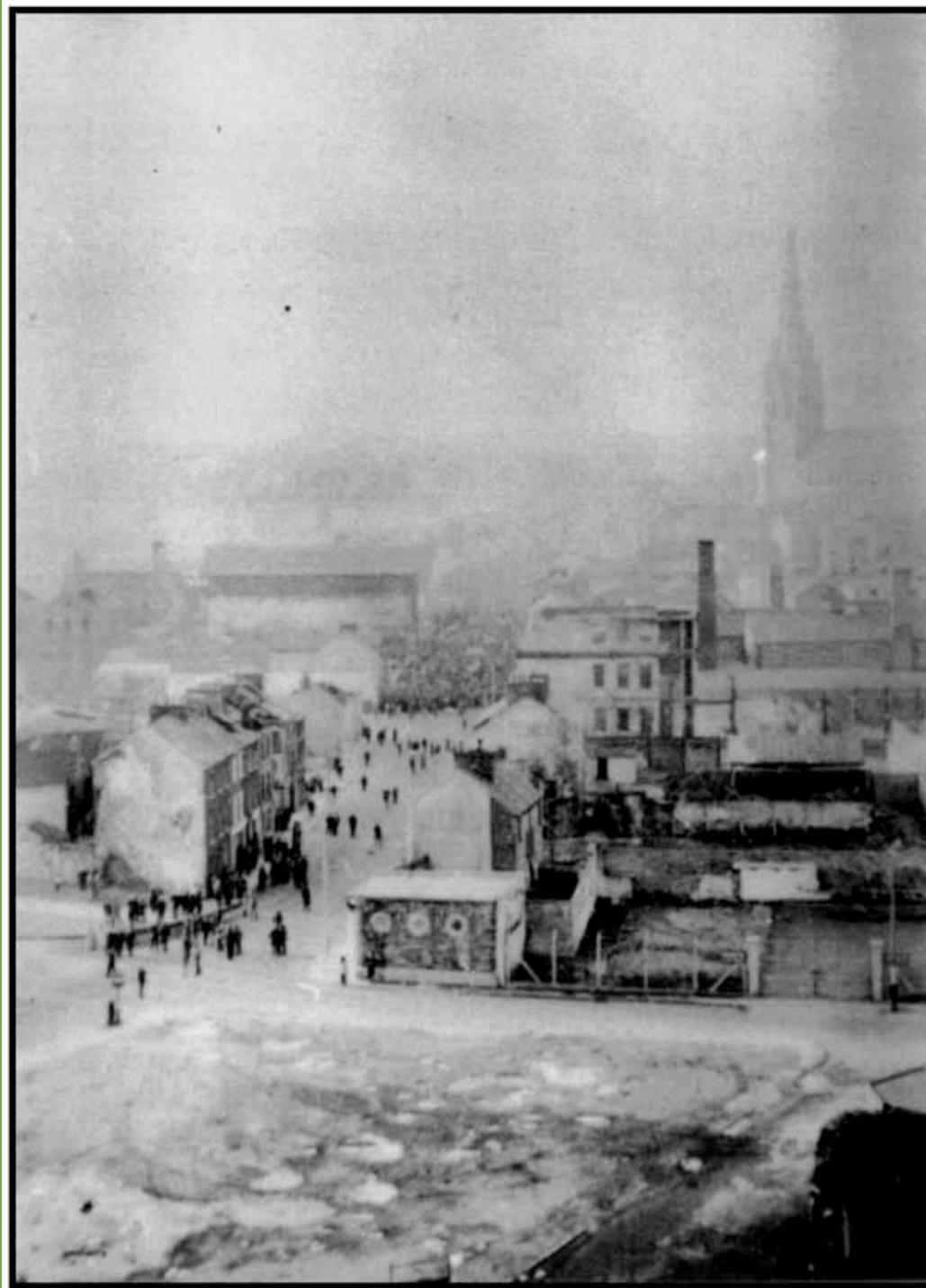


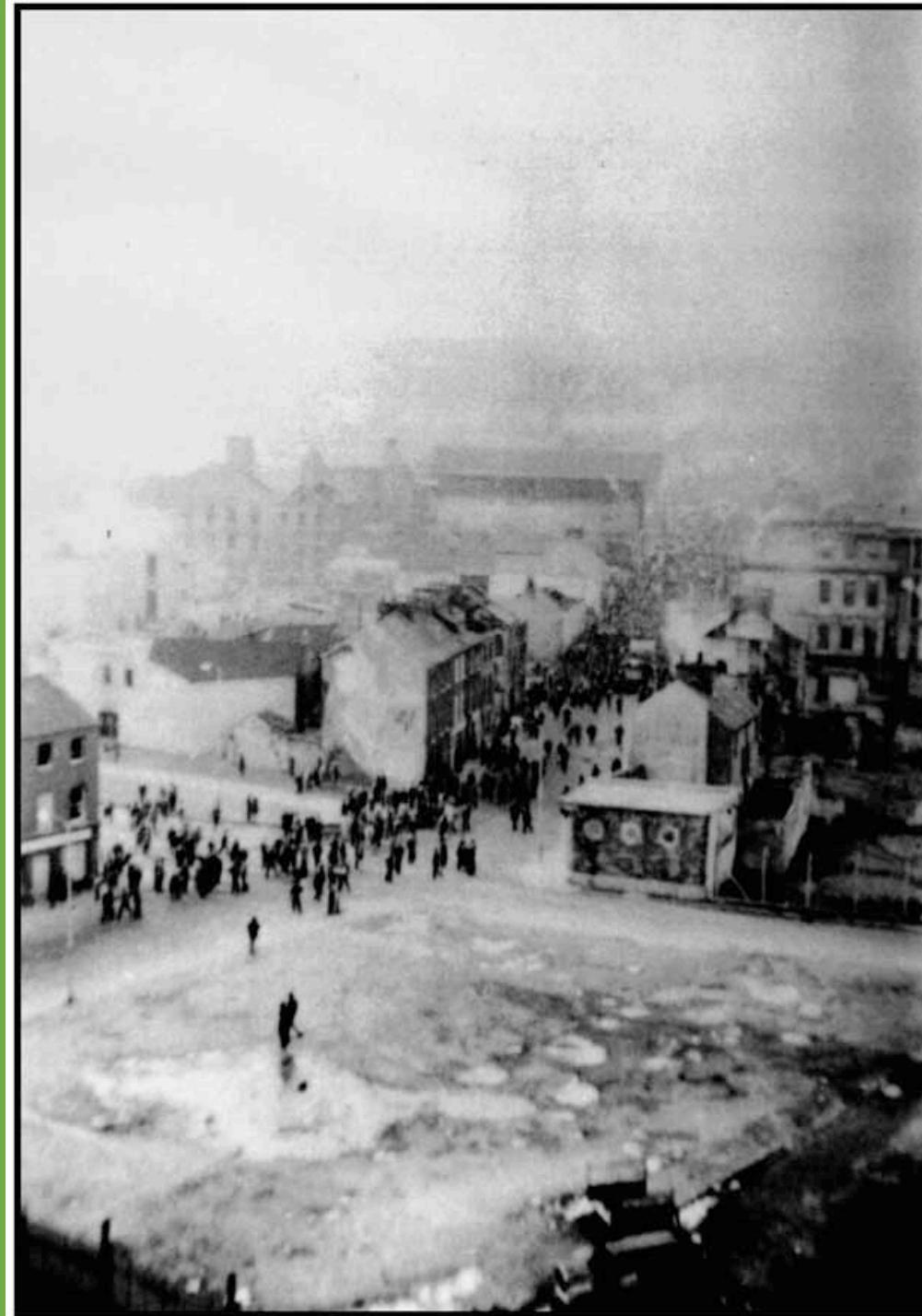




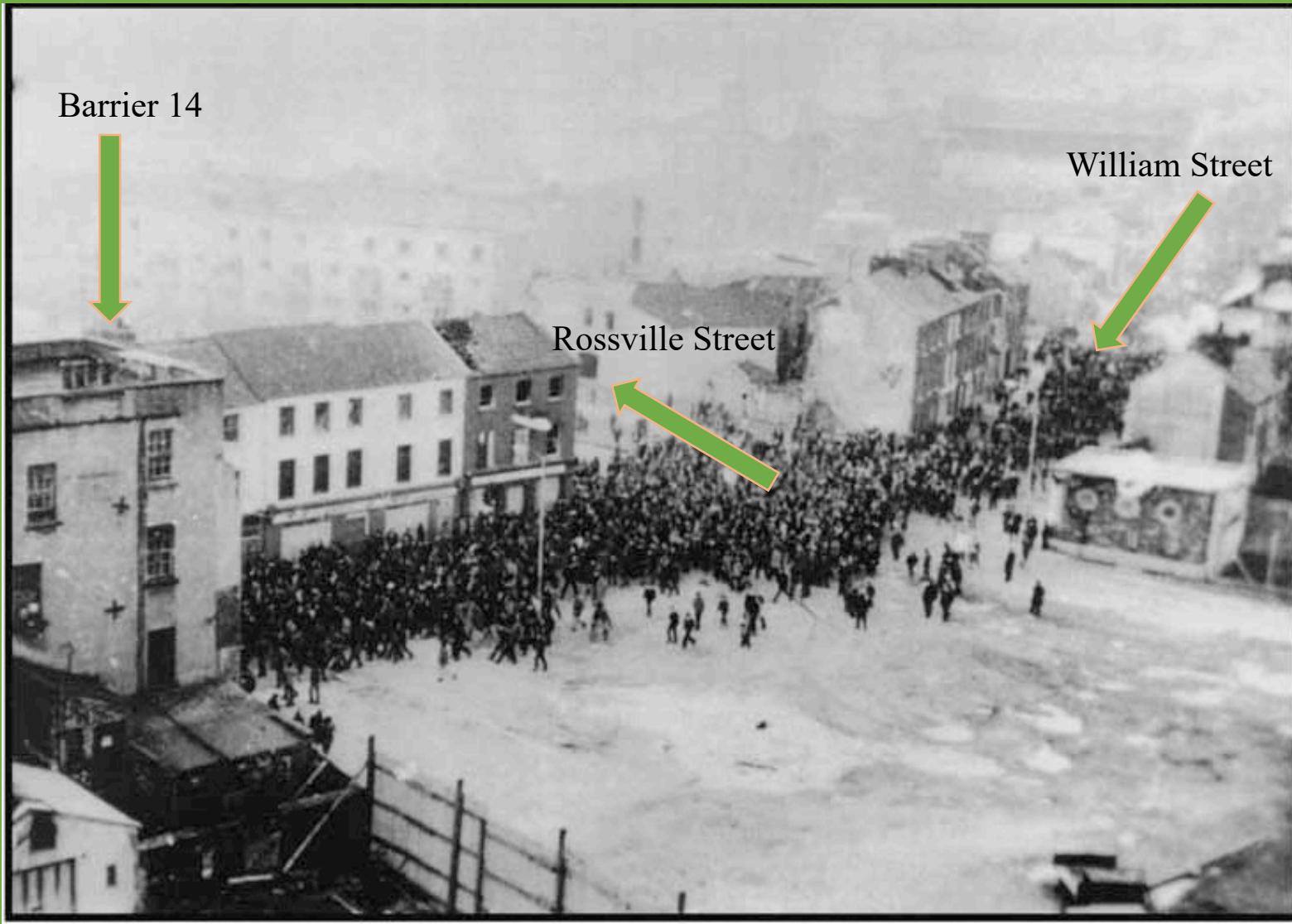
The Riot









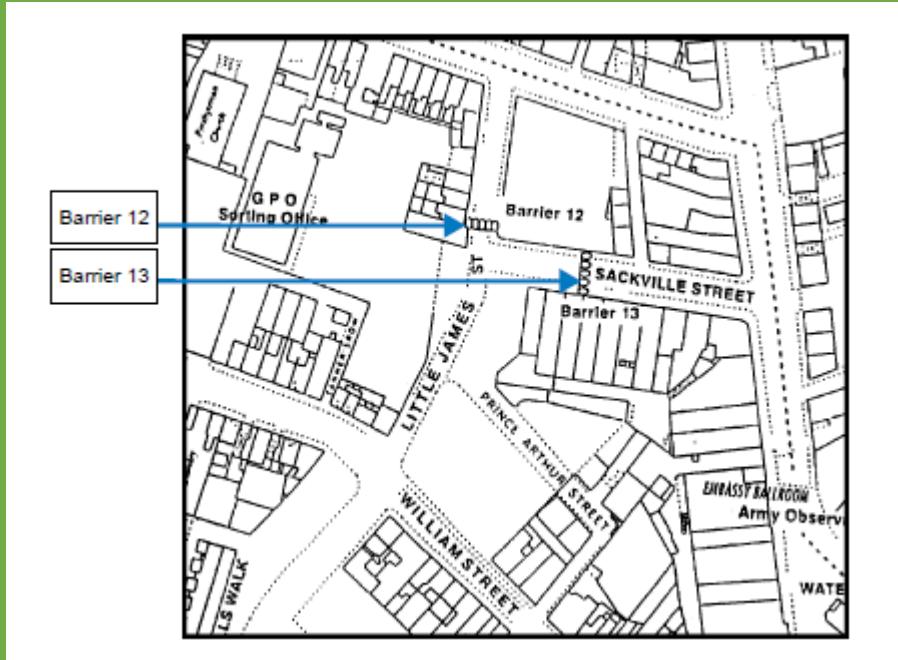


3:45 PM: Looking southwest toward the junction of William Street and Rossville Street





