

scene, which from memory was at the junction of Woodhouse Street and Market Street although I cannot now be sure exactly where it was. I have marked 'LR' on the map [page 73902] where I believe the Land Rover was parked. I am certain it was on the Woodhouse Street side of Market Street. There was only one Land Rover but there was a second police car in which the back-up crew had arrived.

9. The officers were engaged in trying to quell a difficult situation. I also noticed a small group of three or four people who appeared to be hanging around further into the mouth of Woodhouse Street. I can recall one man in particular who was bare-chested and seemed to be very drunk. I remember thinking to myself that must have been the other faction that had been mentioned in the first report of the incident.
10. My concern at that stage was to restore order. My initial and overriding concern was that there would be another outbreak of disorder between the two factions. The larger, Loyalist group comprised 30 to 40 youths but were spread out. Some were sitting on the footpath, close to the area where the ambulance had been while others were singing and dancing in the middle of the street. I did not see any other group of people coming either from Bridge Street or Thomas Street.
11. The mood of the crowd was fairly aggressive and I would say they were egging for a fight. I was very concerned that my officers would be attacked. We were outnumbered significantly. There were about nine or ten officers facing 30 to 40 Loyalist youths, predominantly men. Because it was a Saturday night I was worried there would be other people coming into the town centre. My first and primary order was to get the crowd away from the town centre. We had to cajole and use all of our professional policing and social skills to encourage them to move away from the junction.
12. I got the officers in a line to force the crowd up towards West Street and the predominantly Unionist residential areas. However, I was aware in doing so that there was no guarantee of success. It was my attempt to minimise further disorder and attacks on police officers. I did not see any member of the crowd