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**CORONER:** Good morning. Mr SANDERS, I think we are starting this morning with Mr SPINDLOVE. Is that right?

**MR SANDERS:** That's correct, and then Mr QUEEN and Mr CAMPBELL.

**CORONER:** Sorry. So Jeremy SPINDLOVE followed by ...?

**MR SANDERS:** Mr QUEEN ...

**CORONER:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS:** ... and then Mr CAMPBELL.

**CORONER:** Thank you very much. Good. Mr SPINDLOVE, are you ...?

Yes. Good morning to you.

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**MR JEREMY RICHARD SPINDLOVE (sworn)**

**CORONER:** Thank you. Do sit down. Good morning to you.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Morning, sir.

**CORONER:** Could you give me your full name, please?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** It's Jeremy Richard SPINDLOVE.

**CORONER:** Thank you, Mr SPINDLOVE. Mr SPINDLOVE, I am going to introduce you to Mr SANDERS QC in a moment. He'll be asking some questions on my behalf. Before I do so, can I just ask you during the course of your evidence please keep your voice up so we can hear you nice and clearly.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I certainly will.

**CORONER:** Thank you. Concentrate on the questions you are being asked. If we need to ask anything further somebody will. And also just don't run ahead too quickly, because people will be taking a note of what you are saying.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Okay.

**CORONER:** Thank you very much.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Fine.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Thank you, sir.

**CORONER:** Thank you.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Good morning, Mr SPINDLOVE.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Good morning.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Can we start please with ... You don't have to give your full home address, but where you are living at the moment?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I live just outside Vancouver, British Columbia.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Thank you. And what's your occupation and employment at the moment?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I'm happily retired.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Happily retired. When did you retire?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Sorry?

**MR SANDERS QC:** When did you retire?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I retired in 2014.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Very good. Thank you. Just to start with, I just need to verify the contemporaneous statement we have from you. And so it will just come up on the screen to your left. It's at 20-161. So this is the 7<sup>th</sup> October ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Apologies. Yes, at the top it has got a different, different date at the top.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Oh, sorry. 7<sup>th</sup> at the top there ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... eight pages. I think that says dated the 8<sup>th</sup> October.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. There's your name there. I'm just going to see whether this is signed. If we go down to the bottom, whether you signed it at the time.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I think this is a type written statement of my original handwritten one.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Very well. "Statement taken at Guildford Police Station around 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October 1974 by T L STYLE, DCI." Can you confirm that, although it's not signed, the contents of this statement that's your evidence and the contents are true?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I believe that to be so, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Thank you very much. And I think you may have seen more recently a re-typed version of the same statement?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, that's correct.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And its right, isn't it, that you emailed the Coroner's Office just after the resumption of the inquest, and it is the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** That's correct, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... to offer, indicate your availability and willingness to give evidence?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I did.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And at that point in the email you said you hadn't made a statement at the time.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** To the best of my knowledge, and bearing in mind it is nearly 50 years ago, I don't recall making a statement. I can't imagine why I wouldn't have done, but I had no recollection of making a statement.

**MR SANDERS QC:** But, having seen it, that's definitely your statement?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Having seen it, and having listened to the statement of my good friend David LAMBERT yesterday, there is some correlation there, and, you know, some of the stuff came back. But as to whether I made that statement, and making the statement, I don't have a recollection of that.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. That's completely understandable. So going back 5<sup>th</sup> October 1974, the day of Saturday, the day of the Guildford Pub Bombings, you were, I think, 23 years old. Is that correct?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, I was.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And you'd already been in the police for almost five years?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** That's about right, yes. Four and a half, five years.

**MR SANDERS QC:** So you'd joined at 18?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. I joined as a cadet in 1968.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And did you do any other jobs before joining or was this straight from school?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, I used to deliver groceries for Spar Grocers, but that didn't really count, I don't think.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. And you were a Police Constable at the time?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. I was a Traffic Officer stationed at Burpham.

**MR SANDERS QC:** At Burpham?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Thank you. And how long did you stay in the police for?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I resigned in 1977.

**MR SANDERS QC:** '77. And what rank were you at the time?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I was still a Constable.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And did you emigrate to Canada at that point or ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No. I emigrated to Canada in 1988.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And so what did you do after Surrey Police?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I worked for British Airways in their Security Division overseas for the next 10/11 years.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And then moved to Canada?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Moved to Canada in '88 with my family.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And what were you doing after that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I was Head of Security for the Vancouver Airport Authority, and lastly, my last 20 years, was with DHL Supply Chain. I was Head of, Director of Health and Safety for North America and Central America, and Business Continuity Management.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Thank you. At the time of the ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Excuse me.

**MR SANDERS QC:** At the time of the Guildford Pub Bombings had you had, as a Traffic Officer, had you had training in relation to dealing with major incidents?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I did have training with regard to major incidents, but I can't remember whether that was before or afterwards. I was involved in another major incident, but that was after '74. It was the Dunsfold air crash.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. And had you had any training or briefings about the IRA or the threat from the IRA?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't recall ever having been briefed. Obviously, the previous year was the bombing of the officers' mess at Aldershot, I think, but I don't ever recall being briefed that there was any security issues that we should be taking into consideration.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. I think that Aldershot was '72.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Okay.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. But there were obviously other ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... bombings that you would have been aware of?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I wasn't aware of any briefing that we should be aware of the IRA. I mean ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** No.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... they are the same as you and I. We wouldn't know an IRA person if they walked into the room ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** Sure.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... I hope.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And had you had training in first aid?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, I was first aid trained. Excuse me.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And your role as a Traffic Officer, what did that involve?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** In those days it was mainly traffic policing, but we did get involved in criminal events if we came across them. So we weren't restricted to just a litany of traffic offences. We could be involved in burglaries, drug offences, whatever we came across.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And did you stay in that role throughout your time with the police?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I stayed on Traffic until I left in '77.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. How much of your time was spent in and around Guildford?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, when I initially came out of training school I was posted to Guildford for my first two years, and then I transferred to Traffic, excuse me, in, I guess it would have been '73. So I knew Guildford pretty well, having lived in Leapale Lane. Quite a lot of the patrols featured the A3 north and south and the city itself, plus out towards Shalford and Shamley Green and south towards Milford.



**MR SANDERS QC:** And had you grown up in the area or in Surrey?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No, I grew up in Somerset.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. What were Saturday nights like in Guildford generally?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** What were they like?

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. What sort of incidents do you remember dealing with? How busy were they? How rowdy were they?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Saturday nights could be rowdy, but we had a lot of local youths ... It was the sort of time of the century when Mods and Rockers were around, and skinheads, so we had a lot of local youths in town. Fridays and Saturdays, if there was an intake from the Women's Royal Army Camp at Stoughton, there were females around, but you couldn't always pick them out, but usually it was girls in clusters of three or four that you tend to assume that they were military personnel. And usually Fridays and Saturdays, if the military were in town, it would be young men with short haircuts, which tended to identify them. Because they were in clusters of sometimes nine or ten, you naturally assumed that they were what we used to call squaddies.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Sure. And were they well behaved or ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Predominately. Sometimes they'd get a bit rowdy. I think after the bombing we would get, frequent Military Police patrols would come to Guildford as well, but I think that was post the bombing.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** But that was mainly to keep an eye on the behaviour of the soldiers rather than any other security aspect.

**MR SANDERS QC:** I see. And do you remember were there particular pubs in Guildford that would have been known as 'Army pubs'?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No, I don't believe so. I mean there were a lot of pubs in that downtown core. Some of them were actually less salubrious than others. The Horse and Groom I wouldn't signal that one as being a specific Army pub. Police officers used to drink in there during the week and maybe on the weekend. But I can't think of any pub that I would say that was a specific Army pub in the centre of town.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And had you been in the Horse and Groom before the bombing?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, I had been. I had drunk in the Horse and Groom.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. Thank you. So the Saturday evening, 5<sup>th</sup> October, you were on duty, presumably in uniform?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And you are on a motorbike call sign Lima 18, or Lima 1 8?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Apparently, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. And what were you carrying with you then on your motorcycle?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I had a double set of panniers, one either side, which mainly contained paperwork and one small rather insignificant first aid kit.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Sorry?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Rather insignificant first aid kit.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. And would you have had a truncheon and handcuffs with you?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** A torch?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't believe I did have a torch.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Radio?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, I had a main radio which was attached to the motorcycle, which was the main link to HJ, which is the headquarters channel.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And would that be connecting you to Burpham or to ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No, the headquarters channel is at Mount Browne.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right, I see. Thank you. I just want to ask you, I'm going to take you to a document which you may not have seen before, but it's just to ask you about one passage in it. It's a report that was produced after the bombing, shortly after the bombings, by Superintendent HARDING, just about what had happened on the night ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... and the response to it. I'm going to take you first to 1-5 on Caselines. Sir, I think you can see that's the front page. So, "Report on bomb explosions at the Horse and Groom and Seven Stars, Guildford, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October '74," and just go down a bit.

Keep going down, please. Yes, report by Superintendent HARDING.

There's various appendices, and I think this is dated, off the top of my head, I think it's later in October. It might be the 27<sup>th</sup> October, something like that. But I just want to take you to paragraph four of this report. So if we go down to 1-8.