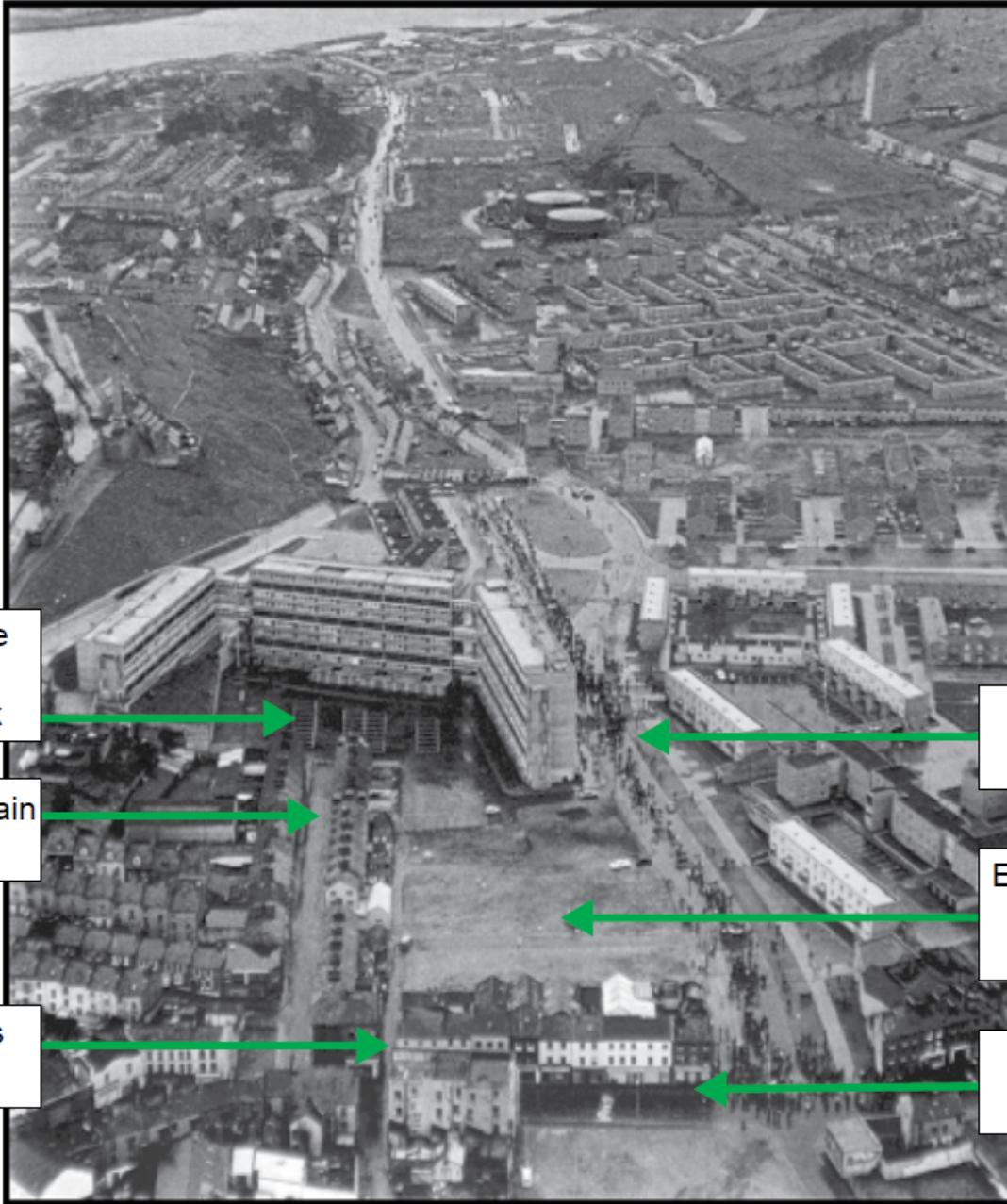


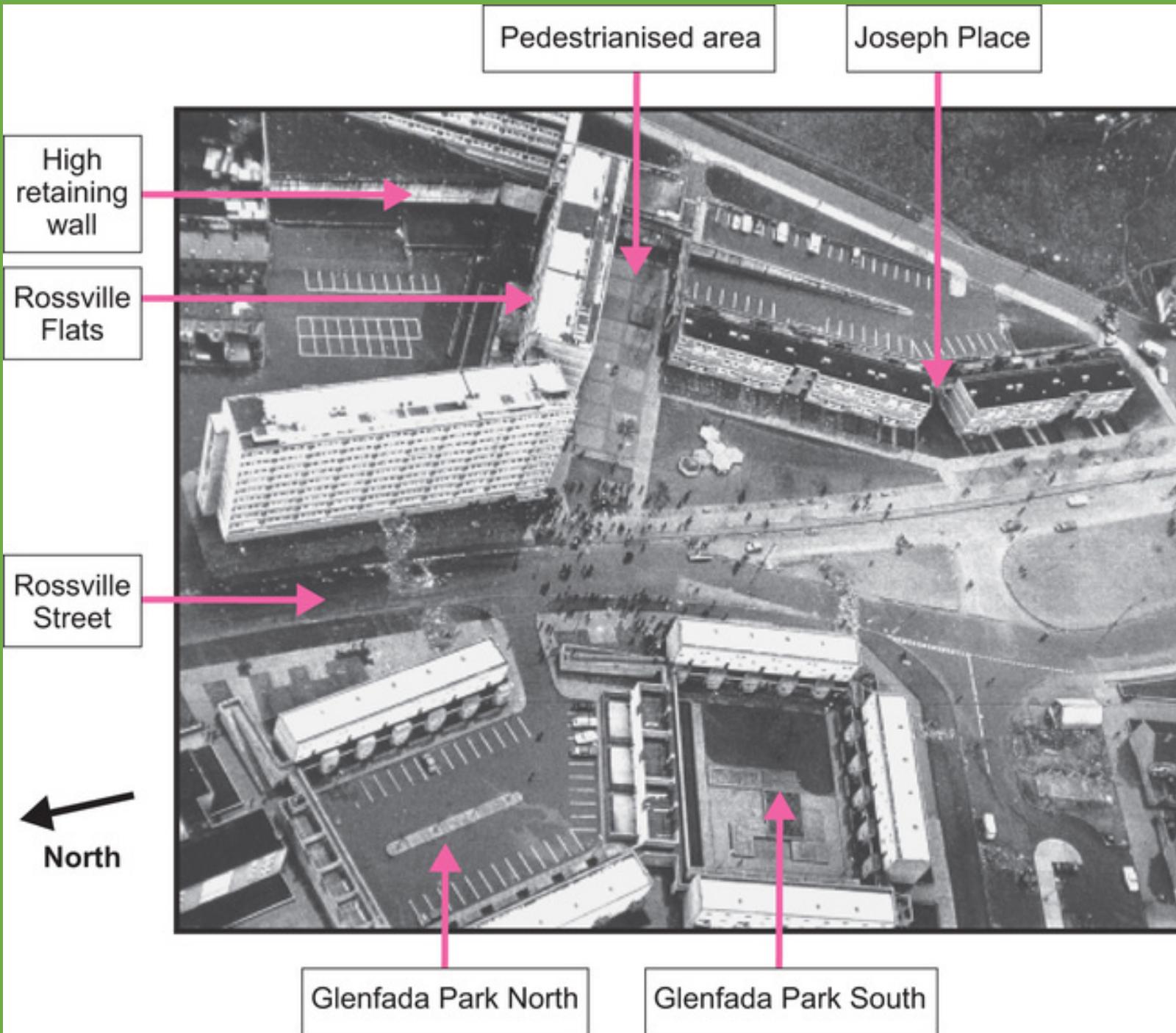


Approximate point at which Sergeant O's APC stopped briefly on Rossville Street



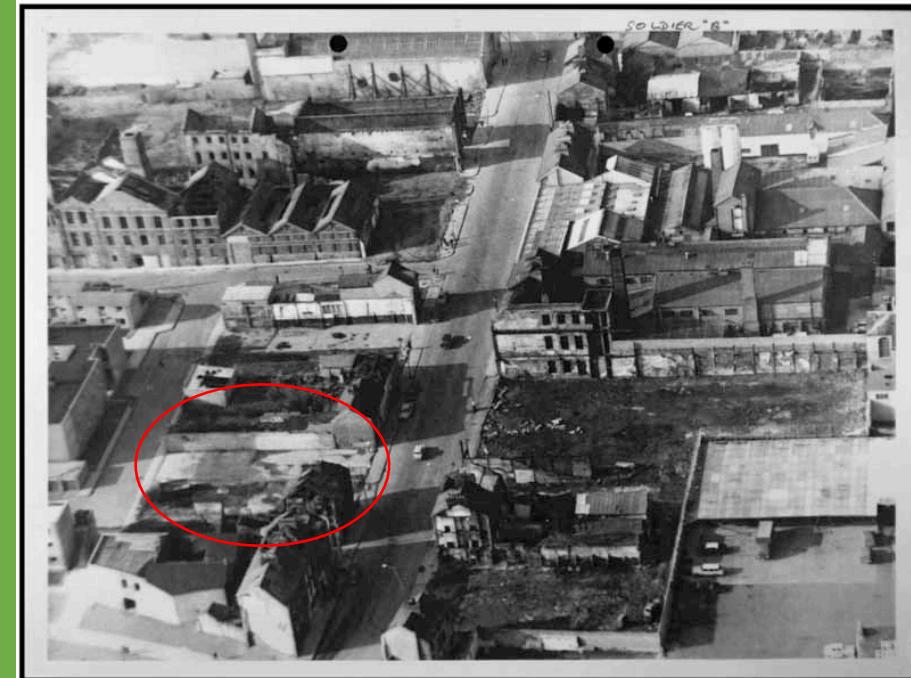
..... → Route of Lieutenant N's APC
..... → Route of Sergeant O's APC





The Laundry Waste Ground

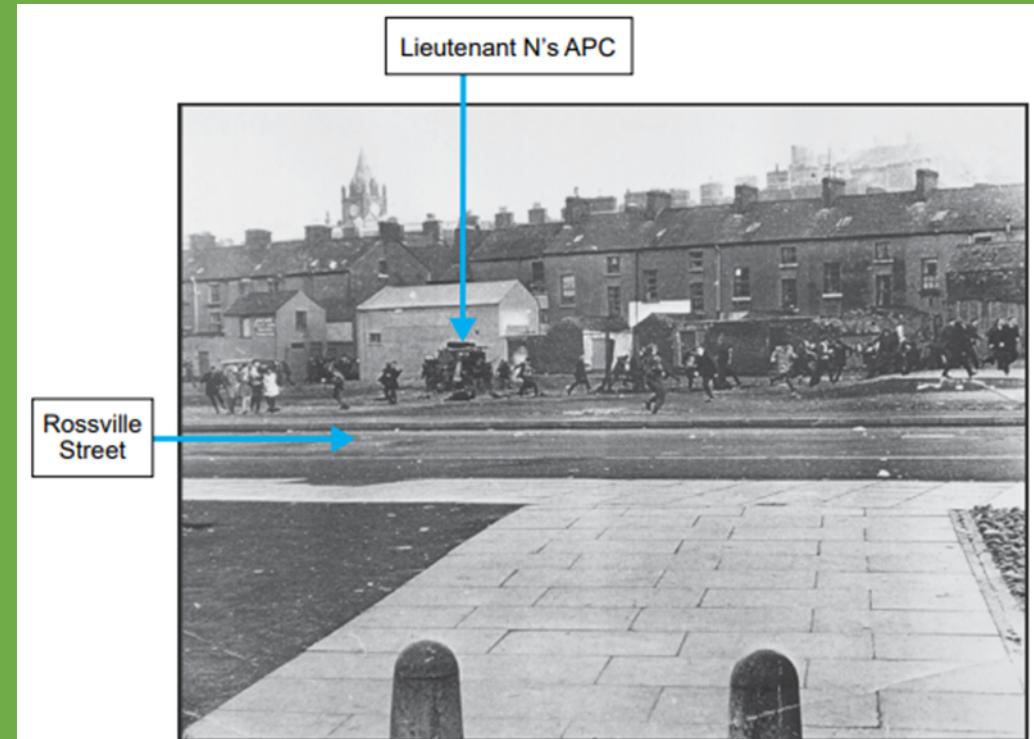
- Wounded
 - Damien Donaghey, 15
 - John Johnston, 59 (died 16 June 1972)





