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PATRICK ARMSTRONG

I HENRY DUGGAN of H.M. Prison Brixton, Jebb Avenue, London
SW2 MAKE OATH and SAY as follows:

1. There is now produced and shown to me marked "A" a copy of a statement the original of which was in the handwriting of Mr. James Still and signed by me together with one plan marked "HD 1".

2. There is now produced and shown to me marked "B" a verbatim transcript of the interview between myself, Mr. James Still and Mr. Alastair Logan in the presence of my Solicitor Mr. Rose Smith taken on the 1st November 1976.

3. My statement the plan and the verbatim transcript of the interview are true to the best of my recollection knowledge and belief.

4. I am prepared to attend Court and testify at this Appeal if required to do so.

SWORN at H.M. Prison Brixton

this 21 day of January 1977

Before me,

J. H. Fisher
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Commissioner for Oaths/Solicitor

H. Duggan

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Brixton Prison
1st November, 1976.

Statement of HENRY DUGGAN, No. 338638 Brixton Prison, S.W.2.

I have been cautioned that I need not say anything unless I wish to do so and what I do say will be recorded and may be given to the Prosecuting authorities, i.e. Home Office or Police or both.

(Signed) H. Duggan.

The Guildford incident was about a week before I came to England. I came in October, 1974, could be 10th of the month.

I came here to go to a particular place and to meet O'Connell and Dowd in 21 Waldemar Avenue, Fulham, O'Connell was using another name may have been O'Brien - Dowd was using the name O'Shea. Mr. Butler came a day later. The flat was rented in the names of O'Brien and another - that was a double bed-sitter and a few days later myself and Butler rented another bed-sitter from the same landlord at the same address - room below.

The first I heard of Woolwich was when Butler and I were told by O'Connell and Dowd of a pub in Woolwich for which the intelligence had been done, that is it was a pub used by Army personnel.

First it was decided that to place a bomb inside was too risky being shortly after the Guildford one, it had to be thrown through the window. It was decided to be on Wednesday 6th November, 1974. Dowd, O'Connell, Butler and myself were all in the room when it was made up mostly by Dowd and O'Connell - I helped. It was 12 or 14 sticks of Geli. 6lb to 7lb weight - two or three pounds of bolts 3 or 4 inches long, the nuts were taped as well. O'Connell made up the fuse - a commercial detonator with fuse of 6 or 7 seconds, fuse inserted into detonator and one or two matches were taped on the end of the fuse for lighting by scraping a match box across. Plenty of tape used to hold it together. Masking tape light coloured was used, plastic insulating tape was used as well. The detonator was fixed in a hole in one of the sticks of explosive.

About 7 in the evening it was decided to steal a car to get to Woolwich. Dowd and myself went to get the car, we went along the Kings Road and tried more than one car. The keys we had made it more simpler to steal a Ford car of a few years old - say Cortina - we wanted a four door car. We found a white or light coloured Corsair. In the meantime O'Connell and Butler had taken the bomb

in a duffle bag and we were to meet them in a pub in Sloane Square, approx. 9 o'clock.

Dowd and myself parked in a side street and Dowd went in, I didn't. Shortly after they all came out - the pub is by the side of a theatre. All got in the car and drove to Woolwich, Mr. Dowd did the driving. When we got to the area we turned left into Francis Street and parked about 20 yards down from the junction. O'Connell and Dowd both got out to look at pub at separate times. As there didn't appear to be many soldiers in the pub - we had got there a bit late, it was about half ten - it was decided to call off the job and come earlier the following night. This had taken place on Wednesday. We brought the car back to the city and abandoned it and returned by tube to either Parsons Green or Putney Bridge. By city I mean London not in particular the E.C. area.

On Thursday Dowd and myself went by tube to Earls Court and started out hunt for a car, I don't know how near to the station it was because we walked around a bit and came across a Ford Cortina - dark coloured - dark blue or some other dark colour but it was four doors. I think it was Mark II. It was in good condition but I can't remember anymore. We met O'Connell and Butler about 9 in the pub. Dowd and myself went in, had a drink and we all left together, the car was in a handy street off the Square. Mr. Dowd drove us to Woolwich. Just before we turned into Francis Street we dropped Butler off, turned left into Francis Street. Just when we turned in there was a lorry with a cover or canvas hood^{and} just behind it was a compressor. The lorry was facing the main road; there was a fellow - a night watchman or some such - sitting under the canvas hood. I didn't take any great notice - I took it was some gas main or something and this was gear left behind. This was the same side as the pub - we parked behind the lorry and compressor i.e. further from the main road.