So this is initial police action. And it says, "During the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1974, police patrols had noticed a considerable influx of military personnel into the town area of Guildford, and at 8.30 about 200 further servicemen appeared by train. There appeared to be no special function to attract this influx, but it was for the majority the first time they had been allowed out of camp during their initial training. A message was passed to the Military Police at Aldershot informing them of the concern regarding military personnel in the town, and a Military Police patrol was dispatched." If we just go down a bit further. And then, consequently, Surrey Police presence is also increased. I don't need to go through the details. Were you aware of that happening on the night, or of that being reported on the radio?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No, I was not aware of any of that.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And you hadn't yourself noticed that this was a particularly busy night for squaddies?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I remember that there were quite a number of soldiers in town, but I wouldn't say it was ... I didn't know anything about 200 being there. There were a lot, but it wasn't, that wasn't particularly unusual. I think it all depended on the training at the various camps, either Pirbright or Aldershot, as to whether they'd been allowed out, and of course with the WRAC camp there, that was a bit of a magnet for them. So Guildford was probably a good location for them to come and meet likeminded personnel. But, as I say, I wasn't aware of any of that in the report.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. I think the evidence we've heard is that the new intake of recruits at Pirbright, so the guardsmen, this was the first time they'd been allowed out.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And they had to do a minimum of three weeks before their first pass out of camp. And then for the WRACs it's slightly more mixed evidence. Some saying this was the first time out, and some ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... giving evidence that they'd been out before.

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**MR SPINDLOVE:** I think we tended to notice more the members of the Scots Guards, and I say not so much the females from the WRAC camp.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Because there's ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** There seemed to be more of them and they were clustered (inaudible), and I think it was because of their dress and appearance. You tended to recognise them as off-duty soldiers.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. And you said in the statement at the time that you had a discussion with PC ELLIOTT about the unusual large number of soldiers ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... that there were in the town.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Apparently I did, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Thank you. So just to start. So this is before the bombing happened. I just want to locate where you were. So, to begin with, the discussion with PC ELLIOTT, you are by the North Street Co-op. And if we could just go to a map that we have at 11-271.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I can tell you exactly where I was.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Well, just tell me first and then help me with where that is on the ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I was parked right outside the Horse and Groom.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right outside the Horse and Groom?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Right outside. I wasn't opposite. I was outside by the bus stop.

**MR SANDERS QC:** This is before you go off to the A3?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, correct.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right, okay. So if we just zoom in a little bit, please.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Glasses again.

**MR SANDERS QC:** There. So there we see North Street. There's the Horse and Groom. I think that there are two bus stops; one immediately in front of the right-hand side of the building, and then one further along travelling west along North Street. Do you remember which bus stop you were ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** The one right outside ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right outside.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... the pub itself.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And were you sitting on your motorbike or ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I was sitting on it.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And you are talking to PC ELLIOTT?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. I can't remember who PC ELLIOTT is, sorry.

**MR SANDERS QC:** But you were talking to a colleague in uniform?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Apparently.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. Thank you.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I remember the name, but I don't remember him.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. And then you notice three young people, you think two male, probably soldiers from their haircuts, and a female walking up North Street, you say in your statement.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I do say that in my statement. I don't have recall of that, but obviously with the detail in there I'm presuming that was a question asked who did I see in the area, and I have to assume that's ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** That was your recollection.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... the most recent recollection of who was coming up North Street at the time.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. And then, after talking to PC ELLIOTT, you then go on a patrol, or head off towards the A3. Could you tell us what you remember about that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, I saw a Special Constable coming up on the other side of street, and I wasn't particularly keen to chat with him. In those days Special Constables were not flavour of the month, shall we say. So I just decided to go down to the A3. I went down the hill, round the one-way system, along Woodbridge Road and parked down near the, I think it was almost opposite the Fire Hall on Ladymead. And at that point I was joined by PC HILLS, who was also a Traffic Motorcyclist.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. And can we just zoom out again? This map is slightly misleading because it's enlarged, the central area is enlarged, but if we zoom right out. Thanks. Were you further away from Guildford than we see on this plan, or were you somewhere on this plan?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I can't see where Ladymead is on that plan.



**MR SANDERS QC:** Is it the bypass at the top?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... it is the bypass.

**MR SANDERS QC:** The way that the ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Woodbridge Road. I don't know if it does anymore, because I haven't been there in donkey's years, but Woodbridge Road used to go straight down underneath the railway arch and the bypass was at the traffic lights there. So I turned right, you could turn right in those days, I don't know if you can anymore, and about 100 yards along on the left hand side was where I was stationary.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And so how far away from the pub were you?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Probably less than half a mile.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. And when you say the Fire Hall, what's ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Sorry, Fire Station.

**MR SANDERS QC:** The Fire Station.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Sorry, North American. I apologize.

**MR SANDERS QC:** So by the Stoke crossroads is that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. The Fire Station, I don't know if it's still there, but it was just by the, I think it's called the Stone Roundabout.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes, yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** And I was opposite that.

**MR SANDERS QC:** It is still there but it's been redeveloped, I think.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Okay.

**MR SANDERS QC:** So, just remind me, you are there and you are talking to PC HILLS?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, PC Dave HILLS.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And is he another Motorcycle Officer?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** All right. And after about a minute of chatting to him, what happens next?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Following a call, we got a call from the Force radio saying there'd been an explosion in North Street at the Horse and Groom, and we acknowledged and went straight there at fairly fast speed.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And I take it you hadn't yourselves heard anything?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No. Well, we were wearing helmets anyway, so we would be a fair distance away to hear an explosion of that magnitude, I would have thought.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And you are by a bypass as well, so ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, we're on the bypass, so there was traffic going by.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. All right. What were you told about the explosion or the suspected nature of the explosion?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Nothing at all.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Just there's been an explosion ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** An explosion.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... at the Horse and Groom?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And so you head down there post-haste.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Very much so.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And how long do you think it took you to get there?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I'd say less than a minute. We were going rather fast.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. And what did you then see on arrival when you got to the pub?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** My best recollection is we both parked just beyond the pub in the ...

It's the forecourt of something there on the left.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Is it Guildford Motors?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** You could be right.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Something like that, yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I can't remember, but it's a fairly large forecourt, and we both parked there. Dave stayed with his motorcycle. I went and had a quick look.

Then we acknowledged that we were on the scene, because I think at the time ours was the only vehicle with a Force radio. I think I made mention of a policewoman in a patrol car, but that would have been a panda car which wouldn't have had the Force radio to Mount Browne.

So I called it in as a priority, which when you call priority everybody

else stops and you have priority to speak. And I just said, "There's been a major disaster here. Strong smell of gas. We need fire service and gas service and more assistance."

**MR SANDERS QC:** Thank you. Could you just explain, because I think you mention the WPC, which is WPC Jacqueline PARRISH, who was there? But she had a radio but it wasn't a Force radio?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** If she was there, I think she was stationed at Guildford, she'd have been in contact with Guildford Sub-Division.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And what's the difference between the radio she would have had and the radio you had?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** She'd have had ... I can't remember. I think they were two small (inaudible) radios; one clipped on here and one to speak to. But her radio would only go to the Guildford Sub-Division on Woodbridge Road.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** She couldn't speak to the HJ Unit.

**MR SANDERS QC:** I see. And you mentioned Mount ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Mount Browne was the Surrey Police Headquarters. So the Control Room in Mount Browne controlled all the traffic patrol vehicles and crime patrol vehicles throughout the entire county.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** And there were two channels; HJ and HM. HJ was the active channel, and once you arrive at a scene you ... I forget the code now, 10 5 or 10 6, and then you'd change channel to HM, where that was like an incident channel.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And I think you mention HM in your statement.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I do (inaudible).

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. And could you describe what you saw just in terms of the scene at the pub, the building and the people there?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, I think it was a scene of utter chaos, not knowing of course at the time it was a bomb. It was just a lot of debris in the street and there was a, if I remember right, there seemed to be a pile of rubble right outside. There was a young man, probably a soldier, in a, I think he had a white shirt on which was shredded, and he still had a pint, an empty pint in his hand. And I don't mention it in my statement, but I clearly remember him commenting that he'd only gone, he said, "I only went up to the bar to get a pint of effing beer," which I thought was fairly ironic given the circumstances, but he was obviously in some pain and shock.