The Eden Place Waste Ground

- Wounded
 - Alana Burke, 18
 - Thomas Harkin, 32
 - Rosemary Doyle, 19

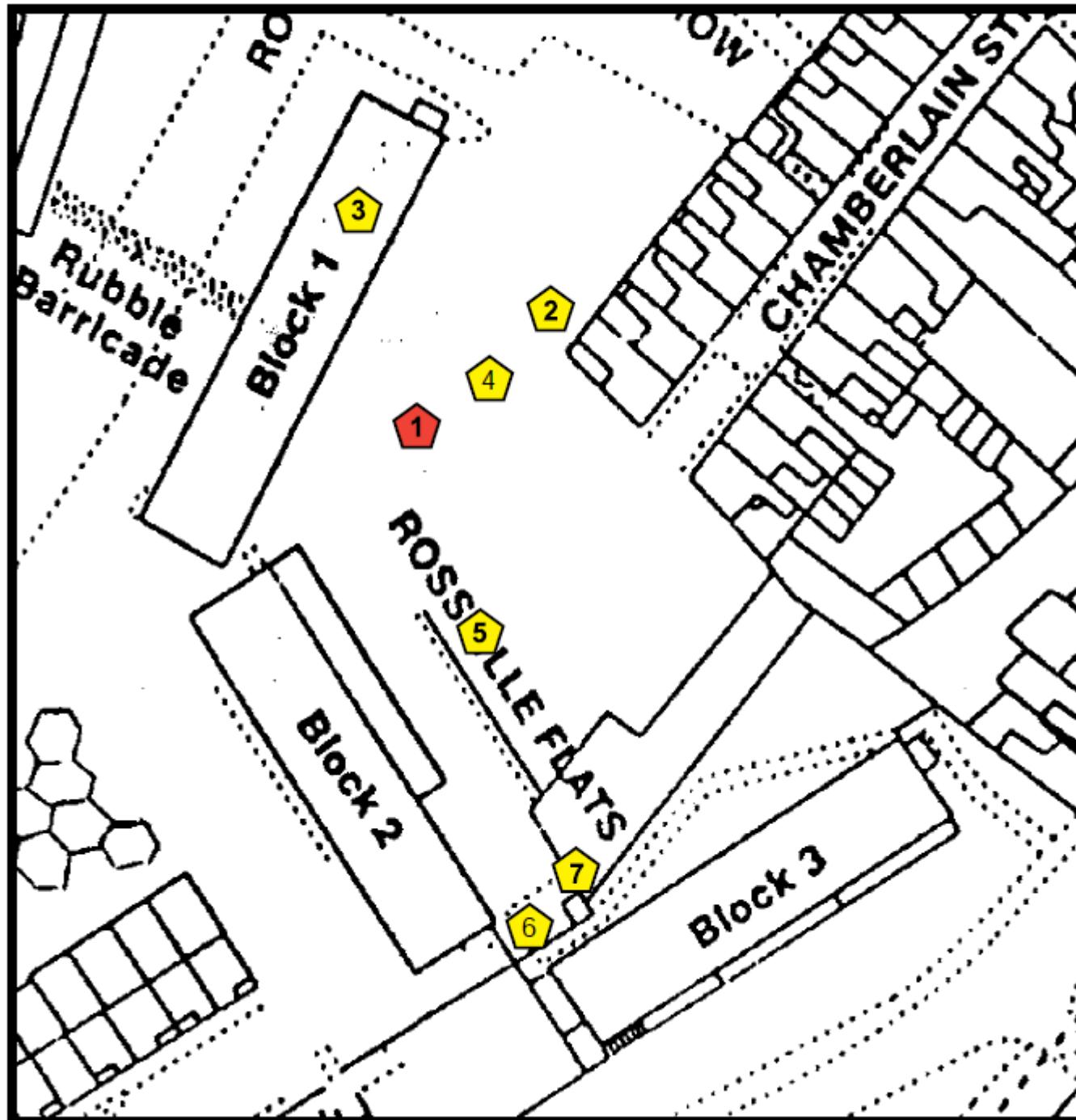




Rossville Flats

- Killed
 - John “Jackie” Duddy, 17
- Wounded
 - Margaret Deery, 31
 - Michael Bridge, 25
 - Michael Bradley, 22
 - Patrick McDaid, 25
 - Pius McCarron, 30
 - Patrick Brolly, 40



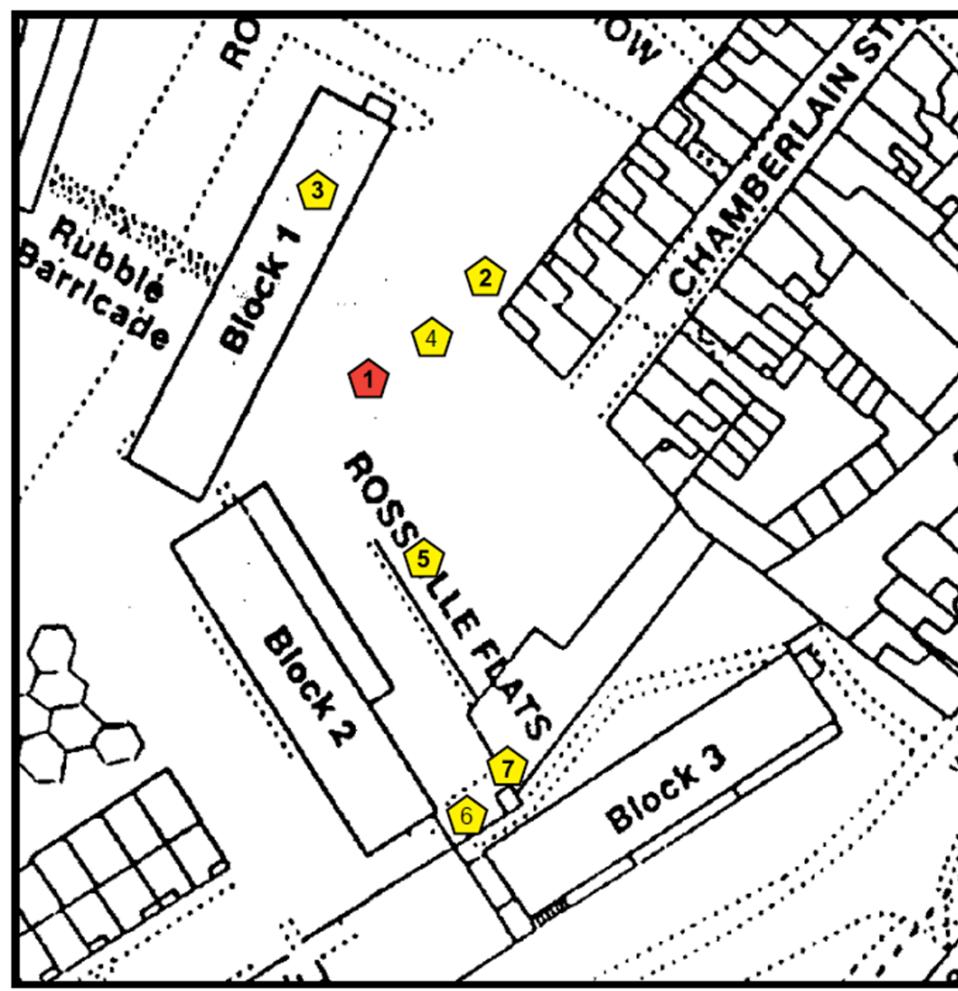


- ◆ Casualty who was killed or mortally wounded in the car park of the Rossville Flats
- 1 Jackie Duddy
- ◆ Casualties who were wounded in this area
- 2 Margaret Deery 5 Michael Bradley
- 3 Patrick Brolly 6 Pius McCarron
- 4 Michael Bridge 7 Patrick McDaid









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Casualties who were wounded in this area

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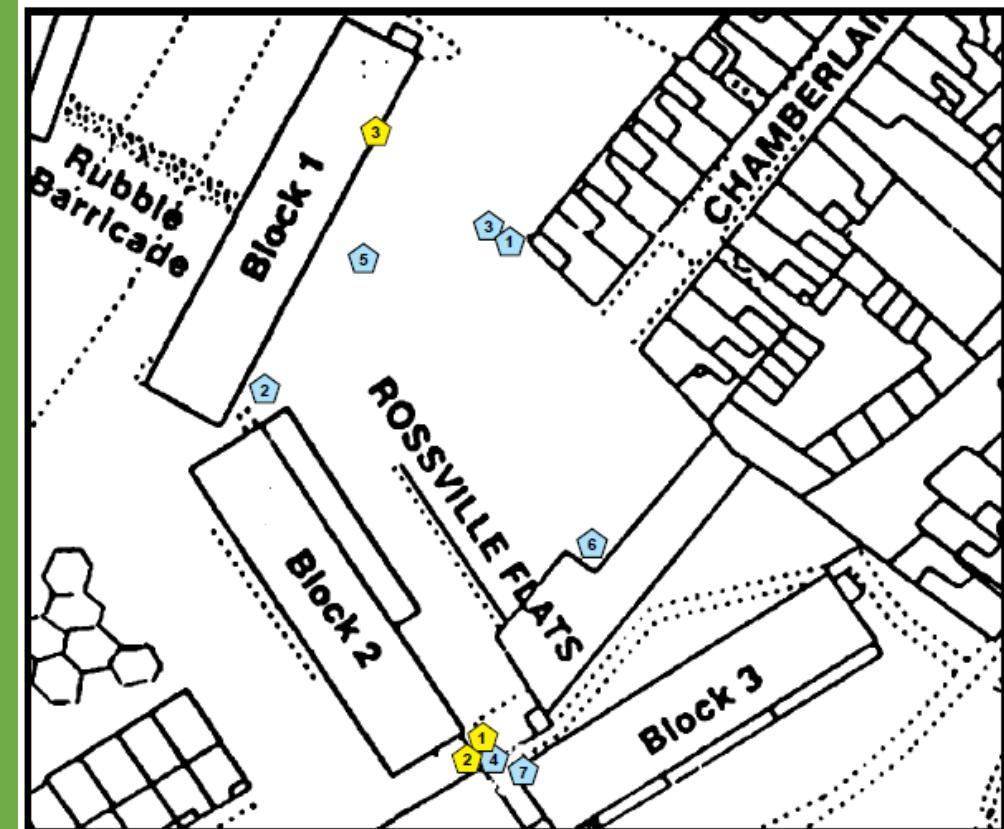
3 Patrick Brolly

4 Michael Bridge

5 Michael Bradley

6 Pius McCarron

7 Patrick McDaid



Targets the soldiers claim to have hit

1 Lieutenant N's target: man about to throw a bomb

2 Private S's target: man (or more than one man) with a rifle

3 Lance Corporal V's target: man with a petrol bomb (location based on Lance Corporal V's evidence to the Widgery Inquiry)

4 Private Q's target: man with nail bombs

5 Private R's target: man with fizzing or smoking object

6 Sergeant O's target: man with a pistol behind a Cortina

7 Sergeant O's target: man with a rifle on lower balcony of Block 3

Targets the soldiers claim to have missed (or do not claim positively to have hit)