Butler was to have a look - there was a car park or something in front and he could have a good look into the bar. He joined us and said there was a pretty good crowd in - quite a few soldiers in there. While waiting for him O'Connell noticed there was a kind of entry or close by the side of a house. He decided to have a look to see whether we could get round to throw the bomb in the car park side but he couldn't get through - there was a big wall, he also went around and had a good look through the window - came back into the car - we decided to throw

the bomb through the window of the Francis Street side - O'Connell had the bomb in the front with him - took it out of bag - Dowd was to remain with car - Butler was to keep an eye on watchman. O'Connell and I walked up to the window - he lit the fuse with a match box and threw the bomb through the window. Not breaking the window first, the weight of the bomb was enough to break the glass. We turned and ran to car and Butler did too. Before we got to the car the bomb exploded. We all three jumped into the car - Dowd had engine running and we left in the same direction as we had entered. Just as we were pulling away we noticed a woman hurrying along on the other side towards the blast. I was watching out to the side and rear to see whether anyone was taking unusual interest in us. As we drove along Francis Street we passed another pub and a crowd had come out looking in direction of blast but none seemed to take any interest in us. We continued to the next main road and turned left towards London - we drove quite a bit - it would have been a few miles and at that stage we met some police cars and ambulances going in the direction from which we had come and we decided to abandon the car. Just after we overtook a bus which I gathered was London bound. We were a safe distance away we turned left into a side street leading up hill - about 100 yards up took another left and abandoned the car - parked it in the side. O'Connell and I left first and went back to the main road where the bus we had overtaken was approaching a stop about 20 yards to our right. O'Connell and I sat downstairs and saw Dowd and Butler go upstairs. O'Connell and I got off at Elephant & Castle - I saw the name on a tube station - and we then got the tube home.

That same night I heard about the explosion on the radio. We read the papers closely to see whether any descriptions were given of us. We also read about the other persons being arrested for it. There was a big group arrested 7 or 8 I know the names of Hill and Armstrong - I think they were lifted for Guildford and Woolwich - I didn't know any of them. I read about the trial - I think some charges were dropped - I knew it was ridiculous to charge them - none of us could take any action - I never thought they would be convicted - I had no order to take any action.

We would have known if anyone else was doing anything like that in London as members of our organisation.

I have had more than one address but always rented accommodation.

I never took over premises as a squatter or occupied any houses where squatters were - to do anything of this nature was dangerous and would call attention to us. From security point of view it was never done to drink heavily or frequent pubs. No one had any connection with drugs.

I was arrested in December 1975 and have been questioned by police about Woolwich by Jim Neville and Mr. Imbert, both senior officers but I didn't answer - I was asked if I knew Hill or Armstrong and at first I didn't reply but later told them I never knew either.

The fuse - for it to be safe it should burn at rate of 25/30 seconds per foot - we used about 2½ inches for Woolwich, called "safety fuse".

Bomb completed was about 9 inches tall 6 inches across (Like a 2lb bag of sugar) all explosive was almost completely concealed by tape wrappings.

The car for Wednesday had been parked in the street locked, it was in a residential street. The car for Thursday I'm pretty sure was mark II it had been parked in a residential street and was locked.

On the way to Woolwich O'Connell was in front passenger seat - I sat behind driver - Butler was in rear behind O'Connell. After explosion O'Connell was in front with Dowd. I can't remember on which side I got in but I was in back with Butler. I had a feeling Butler and I were in reverse position. We could see out of the windows when we parked at Woolwich. It wasn't raining during the evening. I was wearing brown trousers check jacket and black pastic mac of the folding type, this was worn for purposes of misleading anyone about description because it could be taken off easily. I wasn't wearing a hat. O'Connell had a similar mac and he wore a bush hat. Butler had his own blue overcoat.

On the bus O'Connell paid the fare - usually no matter how far we were going we paid plenty fare. The duffle bag was kept by O'Connell he took the bomb out when we went to throw it. When we got off the bus and went into the tube I didn't see the other two they probably stayed on the bus. We all got back pretty close together within a few minutes but I think O'Connell and I got back first.

Duffle bag was dark coloured with a pull string at the top to close it. I have no idea where the bag is now.

I did listen to LBC and next day to Radio 4 news. The only regular paper I took was Evening News, but I believe we took several daily

papers the next day.

