BELFAST TELEGRAPH

A diesel from Dromore?



Advanced Search

niCarFinder.co.uk Loadzajobs.co.uk Propertynews.com Belfast Telegraph TV Family Notices Ads For Free Belfast Telegraph News Local & National World news **Politics** Environment with guns 'stolen' from a UDR barracks. Education Letters Opinion Technology **Breaking News Business** Sport Health **Features** Columnists Entertainment Homefinder Weather Archive Calendar 2008 Telegraph Travel **Shopping Directory** Competition Home Delivery ₁ Jobs •₁ Training on Dating o Casino Bingo Reader Offers n Diners' Club Services RSS Media Kit

Other Titles

Home > News > Local & National Local & National

Loyalist killers of teenager used 'stolen' British Army weapons

Search Site

M Email — +Most Article Emailed Print Version The Most Search

Thursday, June 19, 2008

By Will Ellison

Findings by the Historical Enquiries Team (HET) show that the UVF murdered a Donegal teenager

Henry Cunningham was travelling home to Carndonagh on the Inishowen peninsula with his brothers and workmates when they were ambushed outside Belfast in 1973.

ADVERTISEMENT

The 16-year-old was killed while his brother Herbert, who was driving the Bedford van, and another Carndonagh man, Packie Doherty, were wounded.

Now his brothers want to know why the Irish government did not make any enquiries on behalf of one of their citizens.

The HET found that the weapons used in the attack were a Sterling SMG taken from the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve Centre (TAVR)/UDR in Lurgan and a homemade SMG. The ambush took place from a bridge over the M2 near Glengormley.

According to the report two UVF men burst into the guard room and told the soldiers: "Don't worry it's us, the UVF, we'll put them to better use than you.

Declassified documents in the National Archive show that the British Army believed there was strong evidence of collusion in the Lurgan raid. It was one of three raids at the same base in little over a year.

The Cunningham family were not kept up to date with the investigation into their brother's murder and were not told of the arrests of suspects on two occasions and of subsequent releases.

When the homemade SMG used in Henry's murder was recovered, six men — members of the UDA were arrested and charged under the Firearms Act but not in relation to the murder.

Later in May 1978, two UVF men — one of whom is now dead — were arrested and questioned, but later released.

Henry's brother Robert said: "I hope to hand the report to the new Taoiseach and I hope he will be generous enough to meet us to see what was going on."

More articles in Local & National

- NI Water responsible for 261 cases of pollution in nine months
- Officer quizzed about brothel
- Sean Bean visits the Brandvwell
- DUP saves Prime Minister from disastrous defeat in Commons
- Greedy gorgers force strawberry farmer to end pick-your-own offer

Don't Miss . . .

In Pictures: Beach Party



ADVERTISEMENT

In Pictures: Euro 2008



Video: Scoobfest



Video:



Video: Not so welcome



Fist-gate



Going GAA-GAA



In Pictures: Emmerdale bash

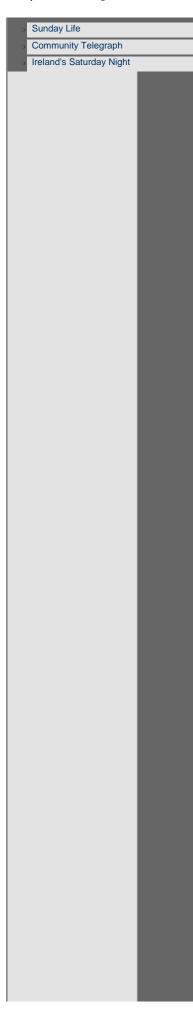


Miracle berry



In Pictures: Underground party









ADVERTISEMENTS



World in Pictures

2008 January February March April May

2007 Jan & Feb March April May June July August September October November December

Video

Video: Titanic town



Ship's Belfast beginnings celebrated in exhibition

BT Woman of the Year



Applauding Ulster's most exceptional women

Omagh blaze tragedy



Special report on Northern Ireland's worst house fire

Belfast Telegraph **Property Awards**



Celebrating excellence at the inaugural awards gala

Best view in town



Special multimedia report on Belfast Wheel

In Pictures . . .

News Ian & Marty in US Crown Bar Police chase Belfast Marathon Bertie at Boyne Rangers fans riot Quake wedding China quake Burma cyclone Robert Dunlop Paisley quits Victoria Square Building collapse Ulster Fry event The Twelfth Bull Run Award-winners Flooded Ulster Sunny Northern Ireland **Devolution Day** Assembly Elections Maze tumbles Blair quits Last watchtower Carrick-a-rede

Events Business Awards US:NI conference Viking race Lads' Night **Culture Carnival** Agent Provocateur Wacky races Top 10 Sexiest women St Patrick's Day **Derry Xmas** Xmas: what a turn on **Property Awards** Halloween Fantasy Fest **Balmoral Show** St Patrick's Day Mardis Gras Justin Timberlake **Brit Awards Animal Olympics**

Concerts
Bruce Springsteen
Boyzone
50 Cent
Enrique Iglesias
Rolling Stones
Oxegen
Beach Party
Justin Timberlake
Brit Awards
Live Earth
Razorlight

Sport Euro 2008 Celtic: SPL champs Man U v Chelsea fans Man U Euro champs Rangers fans Euro 08: Norn Iron N Ireland v Georgia Spain 1 Norn Iron 0 Win over Denmark Windsor win Golf: Rory McIlroy British Open Copa America Final N Ireland v Sweden Six Nations X Games World in Sport

• © Independent News & Media (NI) Sitemap| Contact Us| Terms & Conditions | Privacy Policy | Group Websites