1 Private R's target: man with a pistol

2 Sergeant O's target: man with a rifle

3 Private T's target: man with acid bombs on Block 1 balcony



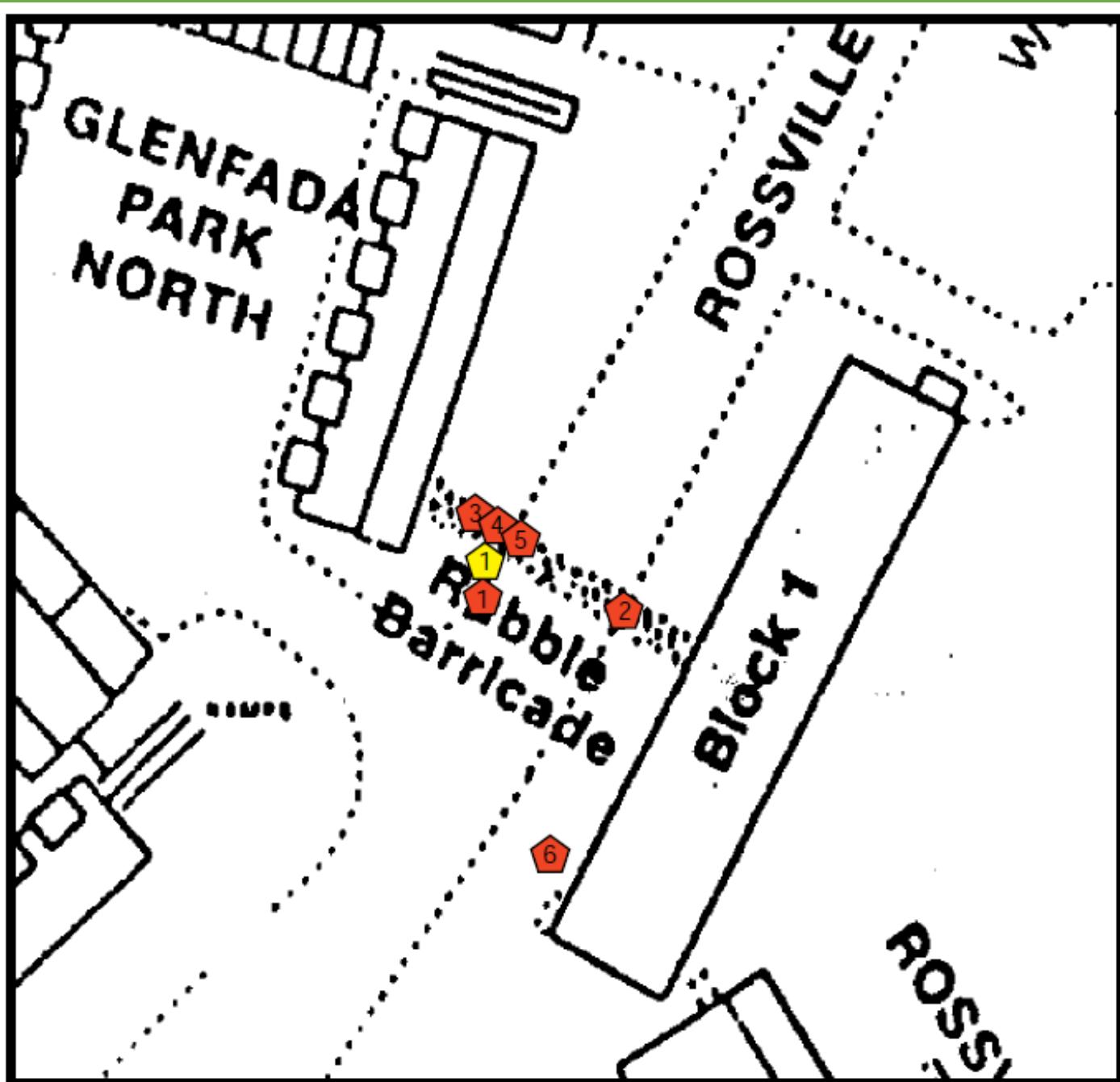
“Just as we were about to get up and make a dash for Chamberlain a civilian gunman appeared at the gable of the last house in Chamberlain Street. I first of all saw the man move along the gable of the house. I thought his movements were strange and suddenly he produced a gun from his pocket ... it was small hand gun and made a very different bang than the soldiers' rifles ... he fired two or three shots at the soldiers at the corner of the flats ... I think they fired back although I am not sure. I shouted at him to go away or he would get us all killed. He looked round at us lying out in the middle of the car park and then he moved away. After lying for a few more moments, I got up on my knees and was just about to rise when the army opened fire again. We all dived to the ground again and lay there for another while.”

- Fr. Edward Daly

The Rubble Barricade

- Killed
 - Michael Kelly, 17
 - Hugh Gilmour, 17
 - Michael McDaid, 20
 - John Young, 17
 - William Nash, 19
 - Kevin McElhinny, 17
- Wounded
 - Alexander Nash, 51





- ◆ Casualties who were killed or mortally wounded in the area of the rubble barricade
- 1 Michael Kelly
- 2 Hugh Gilmour. The precise position at which this casualty was shot is unknown.
- 3, 4 and 5 Michael McDaid, William Nash and John Young. William Nash was in the middle of the three but the precise position of these casualties at the rubble barricade is not known.
- 6 Kevin McElhinney
- ◆ Casualty who was wounded in this area
- 1 Alexander Nash