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**MR SANDERS QC:** Shock, yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** So that was my first memory. I remember going inside the pub. I think I went through the front door.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Can I just ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Oh, sorry.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... stop you there? So you said in your statement, as you've just said now, complete chaos, people running about. And you said there were a number of people who were clearly injured and blood stained and so on?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, there probably were. I don't, I know I say that in my statement. I don't have a clear recollection of that.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. Do you remember the number of people? You mention in your statement you say, "About 30, some crying and screaming." Does that sound about the right numbers there?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** It could well be right. The pub was, you know, it's a popular pub. There could have been 50 or 60 people in and around that pub.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. Were there any other police on the scene when you got there that you saw?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't remember seeing any other police officers. I don't even remember seeing Jackie PARRISH, although I know who she is.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes, and you obviously refer to her in your statement.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. And were you there before any ambulances or fire engines?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Thank you. And the smell of gas, could you smell gas when you were in the forecourt where you parked or ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, that was the first thing that we could smell.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And so were you operating on the assumption that there'd been a gas explosion at that point?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** That was the general, my general consensus. I think that's what everybody else might have thought.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. So you radio on the Force radio to Mount Browne, and I think you say in your statement that you say not only should all the services attend but also the Gas Board.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Correct.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And the Senior Officer. And what level would a Senior Officer be?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, I was expecting to see someone like a Superintendent or above.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** And of course we got the Chief Constable.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. You mention in the statement that there were two WPCs there. Do you have any recollection of who the other one was?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No, I don't.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. And before going inside the pub, you give a first aid kit to someone. Do you remember that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I seem to remember giving it to somebody. I don't think it was going to do much, because it didn't have an awful lot of lifesaving equipment in it. It was mainly bandages, and I think there was a resusci aid mouthpiece there.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And this was the one carried on your motorbike?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. Thank you. So just you go inside the pub, which you've been in before, and can you tell us just your first impressions just as you get inside?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, going inside it was pretty much dark, very dark and dusty. Bearing in mind I had motorcycle uniform on, so I had knee high leather boots, Barbour jacket and a crash helmet, so I felt fairly safe going in there, because I ... Well, I was 23. I felt fairly safe. I don't recall there being a lot of debris to climb over, and I don't remember seeing a lot of people in there, although my statement says to the contrary. There obviously were still people in there at the time, but my recollection was the hole.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And just in terms of the hole, I'm going to just show you two photos, which you may have seen from being in court previously. But the first one is at 7-1345. So this is just in front of the fireplace and the juke box, the hole in the floor. And then the next is at 7-1360 please, and



this is taken from the corner of the bar. That's the hole you are referring to?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And there's some evidence that it wasn't created instantaneously by the blast, but that it fell, the floor collapsed shortly thereafter. Was the hole already fully there when you got in?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** To the best I can recall, the hole was already there.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And there was no slow collapsing process going on?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't recall any slow collapsing.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. And did you go up to the hole and could you tell us what you saw?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't remember going up to the hole, but I do remember making my way round beside it, and then I think it was down the staircase to the, well I think it's the beer cellar there, and I remember going down there.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. And just beyond the hole, can you see there's a big hole in the wall. Were you aware of that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Not at that stage, no.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Not at that stage. You describe what you saw in the hole. Was that from looking down above, or is that when you got into the cellar?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I think that was from when I was down below.

**MR SANDERS QC:** I see.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't remember looking, I don't recall looking down there. I remember what I saw when I went into the cellar.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Once you were in the cellar. Can I just also ask if you can help with this? There's a plan of the pub, a floor plan, at 1-3. And so we see the front entrance at the bottom middle, and there's the bar and it's the second alcove on the left where the bomb has gone off. At the top, where it says 'Stairs,' was that the stairs down into the cellar there?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. I don't remember any of these tables being there. I don't remember anything about tables. But, yes, it was ... I don't remember the fireplace either, but it seemed to be very close to the stairs.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. I think when you got there all the tables had been obliterated.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Okay, yes. That makes sense.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And the partitions had been blown away. So it would have been much more open plan than shown here. But it was up at the top, near where we see ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... the ladies, that's where the stairs down?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, that's correct.

**MR SANDERS QC:** So you go down the cellar steps, and can you tell us what you then saw when you got under ...?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, the first impression was the smell of gas and beer. My memory of that sortie into the cellar was that there were, I recall specifically two bodies, both female, one in the debris field. The debris field was sort of like a 45 degree slope from the upper floor, and there were two bodies there, and I'm absolutely certain the two that I could see were both female. I can't remember which one of them had severe lower body damage, and I hate to say it but I characterised it as like sausage meat, just really mangled body. Yes. And I couldn't tell whether either of them were still alive, but they were very, very severely injured, definitely.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. So there were no signs of movement or life?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** If I can recall correctly, I don't know if that was when I first went down there or when I was down there subsequently, there was one of them had a chest injury, as far as I can recall, and air was coming through, not through the mouth but through the chest.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. And you saw two victims?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** That's what I can recall distinctly.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Do you remember anyone else being down in the cellar with you or going down the cellar with you?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, it must have been a little bit later on, because I do recall a doctor being there. And what stood out about the doctor was he was in a

dinner jacket and a bow tie, which I thought was rather interesting, but I understand he came from the Civic Hall where there was some medical function going on.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes, he was just in the area.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. So he came in beside me. I don't remember anybody else being with him, and he said, "I'm going to make them as comfortable as possible." That's what I remember him saying.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. You then come out of the cellar and help clear some of the wreckage on the ground floor and help the walking wounded out?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Apparently.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Do you remember requesting a search and rescue lamp, or search and rescue lamps?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't specifically remember that, but my colleague who was there, Colin CAMPBELL, he remembers giving them to me and he remembers me asking for them, so I guess I did.

**MR SANDERS QC:** You must have done, yes. In order to get down into the cellar, do you remember difficulties with the cellar door?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** It's quite possible but, you know, in the heat of what was going on I don't ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** No.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... recall it being an obstruction. If I was going downstairs, I was going downstairs.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Because you say in your statement that with the help of a soldier, of a service person, you pulled the cellar door open.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** That's quite possible. I don't specifically recall that.

**MR SANDERS QC:** So you tried to help move the bodies, but you realised that more help was needed, and then called for search and rescue lamps and went back upstairs.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Great. You then say you see some more injured people outside in the street. Do you remember that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't specifically remember them, but I've seen photographs of me with a stretcher, so I obviously was.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Just in terms of the sequence of events, it's a very detailed statement. So it includes various stages of your involvement and it would be very easy for them to become jumbled up.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, exactly. I mean when I read my statement I think, "Gosh, did I do all that?" Well, I don't have any doubt that I did, but with the passage of time it's difficult to remember any sequence of events.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. I think in the statement, just to try and assist with this, in the statement you go into the pub, you try to help walking wounded out,

clear wreckage, then you go down into the cellar, and then you come back out and you are in the street and you see two injured men outside. And I just wanted to ask you about that, because do you remember you said in the statement that you thought one of them had lost a lower right arm and right foot. Does that ring any bells to you?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** It doesn't ring any bells, no.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Because we don't think that there was a male who suffered such injuries, so that may have just been a mistake.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I honestly don't recall.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I'm sorry.

**MR SANDERS QC:** All right. You then say the first ambulance arrived in the street outside. Do you remember that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't specifically remember an ambulance, no.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. So I think what you say in the statement is, "The first ambulance arrived and a number of more minor cases got in."

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I seem to remember that we had to get the walking wounded out so that we could get the seriously injured in. I remember that. I don't remember the sequence of those events.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. Then, subsequent to that, you go back down into the cellar to see if you can help, and you mention a nurse being down there. Does that ring any bells?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I have to say I don't remember a nurse, but I remember a doctor.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. Well, in your statement you refer to a doctor and also a nurse, who was ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Okay.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... presumably in uniform for you to have thought she was a nurse?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes, I think some nurses did come down from the Royal Surrey.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. And you say that you then tried to help remove dead bodies?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I do say that, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** So do you remember at that time the people down there had already died, or the ones you were helping to move had died?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, it wouldn't have surprised me if the two girls had died, but I don't remember seeing the other bodies. I just don't recall that.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. And do you remember, at this point when you were trying to help move the bodies of the two girls, how long had you been on the scene for by this time, do you know?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Do you want me to estimate or guess? I mean if I got there at about 10 to ... Was it 10 to 9? Probably 15, 20 minutes later.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. I mean we know, we can kind of form book ends in terms of

...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... we know when the explosion was and we know when the Seven Stars explosion was, and this was all happening before the Seven Stars had ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** What I have difficulty is reconciling the timeframe because, a) it has been so long ago, and it's only when I find out what time the second bomb goes off I realise how much time I would have spent at the Horse and Groom between about 5 to 9 to about 9.25.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. So did it feel like a shorter period or feel like a longer period to you?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** It feels like it was just a moment in time, but a horrific moment in time.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes, yes. When you were helping move the bodies, that's only the two females. Is that correct?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I can't remember who I removed from the hole.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I really can't.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Do you remember how many bodies you helped move?



**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, as I say, when I went down there I only remember seeing the two, and the two were ... So if there was a table above them then they wouldn't have been sitting side by side. So the proximity was you could probably get two more people round that table, if the girls were in the corner of that debris field.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** But I don't remember seeing anybody else in that hole. Whether they were already taken out, I couldn't say.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. And how were the bodies removed from the hole?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't remember how they were removed.

**MR SANDERS QC:** I think you say in your statement you went to get some blankets and assembled a stretcher.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Apparently, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And I think that there's other evidence that they were put on stretchers and handed up.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Do you remember helping move one of the bodies on a stretcher?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Only from the fact I've seen the photograph of me carrying a stretcher, because I had long hair in those days.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I actually had hair in those days. I remember from that photograph, and I've seen that photograph numerous times. I didn't realise it was me until I saw it.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. So you don't have an independent recollection of moving ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... bodies? It may be that you won't be able to help with this, but I think you talk about moving one of the women on a stretcher and placing her up on the pavement. Is that what's shown in the photo?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. And then, with the help of some Special Constables, you try to move the crowd back and tell them to extinguish their cigarettes?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. I have a memory of there being quite a crowd forming out there, and I think the idea was to get them back because of the risk of a further explosion from the gas.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. Do you remember going back into the pub through a hole in the wall?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't remember going back through a hole in the wall, no.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I think my statement says I did that. I don't know why I would go through the hole when there was a door there.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. And do you remember being, I think you talk about being down in the cellar, so this is before transporting the bodies with stretchers, and someone calling for body sheets. Does that ring any bells to you?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** It doesn't, no.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. All right. Do you remember any discussion with the doctor or anyone else saying that a particular person was dead or had died?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I got the impression that the girls were probably both dead and that he was going to help their suffering. That's probably the wrong phrase, but I don't think there was anything that was going to be done for those two young lives.