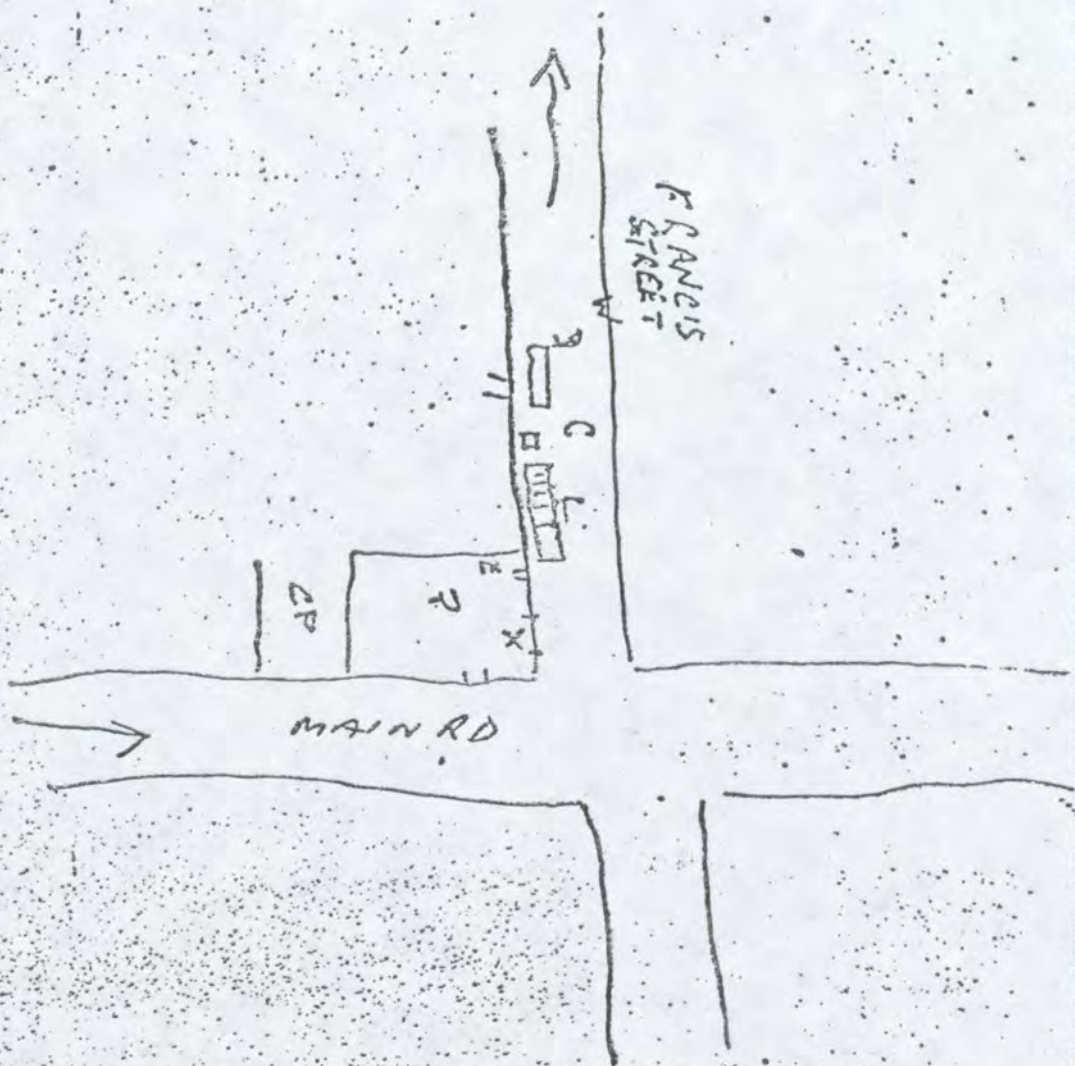
In my diagram: "P" is the public house; "L" is the lorry; "C" is compressor; "D" is the car we were in; "CP" is car park; "X" is the window in which we threw the bomb. "W" was where we saw the woman; the arrow in main road is the direction from which we approached. Direction we left is marked by arrow in Francis Street; "E" is an entrance to the pub. The man sitting under the lorry cover probably could not see the pub window unless there was an opening but he must have seen us leave and return to the car. On my return I had a revolver in my hand.

This has been read to me and it is true.

(Signed) Harry Duggan

Statement taken and read over to Henry Duggan by me and signed by Henry Duggan (as Harry Duggan) after he had agreed that it represented the substance of what he had said during an interview with him

(Signed) J. Still



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