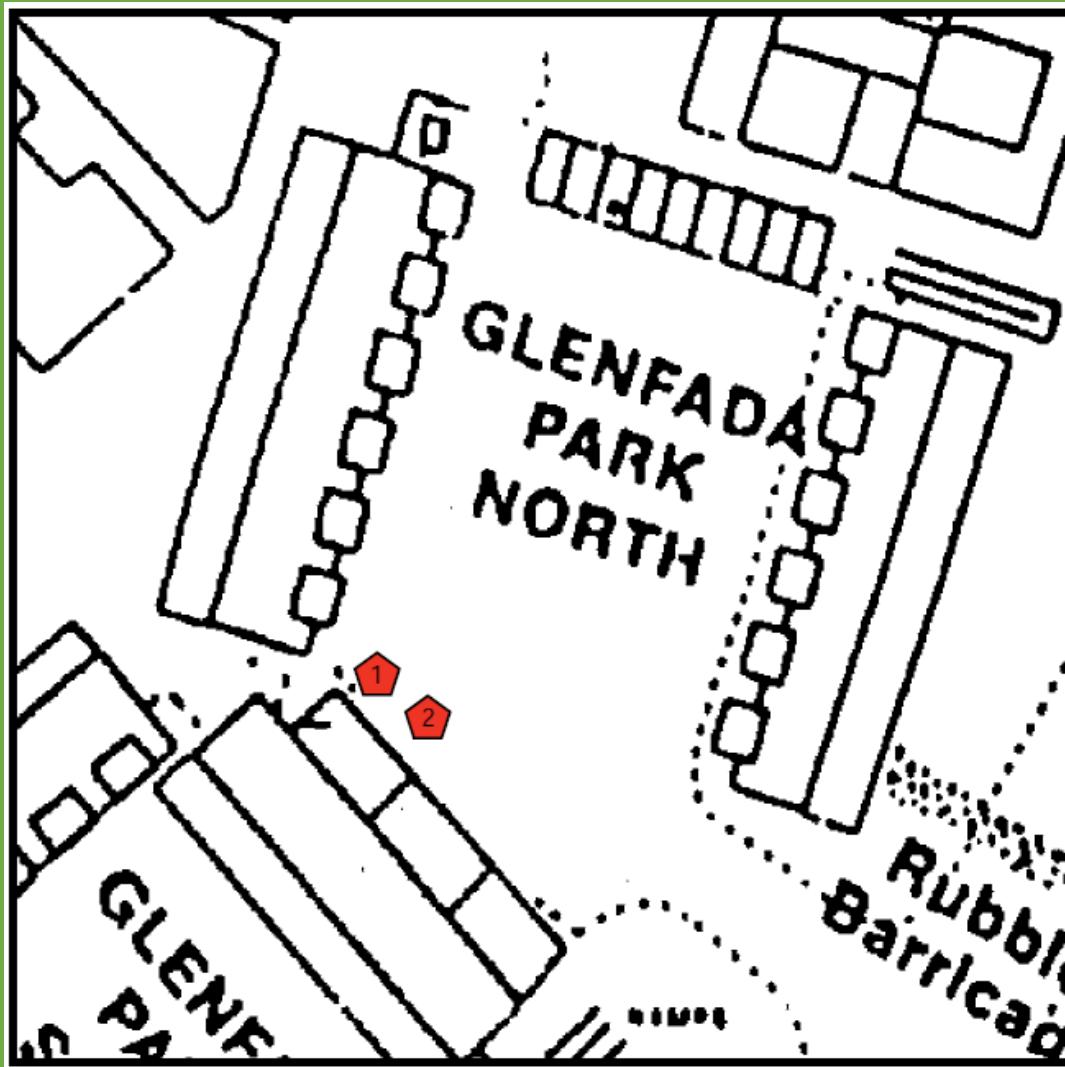




Glenfada Park North

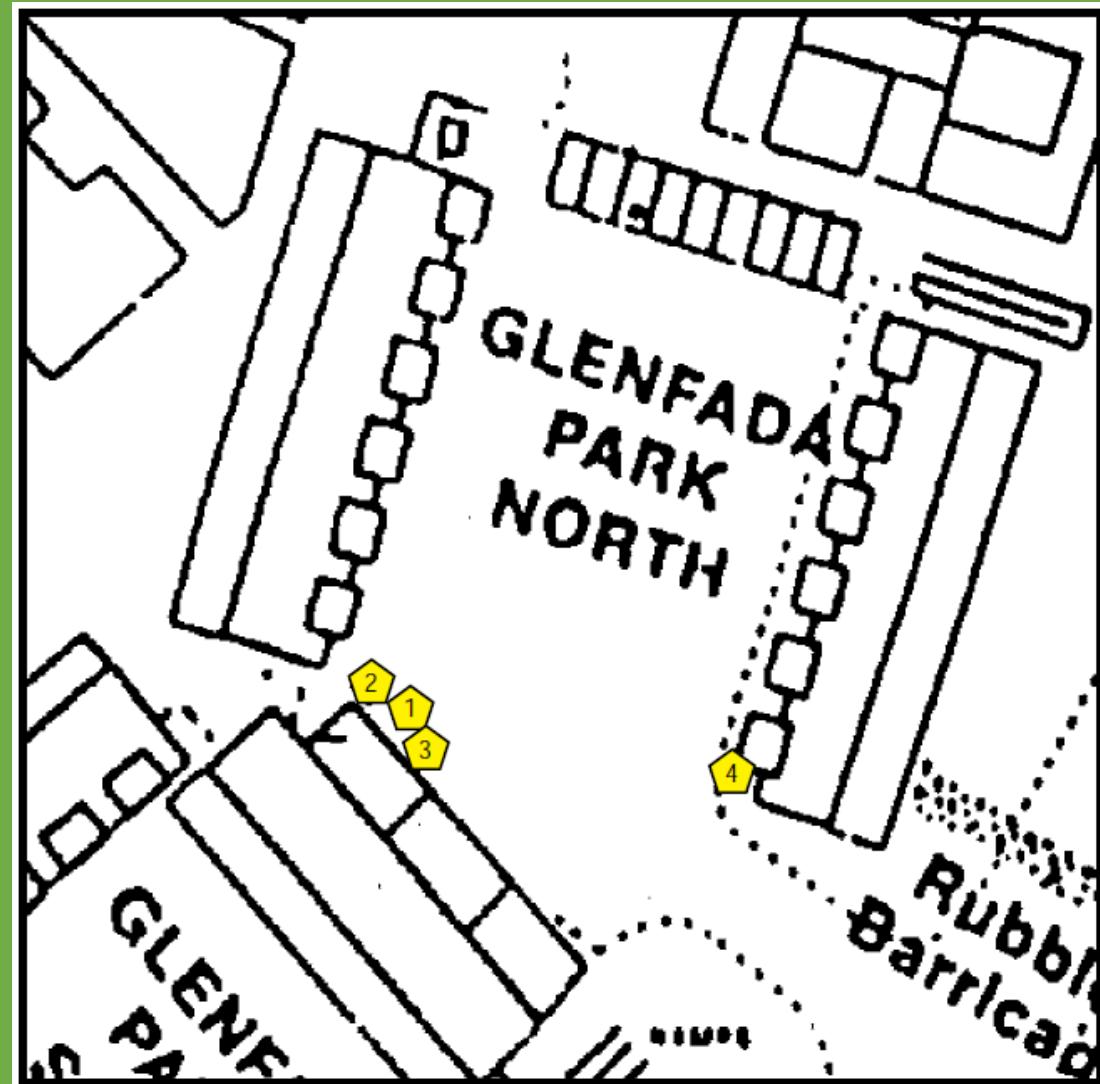
- Killed
 - James Wray, 22
 - William McKinney, 27
 - Gerrard McKinney, 35
 - Gerald Donaghy, 17
- Wounded
 - Patrick O'Donnell, 41
 - Joseph Mahon, 16
 - Joseph Friel, 22