**MR SANDERS QC:** All right. And then I think you also mention, when you go back, that there's a second body has been put on the pavement. Do you remember anything like that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't remember that.

**MR SANDERS QC:** No. And you describe the second body as being a male, about 20 years old, 5'9-5'10, with gingery hair that may have been singed, and naked from the waist down. Do you remember anything about that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I'm sorry ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** No.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... I really don't.

**MR SANDERS QC:** All right. In your statement you talk about then trying to go back inside the pub, but not being able to, and then taking an ambulance driver to show him where the bodies were.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I seem to remember that, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. Actually, I think I may have misled you. I think that the body that you helped carry up and put down by the bank ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Was it?

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... was the male. And then you took an ambulance ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** You could be right.

**MR SANDERS QC:** You took an ambulance driver to show him ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... where the body was, and then there was a second body there at that time.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. I don't specifically remember moving a body, but ...

**MR SANDERS QC:** No.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... I'll go with what my statement says.

**MR SANDERS QC:** All right. I think that we come to a point then where it has quietened down at the Horse and Groom, and those people who are injured have been taken to hospital.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Quietened down is probably a relative term, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. Do you remember what happened next?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I remember standing in North Street on the main street there and Sir Peter MATTHEWS, the Chief Constable, was there, and he made a comment, “Well, we definitely think it’s a gas explosion.” And my recollection is that after that, like seconds later, we heard the explosion down the street at the Seven Stars.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And what happened after that?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, I thought I ran down there, but my statement says I got a ride down there with Jackie PARRISH.

**MR SANDERS QC:** In her police car?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** In her panda car, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. We don’t need to go into details, but you assisted at the Seven Stars?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. I remember going in there and the landlord was underneath, I think he was underneath one of the doors. He had a head injury, and I think Gerry was there as well, and myself and a fire fighter either manhandled him through the window, and then we took him down North Street to an ambulance. Sorry, down Swan Lane to an ambulance.

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**MR SANDERS QC:** All right. And then you stayed on duty in the town?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** We stayed on duty till about 3 am, but after Swan Lane we were dispatched round all the pubs in the Guildford area to ... Because I

think at that time people realised this was not a gas explosion, and we were instructed to close all the pubs down and do a cursory search of the premises. So we did that all the way round the city.

**MR SANDERS QC:** And you were on duty until about 3.30 in the morning?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** That's correct, yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Right. That's very helpful, Mr SPINDLOVE. Your statement contains a lot of details about the order in which you did things. I understand you don't have a very clear recollection of that, but can we take it that that would have been correct at the time?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes. I mean there is a lot of detail in there, but ... Yes, when I read it I think, "Gosh, was that me?" but its 48 years ago.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yes. Thank you very much. If you just wait there ...

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Sure.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... there may be some more questions.

**CORONER:** **Mr SPINDLOVE, could you help me? I just want to try and understand that when you first went down to the cellar, you went to the cellar door, which you were then assisted, you think probably by a soldier, to open the cellar door. And so it follows, presumably, that you were the first people, you and ... Did the soldier go through with you? I should have asked that. Did the soldier ...?**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't remember anybody going through with me.

**CORONER:** All right.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I remember being, I thought I was the first person in there ...

**CORONER:** Yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... and the first person in the hole.

**CORONER:** Well, I was going to ask you that. And so I mean if you were opening the door with some difficulty, it sounds as though you were probably the first person to go through the door at least. When you got into the cellar, do you recall were you the first person in the cellar or had other people come down through the hole?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't remember seeing anybody else down there, and I believe I was, I honestly believe I was the first person ...

**CORONER:** Yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... into that hole.

**CORONER:** And you've described the two young women, and I think you've said that there were, to you there were no obvious signs of life were there or (inaudible)?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I think there was signs of life in one of the girls. I can't remember which one it was, with air escaping ...

**CORONER:** With the breathing, yes, with the air escaping.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** But the other one was definitely not conscious.

**CORONER:** **And movement at all?**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** No, no movement at all.

**CORONER:** **No.**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Bearing in mind they were sort of partially buried in ...

**CORONER:** **Yes, I understand.**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ...debris from the floor above.

**CORONER:** **Yes. Yes, thank you very much. Ms BARTON, anything from you?**

**MS BARTON QC:** Yes, please, sir. I'll just clarify one or two matters. May I have, please, page 2-563?

**CORONER:** **Sorry, I should just say Ms BARTON QC is representing Surrey Police.**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Okay.

**MS BARTON QC:** Mr SPINDLOVE, this is page three of five of your typed statement. And if we go towards the bottom of that statement, please.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Yes.

**MS BARTON QC:** You will see the description of the first person that you helped carry from the hole. "I then lowered the stretcher down the hole," and would you read to the bottom of that page out loud for us, please?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** From which?



**MS BARTON QC:** From the words, “Someone said ...”

**CORONER:** **Towards the right-hand side, about ten lines up.**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Okay. “Someone said, “This one is dead.” With the help of the firemen and a soldier, we managed to pull the body onto the lowered stretcher and lifted him out of the hole. We then carried him from the pub down North Street and placed the stretcher diagonally across the pavement outside Williams and Glyn’s Bank. The body was then fully covered by the blanket. I would describe the body as about 20 years of age, 5’9 to 5’10, his hair looked gingery, although I think this may have been singed. He looked completely naked from the waist down. His upper clothing had been pulled upwards towards his head. His arms were raised and bent backwards. I believe the colour of his jacket was dark green, but the whole body was covered with a layer of dust and fragments of debris.”

**MS BARTON QC:** Right. Just pause there. So that was quite a detailed description of a male that you assisted to carry outside the premises.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** That’s correct.

**MS BARTON QC:** During the time that you were carrying that male on the stretcher, did the male show any signs of life at all?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Not that I recall. None at all.

**MS BARTON QC:** No. And then you spent some time doing other things, and you directed, eventually, an ambulance man to a position where you had left that male's body. Is that right?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I believe so, yes.

**MS BARTON QC:** And when you got there you saw that there was a second stretcher, with a person on it covered by a blanket that was next door to the stretcher that you'd left?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Correct.

**MS BARTON QC:** Had you had any part in moving that person to that position?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I don't recall moving that person.

**MS BARTON QC:** Thank you. I just want to ask you something about briefly the pubs in Guildford before these events. Before the events of the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1974, did any of the pubs in the Guildford Town Centre, the area we are talking about, have a ban on service personnel entering?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Did they have a ban on ...

**MS BARTON QC:** Yes, yes.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** ... soldiers entering? Not before, no.

**MS BARTON QC:** No. Did that change after the explosions of the 5<sup>th</sup> October?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I do remember seeing a notice in, I think it was the pub at Burpham, where they had a sign in the window, off limits, or something to that expression, to members of the Scots Guards.

**MS BARTON QC:** Right.

**MR SPINDLOVE:** I'm presuming the Scots Guards were at Pirbright at the time.

**MS BARTON QC:** Right. Now, in terms of your experience of Guildford Town Centre at the time of this explosion and immediately before, did you, as a Police Officer patrolling, have any concerns about the safety of military personnel in pubs in Guildford?

**MR SPINDLOVE:** None whatsoever.

**MS BARTON QC:** Okay. Thank you very much, Mr SPINDLOVE.

**CORONER:** **Thank you. Mr SANDERS, anything further?**

**MR SANDERS QC:** No further questions. Thank you, sir.

**CORONER:** **No. Mr SPINDLOVE, thank you very much. Very helpful evidence to have those recollections. I know you've travelled a very long way indeed to come here, for which I am very grateful to you. It does help.**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Well, I hope so.

**CORONER:** **It does. Thank you very much.**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Thank you, sir.

**CORONER:** **Thank you. I should say your evidence is concluded, so you are free to go or to stay. It's up to you.**

**MR SPINDLOVE:** Stay a bit longer. Thank you.

**(The witness withdrew)**

**MR SANDERS QC:** Sir, we are just going to change places ...

**CORONER:** Yes, fine.

**MR SANDERS QC:** ... before we call ...

**CORONER:** Are we going to Mr QUEEN next?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Yes, sir.

**CORONER:** Thank you. Gerald QUEEN.

**MR GERALD KEITH QUEEN (sworn)**

**CORONER:** Thank you. Do sit down. Thank you. Good morning to you.

**MR QUEEN:** Good morning.

**CORONER:** Would you give the court your full name, please?

**MR QUEEN:** It's Gerald Keith QUEEN.

**CORONER:** Thank you. Mr QUEEN, you heard my opening remarks to your colleague, the previous witness. Ms KUZMENKO is going to be asking you some questions now on my behalf, so I'll pass you over to her. Thank you.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Good morning, Mr QUEEN. Can I start by having you confirm the town that you live in, please?

**MR QUEEN:** The ...?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Town that you live in?

**MR QUEEN:** Eh?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Or where do you live, without giving your full postal ...?

**MR QUEEN:** Oh, the town. Yarm in Teesside.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. Now, as Mr SANDERS has done, I'm going to take you through your original statement, just so that we can confirm your signature. Heather, can you bring up, please, 20-110? So this should be the original of your statement that you gave on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 1974, and there's a signature there at the top. Can you confirm is that your signature?

