

1 MR KERR: Constable Godley. My Lord, there is an additional  
2 evidence bundle, 23rd of February 1999. My Lord, there are  
3 two statements in that bundle, it's only the first statement  
4 that will be opened to the court.

5 [REDACTED]: Yes.

6 CONSTABLE SIMON GODLEY

7 EXAMINATION IN CHIEF BY MR KERR:

8 Q. Constable Godley, on the 27th of April 1997 in the early  
9 hours of that day were you on duty as communications officer  
10 in RUC Portadown?

11 A. I was, my Lord.

12 Q. Did you receive a radio transmission from a Reserve  
13 Constable Cornett requesting back-up vehicles in the town  
14 centre?

15 A. I did, my Lord.

16 Q. And can you tell my Lord the time that that was received?

17 A. 01:47.

18 Q. Did you give directions as a result of that?

19 A. Yes, I detailed another vehicle, Judith Delta 81 to  
20 attend.

21 Q. Did you receive a communication from the same officer,  
22 Reserve Constable Cornett, requesting ambulances to the town  
23 centre?

24 A. I did receive a message requesting an ambulance, just  
25 exactly which call sign it was I can't say, it was, garbled,  
26 shall we say, over the air.

27 Q. When did you receive that message?

28 A. 1.48.

29 Q. As a result of that what did you see?

30 A. I 'phoned ambulance control and requested an ambulance

1 immediately.

2 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR ORR:

3 Q. Constable Godley, you were actually in the police station in  
4 Edward Street, isn't that right?

5 A. That's correct, my Lord.

6 Q. And from the documents that have been furnished by way of  
7 additional evidence there's reference made to a channel 19  
8 transmission and there's reference made to channel 37  
9 transmissions; can you explain to us what the difference is  
10 between the two or how they inter-relate

11 A. In the sub-division we use two different systems of  
12 radio, one is UHT and the other is VHF and we, to put it  
13 simply, the channel 19 is the radio system used in the  
14 vehicles. It's the radio system that's actually attached  
15 to the vehicles. Channel 37 is the small pocket 'phones  
16 that we see the constables actually carrying on the street  
17 and it is a different radio channel, they don't actually  
18 link together. If you are transmitting on one you do not  
19 hear on the other.

20 Q. In relation to the two separate methods, does the channel  
21 19, which is the vehicles, if someone is using the radio in  
22 a police vehicle does that mean that you in communications  
23 can hear that, and any other police vehicles in the area can  
24 hear it?

25 A. That's correct.

26 Q. In terms of the pocket radios, channel 37, is that, is it  
27 not the case?

28 A. On the channel 37 those people who are tuned into that  
29 radio and are within the area, it's a far smaller broadcast  
30 capability, so, but obviously anybody who is listening on

1 channel 37 will hear the broadcast made on that system.

2 [REDACTED]: Presumably those are the mobile 'phones,  
3 if I might call them that?

4 THE WITNESS: Yes.

5 [REDACTED]: Would hear within a reasonable range?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 [REDACTED]: Would hear the mobile. And those in a  
8 vehicle would hear the vehicle transmissions basically?

9 A. Yes. For example on channel 19 I can broadcast from  
10 here to Portadown from channel 37 and from perhaps two miles  
11 from Portadown's centre it will not get through.

12 MR ORR: Well the position of the Land Rover, as the evidence was  
13 given on Monday of this week, was about 250 yards from  
14 Portadown police station?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do I take it that either of the two methods -- (speech  
17 interrupted)

18 A. Either method, my Lord, yes.

19 Q. Could have got straight through to you?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Was there any requirement for any of the four police  
22 personnel in the Land Rover to stay simply to attend to the  
23 radio transmissions?

24 A. Not really, no.

25 Q. Could a person with a pocket radio have come out and seen a  
26 presence in the street and still radioed through to you?

27 A. That's possible, yes.

28 Q. There is no difficulty about that?

29 A. No.

30 Q. And just so that I am clear, we have heard from a

A [REDACTED]

1 A that she was in a police car which was the second  
2 police vehicle to arrive on the scene and she describes it  
3 as Juliet Delta Seven Zero?

4 A. That is correct, my Lord.

5 Q. Or JD 70. What was the call sign of the Land Rover which  
6 was in the Main Street in Portadown that night?

7 A. Juliet Delta 81.

8 Q. Which was JD 81?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And what would the call sign have been for the police  
11 station, for yourself?

12 A. Juliet Delta, JD.

13 Q. Just JD?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Were there other police vehicles, to your knowledge, in the  
16 area?

17 A. There were two other vehicles, the one I initially sent  
18 as a reaction to the request from constable Cornett which  
19 was Juliet Delta 80 and there was another vehicle which was  
20 Juliet Bravo, JB 70?

21 Q. So does that mean that there were two, as I understand it,  
22 from the evidence yesterday, if the 80 or 81 denotes Land  
23 Rover and the 70 or 71 denotes ordinary police car?

24 A. That would normally be the case, I'm not certain whether  
25 our, we were dealing with two sections.

26 Q. I don't think it's any bearing on the case.

27 A. The 80 from my own section, the link or the night  
28 section crew I believe actually was in a car but -- (speech  
29 interrupted).

30 Q. But did you actually, when you were making your statement,



1 have sight of the transcripts of the two networks, that's  
2 the channel 19 and the channel 37?

3 A. No.

4 Q. And when you say the first call or the first request for  
5 back-up was at 1.47, is that correct or was it at 1.45?

6 A. 1.47 is the time I have noted.

7 Q. We have been furnished with a transcript of channel 19, that  
8 would be the police vehicle, and timed at 1.45 and 37  
9 seconds there's a reference D from 80, with:

10 "We need back-up. Over. In the town"?

11 A. That's possible. Did I reply?

12 Q. Well now, where was 80, I take it 80 was JD 80?

13 A. I would guess that in actual fact it would have been 81,  
14 the two sections had swapped over at midnight, but I can't  
15 answer that, I mean I can only guess.

16 Q. Well in terms of the vehicle the only vehicle that we have  
17 heard of that had the call sign of 80, that is JD 80, was it  
18 in the centre of Portadown at the time of this incident?

19 A. No, I am reasonably certain it was not.

20 Q. Can you recollect of another police vehicle separately  
21 asking for back-up in the town on that night or that  
22 morning?

23 A. No, the only vehicle that I remember asking for back-up  
24 that evening was Juliet D 81 which was Constable Cornett's  
25 vehicle.

26 Q. And in respect of the mobile 'phone or the channel 37, the  
27 pocket radio as you refer to it, am I right in saying that  
28 it actually was at 1.46, rather than 1.47?

29 A. You have the advantage of having seen the log, I am  
30 quite happy to say that if the machine says that the

1 transmission was at 1.46 -- (speech interrupted).

2 Q. In other words you are relying on your own watch or the  
3 station clock, is that right?

4 A. Yes, I am looking at a clock.

5 Q. All of your timings are based on that, rather than any  
6 automatic method of timing, would that be right?

7 A. Yes, that's right.

8 Q. Thank you. I have no further questions.

9 MR KERR: No re-examination.

10 [REDACTED]: Thank you very much.

11 [WITNESS WITHDREW]

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