 - Micheal Quinn, 17





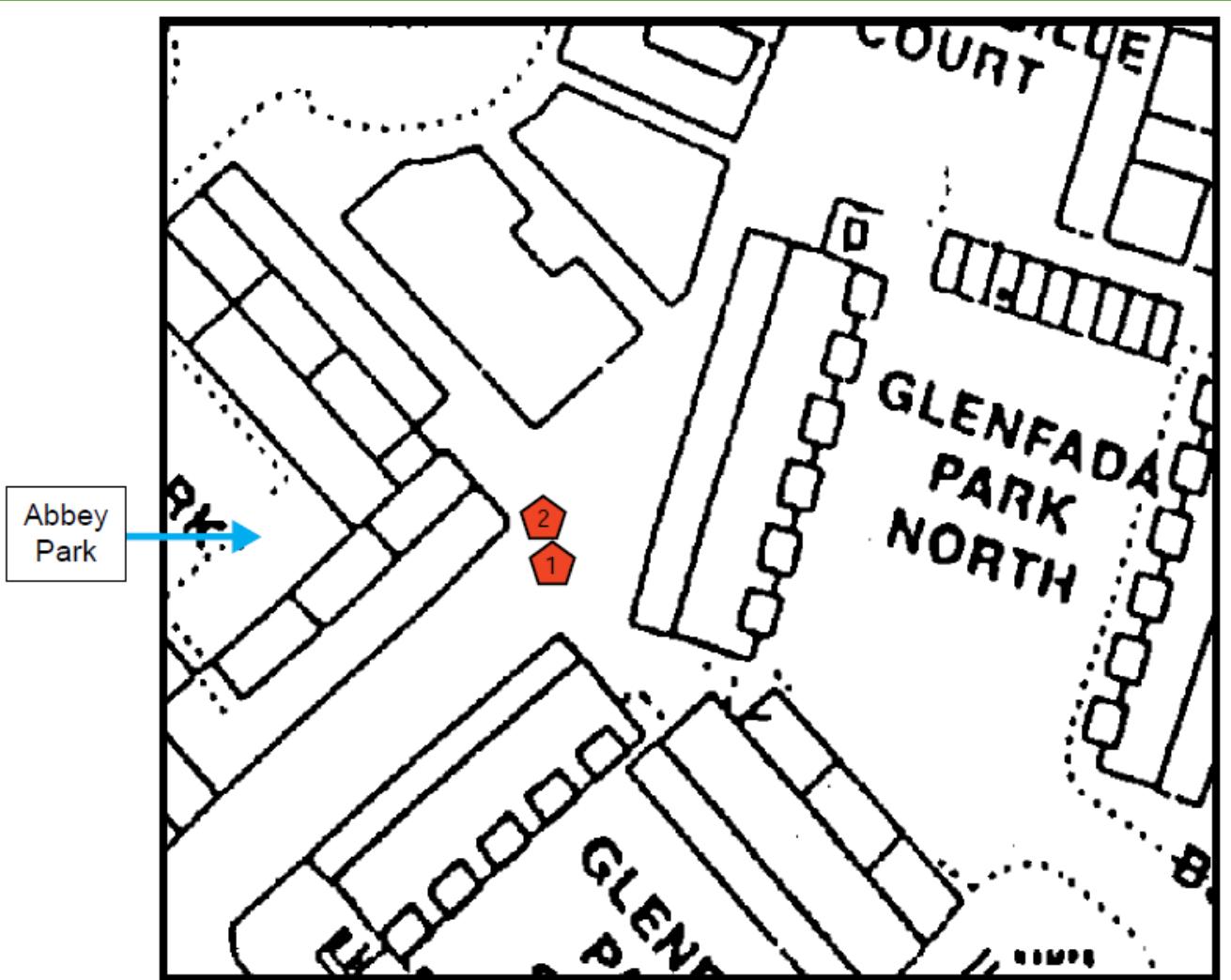
◆ Casualties who were killed or mortally wounded in Glenfada Park North

- 1 Jim Wray
- 2 William McKinney



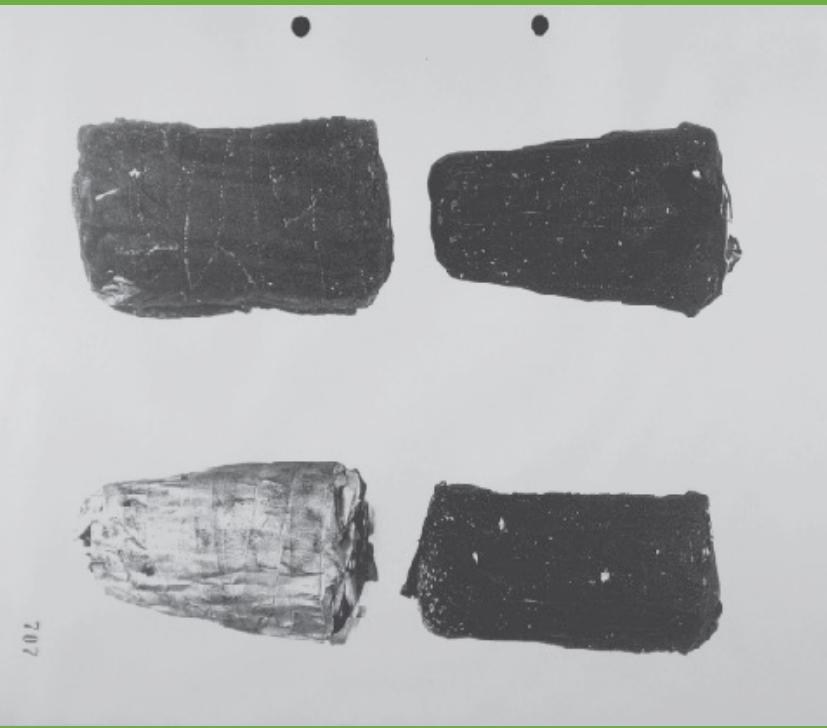
◆ Casualties who were wounded in Glenfada Park North