**MR QUEEN:** Correct.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. If we scroll down. Is that also your signature?

**MR QUEEN:** Correct.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. Have you had an opportunity to read the typed up versions of your statement?

**MR QUEEN:** I have, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you confirm that the contents of the statement are true to the best of your belief?

**MR QUEEN:** Correct, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. Now, are you still employed?

**MR QUEEN:** No, retired.

**MS KUZMENKO:** When did you retire?

**MR QUEEN:** 1995.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you just give us a brief overview of your employment in your policing career?

**MR QUEEN:** I joined the police in 1963, retired in 1995. 32 years.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And what ranks and roles did you have in that time?

**MR QUEEN:** I retired as an Inspector.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Before you joined the police service, did you have any other employment?

**MR QUEEN:** I was a Ten Pound Pom and went to Australia.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. In terms of your time at the ...

**CORONER:** **Sorry. When you say you were a Ten Pound Pom and you went to Australia, you didn't stay very long, presumably? You came back again?**

**MR QUEEN:** I was there for about three and a half years.

**CORONER:** **I see. All right. Thank you.**

**MS KUZMENKO:** Prior to the Guildford Pub Bombings, did you have any training on the IRA threat at all?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you have any training on major incidents, like explosions?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What about first aid?

**MR QUEEN:** We all got first aid training.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Now, moving on to the 5<sup>th</sup> October. You were working that night.

Was that supposed to be your shift that night?

**MR QUEEN:** I was stationed at Godalming on the area car.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you remember what your shift hours were that night?

**MR QUEEN:** 2 to 10.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How big was the area that you were covering?

**MR QUEEN:** It was Godalming, Cranleigh, Haslemere, all of the rural area.

**MS KUZMENKO:** It may sound obvious, but what were your duties actually in terms of patrolling?

**MR QUEEN:** Just to patrol that area. We didn't, we could go into Guildford, but not as a matter of course.

**CORONER:** **Was it a response car?**

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**CORONER:** **It was, yes.**

**MS KUZMENKO:** Would you have been in full uniform?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What kit would you have had with you for your duties?

**MR QUEEN:** Kit? In the car?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Mmm.

**MR QUEEN:** Accident signs and paraphernalia like that.

**MS KUZMENKO:** That would have included then a torch and radio?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, it would include a torch, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Would you also have had a first aid kit with you?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Who were you on duty with?

**MR QUEEN:** PC MUNN.

**MS KUZMENKO:** At the time of the explosion were you actually stationary or were you on the move?

**MR QUEEN:** I think we were stationary by the Guildford and Godalming Rugby Club.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And were you familiar with Guildford generally?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How busy would it have been on an average Saturday night?

**MR QUEEN:** Saturday night, heaving.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Is that usual?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, happens all the time.

**MS KUZMENKO:** You would have seen Mr SANDERS brought up part of a report that on that particular night there seemed to a particular influx of military personnel. Did you get that sense, that there were larger crowds than usual?

**MR QUEEN:** I couldn't comment on that.



**MS KUZMENKO:** Were you familiar with the Horse and Groom being an Army pub or something like that?

**MR QUEEN:** No, I wasn't. Never been in there.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were you briefed at all in terms of higher numbers of service personnel around that night?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So, as far as you were concerned, it was an average Saturday night?

**MR QUEEN:** We knew that it was frequented by military personnel.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you.

**CORONER:** **Sorry, when it was frequented, you ...**

**MR QUEEN:** Saturday night ...

**CORONER:** **... mean Guildford Town Centre was frequented?**

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, Guildford Town Centre ...

**CORONER:** **Yes, yes.**

**MR QUEEN:** ... always big, numerous soldiers in there, because you had a number of Army camps nearby.

**CORONER:** **Thank you.**

**MS KUZMENKO:** So Godalming Rugby, it was at the rugby club in particular you were near?

**MR QUEEN:** Mmm hmm.

**MS KUZMENKO:** That's about three and half miles away. Does that sound right?

**MR QUEEN:** It's not far.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What time did you learn of the explosion? Do you recall?

**MR QUEEN:** Well, I think it was ... What was the time of it? I think it was 8 ...

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think it does say 8.50 in your statement.

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Does that sound about right?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, it does. Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How would you have heard of the explosion?

**MR QUEEN:** How?

**MS KUZMENKO:** How did you learn of the explosion?

**MR QUEEN:** We would have been directed by the Force Control Room.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Would that have been you specifically in your vehicle?

**MR QUEEN:** I think numerous vehicles were being sent to the scene, but we were called up and told to go to the Horse and Groom.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were you told what the explosion was?

**MR QUEEN:** It was that there was an explosion.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you have any ideas yourself of what might have caused that?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Who was driving in the response? Do you recall?

**MR QUEEN:** Sorry?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Do you remember who was driving between the two of you?

**MR QUEEN:** No, I can't.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long would it have taken you to get there?

**MR QUEEN:** About four minutes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you have any issues along the way in terms of road blockages or anything like that?

**MR QUEEN:** No, just normal traffic.

**MS KUZMENKO:** If I could bring up please, Heather, 11-271. And if we could zoom in around the Horse and Groom, please. Thank you. So looking at that now, can you recall where you would have parked once you got there?

**MR QUEEN:** I can't. We would have just literally ... I mean we weren't the first persons there. We would have pulled up at the first vacant place we could have left the police vehicle.

**MS KUZMENKO:** You say you weren't the first ones there. Can you recall who was already there?

**MR QUEEN:** We were called there.

**MS KUZMENKO:** No, but I mean which other vehicles were already there?

**MR QUEEN:** I can't really recall really.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall what the scene looked like outside? What did you see?

**MR QUEEN:** I would say there was at least 100 people congregating outside the public house. Numerous members of the public, numerous injured people, some in a very distressed state.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall what sort of injuries you saw?

**MR QUEEN:** I think some of them were quite serious. Most of them were covered in blood.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were they standing, sitting?

**MR QUEEN:** Some were standing, some were sitting.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did it sound like out there?

**MR QUEEN:** What did it sound like? A load of women were screaming.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And what did the building itself look like?

**MR QUEEN:** Well, I thought it was a state of collapse.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So in terms of just the front of the building, is that what gave you that impression?

**MR QUEEN:** The front of the building, the side of the wall looked as though it was about to collapse. Up above all the things were collapsing.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you make any radio calls for assistance at this point?

**MR QUEEN:** Did I?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Make any radio calls for assistance ...

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** ... or anything like that?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long was it before you entered the pub itself?

**MR QUEEN:** As soon as we got there I went into the main bar.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you consider whether it was safe to go in?

**MR QUEEN:** I don't think we really thought about that very much.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you please describe, as best you can, on your first entry into the pub, what did you see?

**MR QUEEN:** What did I do?

**MS KUZMENKO:** No, what did you see? So try and paint a picture for us. What you experienced when you entered?

**MR QUEEN:** There was a smell, which I can describe as an explosive smell. It's difficult to describe it, but there was obviously a smell of gas. And I helped some injured people outside.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What were you helping them with?

**MR QUEEN:** Just assisting them.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were they particularly injured?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were there members of the public around at this point still? Just general ...

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. The members of the public were extremely helpful. They were all taking injured people out.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So they weren't hindering your response?

**MR QUEEN:** No, nothing at all.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you remember any of those initial people that you were helping, what sort of injuries they had?

**MR QUEEN:** I think I said that one of the women looked as though she'd lost some part of her, you know, her leg or something. They were quite badly injured.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And am I right that you then, after helping a few initial people out, you then left the pub?

**MR QUEEN:** I don't recall, apart from helping people out. I then went back into the pub and down in the cellar.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. So let's just then talk about the cellar then. So if I could just bring up, Heather, 7-1348. So you will have seen this image brought up before, and this is the hole in the ground that leads to the cellar.

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long was it before you saw this hole in the ground in terms of from your initial point of entry?

**MR QUEEN:** When I went back in there again I saw the hole, and then I went straight down the cellar steps.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And is that the one just behind, it would have been just behind the stairs?

**MR QUEEN:** I can't recall where the cellar steps were, except the fact that I went down the cellar.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you describe to us what you saw when you got down into the cellar?

**MR QUEEN:** Well, there was a pile of bodies about three feet high, and there was pipes and radiators and hissing noises, and water, obviously, coming out of either the radiator or the mains supply. Wires hanging all over the place.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Was there much movement from the pile of bodies?

**MR QUEEN:** Twitching.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How easy was it to see down there?

**MR QUEEN:** Difficult.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Why so?

**MR QUEEN:** Because there wasn't a lot of light.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think you mention dust and rubble as well. Is that right?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, rubble ...

**MS KUZMENKO:** You recall that?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. There's a lot of rubble on top of the bodies.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Was there anyone in the cellar already before you?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, there was.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Who? Can you recall?

**MR QUEEN:** There was a doctor, difficult to describe, but he was obviously the opposite side of the bodies, not my side. And the opposite side was

where all the water was coming down, so everybody was getting soaked.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you also recall two Firemen and a Special Constable? Is that about right?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. So I put in my statement, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How safe did you feel being in the cellar underneath that hole?

**MR QUEEN:** I don't think we gave any thought to it quite honestly.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think you mention that you would hear a lot of creaking as people were walking above?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, yes. You could hear ...

