

to the area. There were, however, only about six officers available in Portadown that night. Sergeant McClean was in the station that night so I found him and the two of us left immediately.

5. Sergeant P89 and I walked quickly from the station on Edward Street down to the scene, which was about 300 metres away in Market Street. I was aware that we had limited resources and that there was an issue of officer safety, so it was important that I saw for myself the situation to lead the response. As we were leaving the station Reserve Constable Silcock and Reserve Constable Warnock told Sergeant P89 that there was serious disorder in the town centre. I did not know exactly what we were facing but experience told us to issue a Federal Riot Gun as a precautionary measure. Sergeant P89 was the one who actually dealt with that. I think Reserve Constable Warnock signed out the gun and then followed us to return to the scene.
6. As we continued towards the scene, an ambulance drove past us. I have marked a map of Portadown town centre with an 'A' to mark the position of the police station and a 'B' to mark the point at which the ambulance drove past us on the way to the scene. A copy of that map is attached containing page number 73902.
7. On arrival at the scene I saw a man who was not known to me being put into the ambulance. That man was on a stretcher. I was briefed by Constable Cooke who said there had been disorder between two rival factions and given Portadown's history, it was very clear to me that the factions were Protestant and Catholic. I think I was told that two people were injured and had been taken to hospital. There was a scene of some disorder in the town centre at that stage. There was a group of about 30 to 40 youths around the junction and they appeared to have taken a considerable amount of alcohol. I perceived this crowd to be made up of Loyalists and some were acting quite raucously jumping about and shouting.
8. I saw a number of police officers at the scene including the members of the Land Rover crew, whom I knew as Reserve Constables P40 Cornett and Atkinson and Constable Neill. The other officers from my section whom I noted were Constables Cooke, Orr and Constable 'A'. I saw one Land Rover at the