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Michael Quinn | 3 Joe Mahon |
| 2 Joe Friel | 4 Patrick O'Donnell |



Casualties who were killed or mortally wounded in
Abbey Park

- 1 Gerard McKinney
- 2 Gerald Donaghey

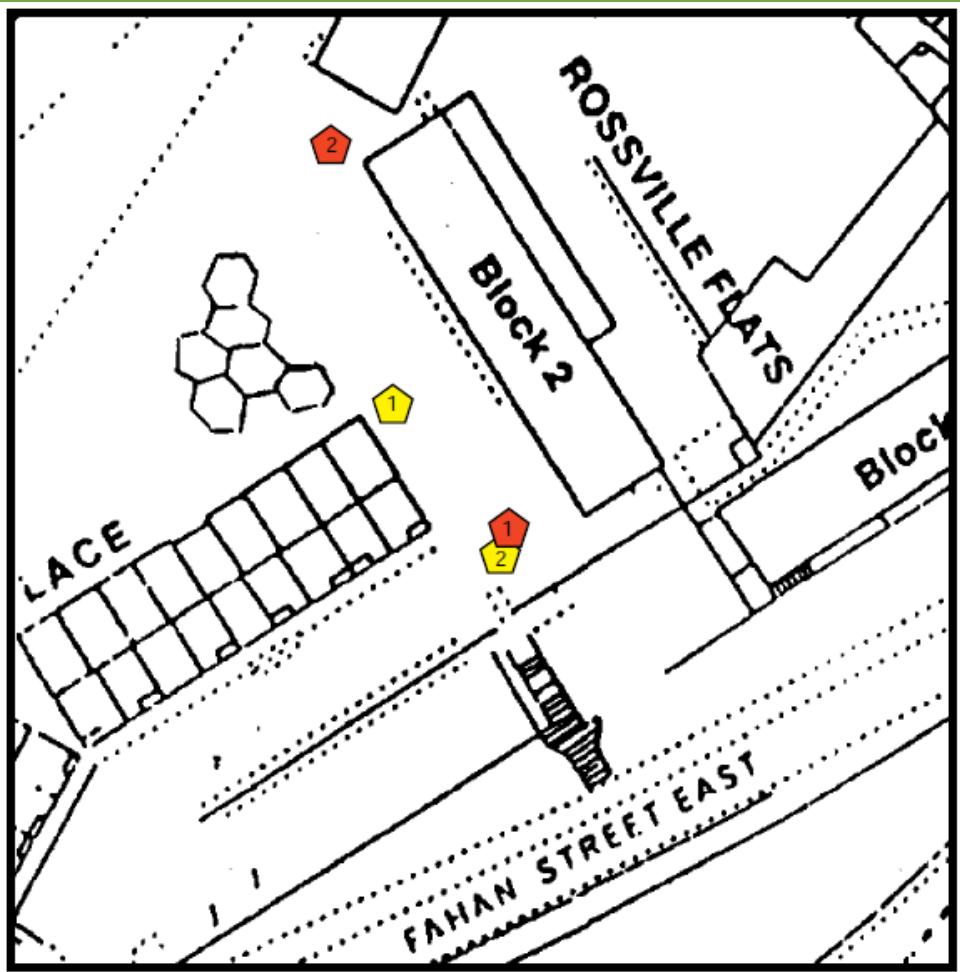




Joseph Place

- Killed
 - Patrick Doherty, 31
 - Bernard McGuigan, 49
- Wounded
 - Patrick Campbell, 51
 - Daniel McGowan, 38





Casualties who were killed or mortally wounded between Joseph Place and the Rossville Flats

1 Patrick Doherty

2 Bernard McGuigan



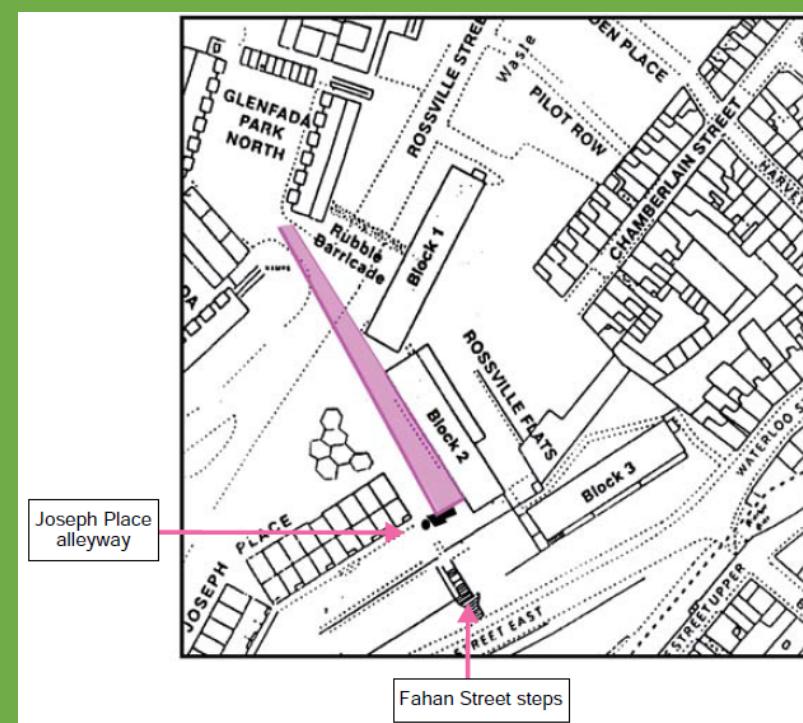
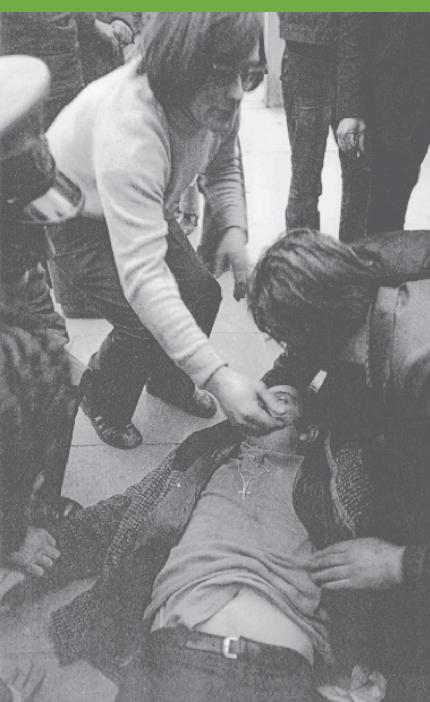
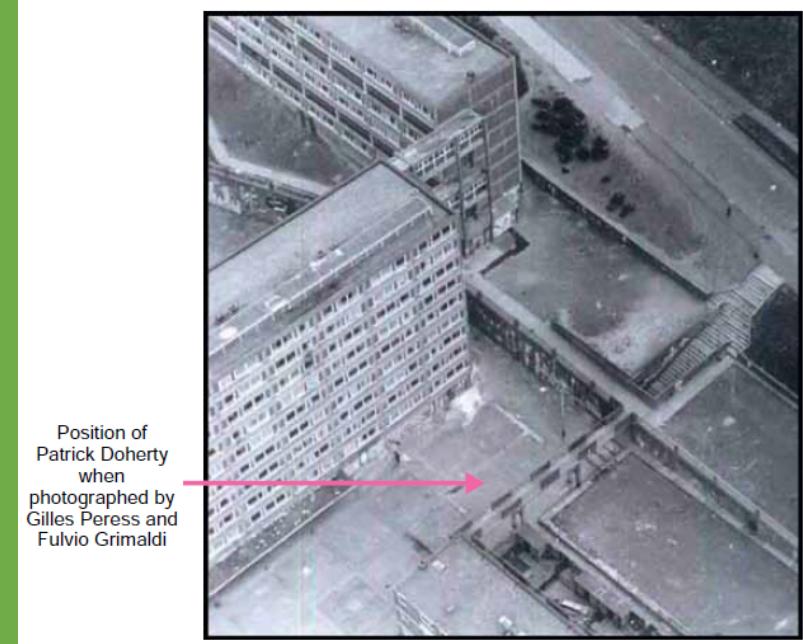
Casualties who were wounded in this area