**CORONER:** **Sorry, I missed that. A lot of what?**

**MR QUEEN:** Creaking.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Creaking.

**CORONER:** **Creaking, yes.**

**MR QUEEN:** When people are walking in the rooms above.

**CORONER:** **Upstairs, yes.**

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Now, can you talk me through what you did once you saw this pile of bodies, please?

**MR QUEEN:** I came round the opposite side of where the doctor was, and the person on the top I felt his pulse, and the only way I could establish



what sex he was was the fact that his testicles were hanging out of his trousers.

**MS KUZMENKO:** When you felt his pulse did you feel anything?

**MR QUEEN:** No, nothing at all.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And what did he look like in terms of could you see his face?

**MR QUEEN:** I didn't see his face.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think you mentioned that his face was covered in blood. Does that sound familiar?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, it is covered in blood. Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. And was there a plan of action at that point as to what to do with the bodies?

**MR QUEEN:** (no audible reply)

**MS KUZMENKO:** Was there a plan of action as to what to do with the bodies?

**MR QUEEN:** No. No, plan of action. It was spontaneous.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And what was spontaneous?

**MR QUEEN:** Well, the doctor wanted to get at him, and so I pulled the body out so he could examine him. And then it was a question of asking people to hand down a stretcher.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long was it before you got that first stretcher?

**MR QUEEN:** Oh, a matter of minutes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Could you see who was passing them to you?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So the first body that you took off that's the one that you felt the pulse of. Is that right?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And how did you manoeuvre him? Was it you on your own moving him?

**MR QUEEN:** No. I can't say who else got the other side of the stretcher, but he was lifted up through the hole.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Moving on then to the second body. Could you please describe, as best you can, what that looked like, what that body looked like?

**MR QUEEN:** Well, again they were all covered in rubble, but this particular body, the only reason I assumed it was a female because she had pink knickers on.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you remember what her body looked like?

**MR QUEEN:** Severely mauled. I mean her lower legs a lot of her muscles were missing. I think her legs were still intact, but they were in a terrible state.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you remember what leg in particular was particularly damaged you say? I think you mention that one leg looked like all the muscle had been ...?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. She looked as though her muscles had been blown away.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Do you remember which leg that was?

**MR QUEEN:** I can't recall.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I understand you also saw what you believed to be body tissue around her. Is that right?

**MR QUEEN:** (no audible reply)

**MS KUZMENKO:** I understand that you mention that you saw there was body tissue around her as well.

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Does that sound familiar as well?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Again, in terms of removing her, did you do that on your own or did you have assistance?

**MR QUEEN:** No. I was assisted by whoever was down there. In fact I think I pulled her out of a pile.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall whether you thought she was alive or dead at that time?

**MR QUEEN:** I don't, I can't remember whether I actually tested her pulse. No, I can't remember whether I tested her pulse, but I would assume she was dead.

**CORONER:** You say at the top of page 3, "Doctor felt her neck and then the stretcher was lowered down."

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So you think she was probably dead though yourself?

**MR QUEEN:** I think the doctor felt her neck and, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did he mention to you what ...?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. If we can move on then to the next body, the third body. As best as you can remember, what did that body look like?

**MR QUEEN:** Again, covered in rubble. And ... Let's see.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think you mention this one as having a tube in his mouth?

**MR QUEEN:** I think that the doctor had a tube in his mouth and he was trying to access him, and I think we then pulled the body out so he could actually get access to it.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did he look like, to the best of your memory?

**MR QUEEN:** Let's have a look. I think he was breathing, but with difficulty.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Laborious breathing or ...?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, laboured breathing, but he was obviously still alive.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Do you recall if he was moving much?

**MR QUEEN:** I don't recall that.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think you mention in the statement he had gingery light coloured hair and he looked smartly dressed with a jacket. Is that something you can recall now?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. Yes, gingery hair, light coloured. And he's smartly dressed.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Is that something you can still recall now?

**MR QUEEN:** (no audible reply)

**MS KUZMENKO:** Is that something you can still recall now as an image?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay.

**CORONER:** **In fact you go on to say he had a jacket on. Do you mean a sports jacket by that?**

**MR QUEEN:** I'd have to refer to my statement.

**CORONER:** **No, have a look.**

**MR QUEEN:** It's such a long time ago.

**CORONER:** **No, no. Page 3, top of page 3, second paragraph, towards the bottom of the second paragraph.**

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, smartly dressed.

**CORONER:** **And a jacket on?**

**MR QUEEN:** Jacket on, yes.

**CORONER:** **Yes.**

**MS KUZMENKO:** Heather, I wonder whether it may assist if we could just bring up the statement. It's at 2-547. I think it is page 3 we are on. Just so you have it on the screen in front of you.

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. We are talking about the third body now, are we?

**MS KUZMENKO:** We are.

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And so we've just spoken about he had a jacket on. What kind of jacket was it? Can you recall?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And you then were able to get him out?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall what you did, because you thought he was alive?

**MR QUEEN:** Well, I think someone shouted, "This one is alive." And so he was then lifted up on a stretcher.

**MS KUZMENKO:** In the same way as the previous had?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall who would have shouted that?

**MR QUEEN:** Who?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Who would have shouted that this was ...?

**MR QUEEN:** I don't know.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. Then we'll move onto the fourth body. Again, as best as you can recall, can you describe what that body looked like, please?

**MR QUEEN:** Are we talking about the ...?

**MS KUZMENKO:** The fourth body, the last ...

**MR QUEEN:** The fourth body now?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Mmm hmm. So I think your statement begins ...

**MR QUEEN:** I think what I say is that all I could see was his backside and his legs.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Where did you think the rest of his body was?

**MR QUEEN:** Well, I've no idea, but I got hold of his legs and pulled him clear, and he'd gone down between the wall and one of those barrels of beer.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Was it quite easy to be able to pull him out?

**MR QUEEN:** He was quite a large gentleman. I think he was about 6' tall.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you think he was alive at this point?

**MR QUEEN:** No, I didn't.

**CORONER:** **When you say he was large, I mean what you say at that stage is he's well ...**

**MR QUEEN:** (inaudible)

**CORONER:** **He was well built and had a large stomach.**

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. Large stomach, yes.

**CORONER:** **Yes.**

**MS KUZMENKO:** Again, can you recall what he was wearing?

**MR QUEEN:** Let's have a look. White shirt and dark trousers.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Is that an image that you can still see today?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were you then able to get him out?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. Lifted him out, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And again, in terms of the stretcher. So you had assistance to get him on?

**MR QUEEN:** Just helped him out. He's put on the stretcher and he was lifted up through the hole.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. So those are the only four bodies that you recall dealing with?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Am I right in understanding that you didn't leave the cellar straightaway?

**MR QUEEN:** Not straightaway, but when the bodies had been moved I then left after a short period of time.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think your statement at the end mentions that you thought there was gas and you were trying to investigate it. Can you just tell us about that?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. Well, I did, but it appeared to be the gas from the beer, where they pump the beer through, the pressure.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And so once you were satisfied with that you then left?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Where did you go from there?

**MR QUEEN:** Back up into the main bar area. And then, as far as I recall, I left the pub.



**MS KUZMENKO:** If we could just scroll down, Heather, please. Further. There we go.  
So just at the bottom of that page you mention that you started a search with the firemen of all the rooms.

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you just tell us a bit more about that?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes. Several of us were searching the property, going upstairs into the private accommodation, to see if there was anybody else either trapped or on the premises.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Could you find anyone else?

**MR QUEEN:** Nobody.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What was the state of the building like upstairs?

**MR QUEEN:** Precarious I would describe it as. Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long do you think you were doing that search for?

**MR QUEEN:** No more than about ten minutes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. Then you left the pub altogether?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** In terms of coming back to the scene outside then, can you tell us what you saw in terms of ...?

**MR QUEEN:** There were, again, numerous people outside. There were some bodies on some stretchers and some ambulances, and I asked the ambulance

whether they, could they take the bodies. And I helped, somebody with me, and lifted the stretcher into the ambulance.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How quickly were the ambulance able to leave with the bodies?

**MR QUEEN:** I only helped one body.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Somebody else would have taken ...

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** ... care of the second?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How quickly afterwards did the ambulance leave?

**MR QUEEN:** Almost immediately.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you remember what body you were dealing with, that you were lifting?

**MR QUEEN:** (no audible reply)

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall what body you were dealing with? Was it a male or a female?

**MR QUEEN:** No, I can't. No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Next I understand you went towards the Seven Stars, as you heard another explosion?

**MR QUEEN:** I think we physically saw the explosion.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did it look like?

**MR QUEEN:** Just a loud explosion and numerous piles of debris coming out the front of the pub.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall what time that would have been at?

**MR QUEEN:** It was probably half an hour, maybe shortly after that. I'm not quite sure what time the ...

**MS KUZMENKO:** Sorry.

**MR QUEEN:** I'm not quite sure when the explosion took place at the Seven Stars.

**MS KUZMENKO:** But shortly after you were dealing with the stretchers into the ambulance?

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. Now, I'm going to take this with a fairly broad brush stroke, but can you tell us about what you did once you saw the explosion at the Seven Stars?

**MR QUEEN:** Well, I went into the pub and I think I was working with PC SPINDLOVE and we were helping people out of the pub. But I didn't realise at the time, but the publican had cleared the pub, so there was only a publican and a couple of people in the pub.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And what were the sort of injuries that you saw there like?

**MR QUEEN:** Let's have a look.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Heather, if we could just scroll down, please.

