

NOTEBOOK ENTRY DATED 27-4-97, 0145 HRS TO 0345 HRS -

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0145

Assistance was requested from JD81 reference crowd disorder in the town centre. We made our way into the town centre and I observed a number of youths rioting approx 40 rioting about the Thomas St side of Market St. I also observed two males lying on the ground, these persons appeared to be being treated by females. Police were already in attendance when we arrived. Along with other police present we tried to keep both Protestants & Catholics apart. There were several small fights taking place in several parts of Market St, High St

Junction. Along with police already at the scene I drew my baton in order to try and force both sides apart. The two males who were lying on the ground appeared to be motionless. One of the youths was lying at the junction of Thomas St/High St and the other youth was lying on the road in Market St just above the Thomas St junction on the Thomas St side. There was a lot of broken bottle glass lying about. On our arrival I had been informed by other Police that a crowd from the bus coming back from the Coach, Banbridge, and parties from St Patricks Hall in Thomas St had clashed at the junction of Thomas St High St, Woodhouse St. Other police arrived on the scene. During the trouble I observed A take

a youth to the land rover.

I now know this youth to

be 'Wayne Lunt' from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. At one

point A [REDACTED] asked me

to stay with Lunt in the

Land Rover while she went

to speak to other police.

Another youth who I saw

and who was trying to calm

the situation and to get the

loyalists to move of the street

was called Blevins from

[REDACTED]

He was wearing an orange

coloured shirt. An

Ambulance eventually arrived

and conveyed both injured

males to Hospital. There was

also a nationalist male person making

efforts to get to the loyalist

crowd and had to be pushed

back on a number of occasions.

This male whom I don't know

was wearing a blue shirt and

had short dark hair.

Eventually the loyalist crowd
was pushed back up West
St were they stood about
and gave verbal abuse to
Police. The crowd eventually
became quiet.

0345

Terminated duty.