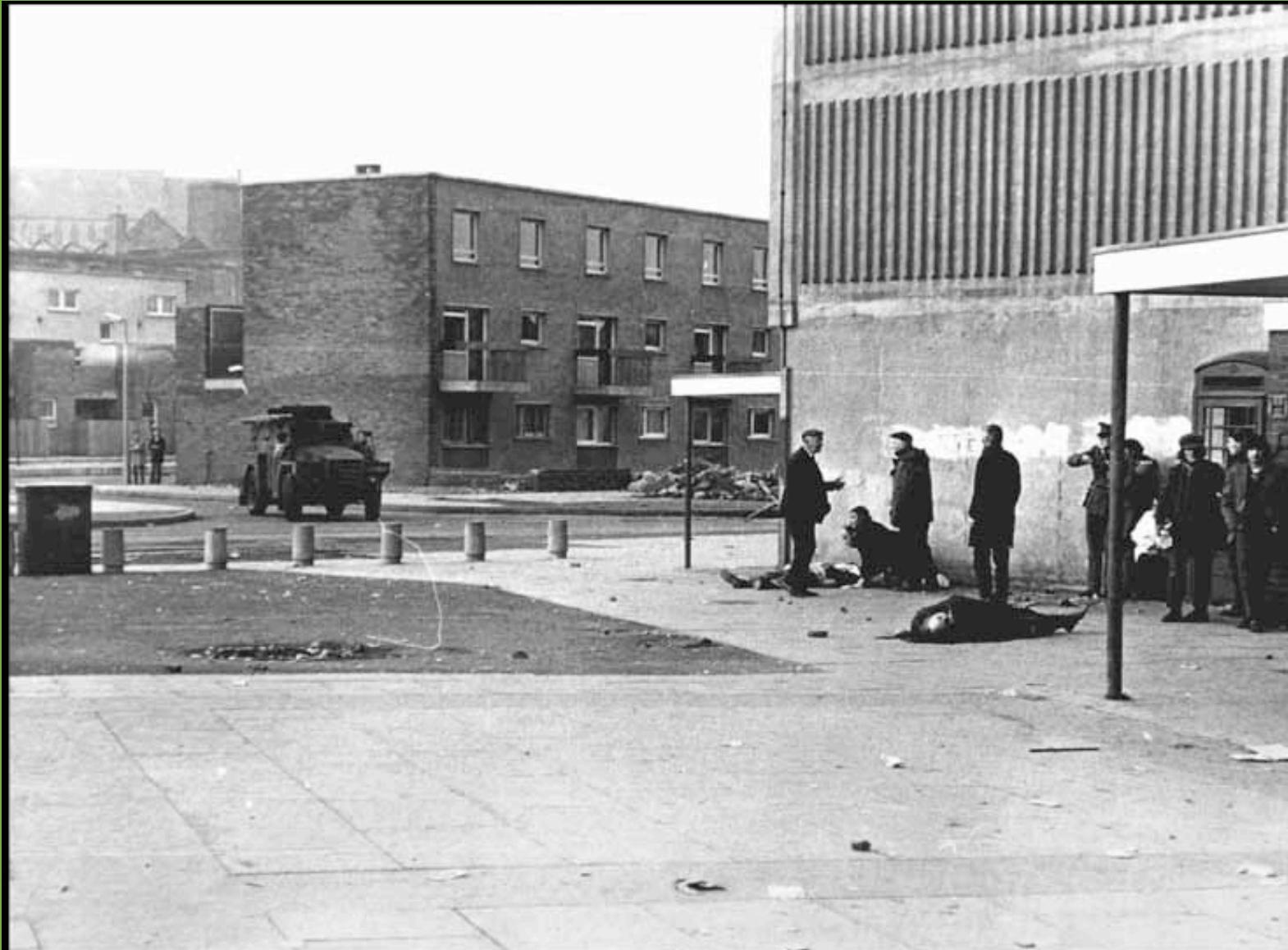
1 Patrick Campbell

2 Daniel McGowan



Bernard
McGuigan





Aftermath: The Widgery Tribunal

- Tribunal set up by Prime Minister Heath on 1 February 1972
- Chaired by Lord Widgery, the Chief Justice of the United Kingdom
- 22 February 1972: Official IRA detonates a bomb at Aldershot Barracks, killing 7
- 18 April 1972: Widgery Report issued
- 1 January 1973: Colonel Derek Wilford received OBE

“There would have been no deaths in Londonderry on January 30th if those who organised the illegal march had not thereby created a highly dangerous situation in which a clash between demonstrators and the security forces was almost inevitable.”

“When the vehicles and soldiers of Support Company appeared in Rossville Street they came under fire. Arrests were made; but in a very short time the arrest operation took second place and the soldiers turned to engage their assailants. *There is no reason to suppose that the soldiers would have opened fire if they had not been fired upon first.*” [emphasis added]

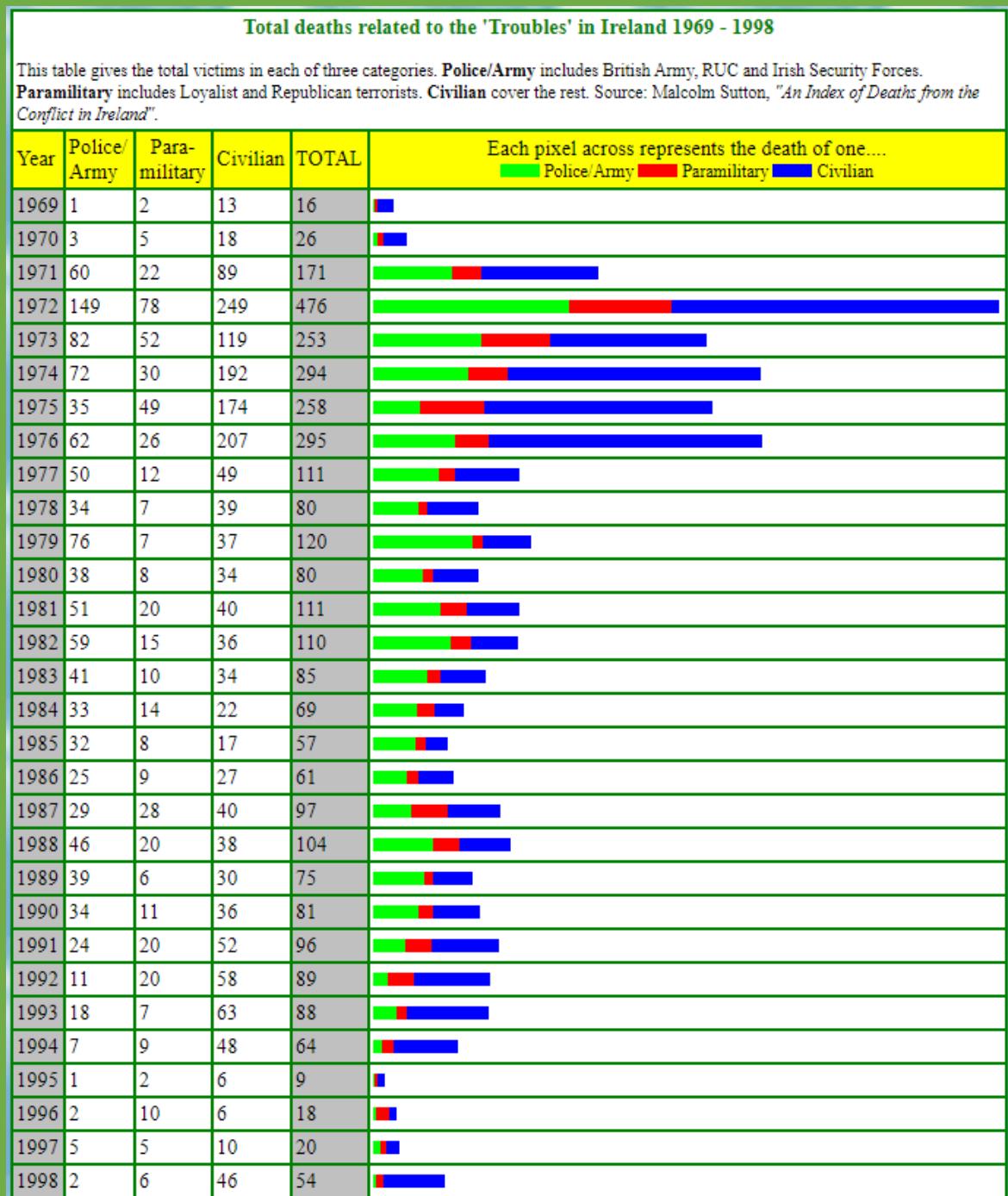
“Soldiers who identified armed gunmen fired upon them in accordance with the standing orders in the Yellow Card. Each soldier was his own judge of whether he had identified a gunman. Their training made them aggressive and quick in decision and some showed more restraint in opening fire than others. At one end of the scale some soldiers showed a high degree of responsibility; at the other, notably in Glenfada Park, firing bordered on the reckless. These distinctions reflect differences in the character and temperament of the soldiers concerned.”

“None of the deceased or wounded is proved to have been shot whilst handling a firearm or bomb. Some are wholly acquitted of complicity in such action; but there is a strong suspicion that some others had been firing weapons or handling bombs in the course of the afternoon and that yet others had been closely supporting them.”

Epilogue 2: Escalation







The Final Chapter

- The Saville Inquiry
 - Established in 1998 by Tony Blair
 - Heard evidence until November 2004
 - Report published 15 June 2010
- British Prime Minister David Cameron Addresses the House of Commons
- The prosecution of Soldier F

Further Reading

- The Saville Report
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/report-of-the-bloody-sunday-inquiry>)
- *Bloody Sunday* (2002)
- *The Ballymurphy Precedent* (2018)
- Peter Pringle and Philip Jacobson, *Those Are Real Bullets: Bloody Sunday, Derry, 1972*
- Tim Pat Coogan, *The Troubles: Ireland's Ordeal 1966-1996 and the Search for Peace* (1996, 2002)
- Michael Farrell, *Northern Ireland: The Orange State* (1980)

Photos
of the 14 victims
killed on
Bloody Sunday



Patrick 'Paddy' Doherty Gerald Donaghy John 'Jackie' Duddy Hugh Gilmour



Michael Kelly Michael McDaid Kevin McElhinney Bernard McGuigan Gerard McKinney



William McKinney William Nash James Wray John Young John Johnston