**MR QUEEN:** I think somebody shouted, “There’s a man trapped in here.” There’s a large man dressed in a jumper. There were piles of rubbish and rubble.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So you can’t remember seeing any sort of injuries in the same way as you did at the Horse and Groom?

**MR QUEEN:** Not without referring to my statement, no.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you then make any return to the Horse and Groom that evening?

**MR QUEEN:** No, I didn’t.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you go back towards North Street?

**MR QUEEN:** Not that I recall.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Heather, if I could just get you to scroll down a bit further, please.

**MRS NIN:** Scroll down where?

**MS KUZMENKO:** And further, please. And a bit further.

**MRS NIN:** Right.

**MS KUZMENKO:** There we go. So just at that last paragraph that I’m reading. That you then assisted ...

**MR QUEEN:** Oh, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** ... PC BOWERS in taping up the Horse and Groom.

**MR QUEEN:** Yes, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you just tell us why you would have been doing that?

**MR QUEEN:** What, taping off?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Mmm.

**MR QUEEN:** Well, basically for forensic examination.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Would you have stayed there for much longer after that?

**MR QUEEN:** No, I can't recall. But obviously we would be directed as to what we were required to do.

**MS KUZMENKO:** But you can't remember, for instance, dealing with many more people at that point?

**MR QUEEN:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. Thank you. Your evidence has been very helpful to me. I don't have any further questions, but others may do.

**CORONER:** **Thank you very much. Mr QUEEN, can I just get an idea? You joined Surrey Police in 1963.**

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**CORONER:** **You'd been to Australia for about three years, three and a half years ...**

**MR QUEEN:** Yes.

**CORONER:** **... or so prior to that. So what sort of age were you by October '74?**

**MR QUEEN:** I think ... Hold on a minute. 30.

**CORONER:** **30, yes. Good. Thank you very much. MS BARTON, do you have any?**

**MS BARTON QC:** No, I don't. Thank you, sir.

**CORONER:** No, thank you. Mr QUEEN, that concludes your evidence. Thank you very much. Again, very helpful to have these sort of first-hand accounts. And I know you've come, you haven't perhaps come quite as far as Vancouver, but nevertheless you've travelled quite a long way to come here, so I'm very grateful to you. I hope you have a safe journey home. You are free to stay or to go as you choose.

**MR QUEEN:** All right. Thank you very much.

**(The witness withdrew)**

**CORONER:** Thank you. Ms SANDERS, I think we'll take our midmorning break rather than splitting the next witness. Mr CAMPBELL, I'll call you next. We're going to have a short break. We will be about 15 minutes or so, 20 minutes maybe, and then when we come back, I'll call you to give your evidence.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Thank you, sir. Thank you.

**CORONER:** Thank you very much. Thank you.

**CLERK:** Court please rise.

**(A short adjournment)**

**CORONER:** I do not know if it is afternoon? No, it is not, we are still in the morning, so it is still good morning to you. Can you give me ... oh no, we need to deal with him, please. Thank you.

**MR COLIN DONALD CAMPBELL (sworn)**

**CORONER:** Thank you, do sit down. Would you give me your full name, please?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Colin Donald CAMPBELL.

**CORONER:** Thank you, Mr CAMPBELL. Again, you have heard me speak to your colleagues and the previous witnesses about keeping your voice up and not rushing ahead too quickly, please. Ms KUZMENKO is going to ask questions, again on my behalf, so I will pass you over to her. Please concentrate on the questions you are being asked and just try and restrict your answers to those questions.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Okay, sir, thank you.

**CORONER:** Thank you.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Good morning, Mr CAMPBELL.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Good morning.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Could you confirm, please, where you are living, without giving your full postcode?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Where I live now?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Mmm.

**MR CAMPBELL:** I live in Castle Carey in Somerset.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. Now, again, I am just going to take you to the original version of your statement so we can confirm your signature. Heather, can you bring up, please, 20-101? This is a witness statement from you on the, it should be dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Can you just confirm, is that your signature at the top there?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes, that is.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And if we scroll down, please, Heather.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes, that's my signature.

**MS KUZMENKO:** There we go. Thank you. Have you had an opportunity to read the typed version of this statement?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I have, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And can you confirm if it is true to the best of your knowledge?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes. There are some parts I don't remember, but it is true, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. Are you still working at the moment?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I'm retired.

**MS KUZMENKO:** When did you retire?

**MR CAMPBELL:** 1918 (sic).

**MS KUZMENKO:** Was that ...

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, no, no, no, sorry, 19 ... 20, 2008.



**MS KUZMENKO:** And was that from the police services?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, no, it was another job.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What job was that?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I was a driving instructor.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you just give us a brief overview of your time in the police services, of what your ranks and roles were?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yeah, I joined in 1995, posted to Guildford. I went on the traffic division in 1997, and ...

**CORONER:** **Sorry, can we just, you are saying 1995?**

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**CORONER:** **When did you actually join Surrey Police?**

**MR CAMPBELL:** Sorry, sorry, I beg your pardon, 1965.

**CORONER:** '65, yes.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

**CORONER:** **So you joined in 1965 ...**

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**CORONER:** **... and then, sorry, you were going on to say you joined the traffic police, I think?**

**MR CAMPBELL:** In 1967. And in 1974 I was promoted to sergeant, and I remained a sergeant for the rest of my service until 1995 when I retired.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And you became a sergeant in '74. Was that, that was after the Guildford Bombings?

**MR CAMPBELL:** It was a few, a few days after.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So at the time of the bombings you were a police constable?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes, I was.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Before the bombings, did you have any training on the IRA ...

**MR CAMPBELL:** No.

**MS KUZMENKO:** ... or their threat? What about on major incidents, how to handle them?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, no, only, the main things I would deal with, majorly, would be fatal traffic accidents.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So you would have been first aid trained?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Thank you. So in terms of the 5<sup>th</sup> of October specifically, can you recall what shift hours you were working that night?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well there was a late shift, but I can't remember whether it started at three o'clock or four o'clock, or six o'clock, but it would, it would have been one of those times.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What were your duties that evening?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Patrolling with PC David LAMBERT.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What area were you covering, can you recall?

**MR CAMPBELL:** A3, A31, Guildford town area, and Godalming. That was about it, really.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Would you have been in full uniform at the time?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What kit would you have had with you in the car?

**MR CAMPBELL:** In the car there were two hand lamps, one search-and-rescue lamp, first aid kit, and a number of signs for road traffic collisions.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you just explain to us, what's the difference between a hand lamp and a search-and-rescue lamp?

**MR CAMPBELL:** The hand lamp was a small lamp which had three colours on it, red, white or I think it was another colour, for controlling traffic. The search-and-rescue lamp had a separate battery and a long wire on it, and it was a lot more powerful.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So was that quite a large lamp?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes, you had, you had the battery pack over your shoulder, and you held the lamp.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Would you have also had something like a torch as well, would you?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well the hand lamps were ...

**MS KUZMENKO:** That was it.

**MR CAMPBELL:** ... were torches, yeah.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I see, thank you. And what about a first aid kit?

**MR CAMPBELL:** That was in the boot of the car.

**MS KUZMENKO:** That was always with you?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Where were you stationed that evening on your patrol?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Towards the incident, are you saying?

**MS KUZMENKO:** Mmm.

**MR CAMPBELL:** We were in, we parked up in North Street between the Horse and Groom pub and Maple's Store, which was on the corner of Chertsey Street, on a garage forecourt where we could see the traffic going up and down North Street.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Heather, could you just, please, bring up 11-271? If you could just zoom in around the Horse and Groom, please. So I think, on our map, number 5 is the Guildford Motors, and number 6 is the garage forecourt and parking. Does that look about right to you?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes, that does look right, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So you could see the Horse and Groom from that location?

**MR CAMPBELL:** We couldn't see the front of it, we couldn't see the entrance, because we were slightly back, but it was there, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So you could see the building itself?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So what would your view have been? Was that the Old Cloth Hall that we can see across, is that, was that your view?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Which is the Old Cloth Hall?

**MS KUZMENKO:** So from number 6, which is the forecourt, what would you have seen otherwise?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Oh, I see. The library, I think it was, and there's Jeffries Passage, I think, and obviously traffic going up and down North Street.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were you there for, from the beginning of your shift, or was that just, it happened to be you had just got there?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, no, we have been driving around ... we hadn't been there long when we moved on for another purpose.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Do you know whether there were other patrol officers nearby, from your ...?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Not to my knowledge, at that time. Although I think I recall seeing WPC PARRISH walking the beat somewhere locally.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How familiar were you, at the time, of the Guildford area?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Reasonably familiar.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were you familiar with the Horse and Groom in particular?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I had never been in there, but I knew where it was, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you know it to be sort of an army pub, which was frequented by service personnel?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I didn't.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How busy would Guildford be on a usual Saturday night in the Seventies?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Quite busy. In fact on that night, strangely enough, David LAMBERT and I mentioned there were a lot of soldiers in town, because they used to come from Brookwood Railway Station to Guildford. So when we were down the bottom end of town, I guess there was just a surge of them walking across.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So that was not terribly usual, then, having that sort of surge?

**MR CAMPBELL:** There were soldiers at the weekends often, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** But not in those numbers?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I don't know why we mentioned it, but we did, so yeah.

**MS KUZMENKO:** We have seen a report from Superintendent HARDING. I won't bring it up, as we've had it up before, but it noted that influx of military personnel that evening. Did you report that influx of people to anyone, that you noted?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, no.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were you aware that there were extra police being sent out as a result?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I wasn't.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Until what time did you remain at the forecourt, can you remember?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Somewhere in the region of, we were there at 8.30, I think, or just after. Somewhere around there.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think your statement says 8.45, does that sound possible?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Oh, 8.45, no that is more ...

**MS KUZMENKO:** Until then?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Then you left the forecourt. Can you just briefly tell us why you had left the forecourt?

**MR CAMPBELL:** It, well it was 8.45 we left, but we were there a bit earlier. We left the forecourt because a motorcycle went by and we needed to talk to him about his lights, which weren't working, so, to give some advice.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So from the forecourt, then, could you just sort of describe to us where it was you drove?

**MR CAMPBELL:** We pulled off the forecourt, turned left, went up to the top of North Street and turned left into the High Street, up the High Street, and stopped him there.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Heather, if you could just move the map ... yeah. And so you would have gone down, so that is the High Street just at the bottom of the page, that we can see.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** You would have been around there, somewhere?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Further over to the right ...

**MS KUZMENKO:** The right.

**MR CAMPBELL:** ... or the east.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Heather, could you just move the map so we can see more of the right side, please? There we go. So that is the upper side of the High Street?

**MR CAMPBELL:** The upper High Street, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And eventually you have stopped the rider to speak to him?

**MR CAMPBELL:** We did, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long did you speak to him for?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Not very long. We were there for a short time, and then we heard this almighty bang.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you think that bang was?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well it was some sort of explosion. It wasn't overly loud where we were, because we were sheltered by buildings, but it was loud enough to draw our attention.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you do once you had heard that?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well when we had got back into the car, we were directed by the control room to go to North Street.

**CORONER:** **How far along were you? There is a roundabout there. There was a cinema.**



**MR CAMPBELL:** Ah, we were before the roundabout.

**CORONER:** **Before the roundabout.**

**MR CAMPBELL:** Somewhere near the municipal offices, I think.

**CORONER:** I see.

**MR CAMPBELL:** And there was a little turning off to the left which led into a car park, I believe.

**CORONER:** **Car park, yes.**

**MR CAMPBELL:** Somewhere in that area.

**MS KUZMENKO:** The directions that you were given, was it just to North Street generally at that point?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I think it was, we were told there was an explosion, I think, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** But in terms of where they told you to go, how did you know where you were going?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well they said, I think they said the Horse and Groom.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Do you remember who was driving?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I was driving.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Again, in terms of the route that you took back, would you have come exactly where you had just come from?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes, we turned round, went straight back to North Street, turned right into North Street.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you encounter any issues driving back into North Street?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well going into North Street we, there were an awful lot of people running down towards the lower end of North Street, and as we went round the bend there were many, many people outside the Horse and Groom.

**MS KUZMENKO:** In terms of the people running, were they on the pavement or the road, can you recall?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I can't remember. There were, I just remember there were a lot of them.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you remember how many?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Dozens.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you see once you had gotten to ... so you had seen the people running towards you and you stopped. Can you just tell us roughly where it was ...?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, no, they were running away from us at that stage, down towards the bottom of North Street. We were at the top of North Street.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I see, okay.

**MR CAMPBELL:** But as we went round the bend we saw many, many people outside the Horse and Groom.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you describe to us what you saw when you turned there, then, please, in terms of the people ...?

**MR CAMPBELL:** When we, when we got towards the Horse and Groom, we parked on the left hand side of the road and we saw that the place was, there was a lot of debris, and obviously it had been severely damaged, it was all over the pavement, and many people, as I'd said.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you tell us, were there already any other vehicles there?

**MR CAMPBELL:** There was one car there, I remember, but I can't remember what it was.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think you mention a parked Ford Escort police car ...

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** ... does that sound right?

**MR CAMPBELL:** It does, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long would it have taken you to get there from where you were speaking to the rider?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Oh, half a minute.

**MS KUZMENKO:** You didn't see anything like ambulances or fire engines, at that point?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Not at that stage, no.

**MS KUZMENKO:** The dozens of people that you saw, did they look injured to you?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, they were outside. No. Well not initially anyway.

**MS KUZMENKO:** In terms of the building itself, can you just tell us more about what ... you say there was dust and rubble, I think. What did the actual state of the building look like?

**MR CAMPBELL:** From the outside, the front, to the left of the door, the front seemed to be blown out and there was a, a balcony above which was falling. But not literally, it had fallen but not right down, it was hanging.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you do once you had realised what you saw?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well David LAMBERT got out of the car first and I called the control room and said we needed more assistance. And I think I asked for an ambulance and fire brigade. And then I went into the pub.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you take anything with you?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I think I probably took a hand lamp, at that stage.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How quickly was it from the moment that you arrived at the scene to going into the pub?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Oh, I would think less than a minute. Just enough time to make a call to the police headquarters. But LAMBERT, David LAMBERT had gone in before.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So he ran straight in?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yeah.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you consider whether it was safe to go in?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Never gave it a thought.

**MS KUZMENKO:** You just went straight in?

**MR CAMPBELL:** (no audible reply)

**MS KUZMENKO:** How easy was it to get into the building?

**MR CAMPBELL:** It was, first of all it was dark. There was a lot of sort of grey dust and a sort of musty smell, as far as I remember. But there were many people coming out and in the way, and it was difficult to get in there.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And where did you, once you had ... if we could just bring up 1-3, please, Heather? This is the masterplan of the pub. Once you had got in, can you just describe to us where you went from there?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well I seem to remember the door at the bottom where the dotted line is, I went straight in, and I thought that, I seem to recall that was some sort of corridor, and then the bar area. I went on the left, as I remember, on the left hand side where there was a fireplace. I went into there.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think we can just see that fireplace in the sort of middle left side, and that's, that looks to you, as you recall the bar?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I think so, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And you mentioned that you saw a hole in the floor?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I did.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Where was that in relation to the fireplace?

**MR CAMPBELL:** It was in front of it.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you do once you had noticed this?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I went up towards it and looking down I saw a pair of legs on the left-hand side, but I couldn't see the rest of the body. Over to the right,

there were two sets of female legs, 'cause I knew that 'cause they were wearing short, tights and knickers, facing upwards, but I couldn't see the rest of the body.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did the bodies appear to be moving at all?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I don't think they were.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you do with this information?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I've got a feeling I had to go out then and get some more equipment at some stage, and which was the search-and-rescue lamp.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Were you asked to get that by anyone, or you just ...?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I was. Somebody said they needed some light, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did you deal with anyone on your way out?

**MR CAMPBELL:** We assisted, well I assisted people out, as many of the other officers did. And there were other officers there at that time. And the only name I remember was WPC PARRISH, she was there helping people out.

**MS KUZMENKO:** In terms of the people that you were helping out, what sort of injuries did they have?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Some of them had blood on them, some of them didn't. But they were walking wounded, if you like.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you do once you had gotten out? So you said you went to get some equipment?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I went to get a search-and-rescue lamp, and I am not sure if I talked to the control room at that stage on the way back out, I can't remember.

But I came back in with a rescue lamp, because somebody wanted some light in the cellar.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall giving it, then, to someone?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I did, I gave it to ... the name's in the statement, but I don't recall him. I gave it to a PC.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you do from there? Did you stay around the hole?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I helped to move, in front of the hole there was a piece of carpet, which somebody was trying to drag away, and I, I helped to drag that carpet away, and move some debris, but it was a bit of a losing battle, quite honestly.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Heather, could you just bring up, please, 7-1348? So this should be a photograph of the hole. Does that look like what you can remember the hole looking like, in terms of the carpet around it?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well I suppose it must have been because of the carpet, but I, I remember more that it was very close to the fireplace.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think it is the fireplace just ...

**MR CAMPBELL:** Right.

**MS KUZMENKO:** ... I think it is just above, if Heather can scroll, please. This way, can you ...

**CORONER:** If you look top left.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Yeah, yeah.

**CORONER:** That is the fireplace.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Oh, oh right, okay, thank you, sir.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So that does match your recollection ...

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** ... of the sort of distances? Okay, if we just scroll back down, please.

Thank you, Heather. The carpet that we see around the edge, you would have been pulling that away?

**MR CAMPBELL:** We tried to drag that away, yes, but it was weighted down by debris.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Could you move the debris out of the way?

**MR CAMPBELL:** We tried. It was a bit of a losing battle.

**MS KUZMENKO:** In what sense?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I think, I think there must have been more falling down. I can't clearly remember.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Was there anyone helping you with this?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Somebody else, yeah, I don't know who. Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you remember whether it was service personnel, fireman, policeman?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I am sorry.



**MS KUZMENKO:** That's okay. Can you remember whether you saw anything coming out of the hole at that point?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I can't.

**MS KUZMENKO:** At some point was anyone lifted out from it?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Not that I recall. I may have left it by then.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Sorry?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I may have left the place by then, but no.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Heather, could you bring up, please, 2-427? And if we scroll about halfway down? Someone appeared to be in the cellar assisting the removal, "So I saw some persons lifting one of the bodies out of the hole," that is just midway in, and someone appeared to be in the cellar assisting the removal of these bodies.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Right.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Does that ring a bell to you now? Or is that just something you can't now recall?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I just can't recall. I do remember giving the search-and-rescue lamp, but no.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long do you think you were spending on the carpet manoeuvres?  
Can you remember doing that for very long?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I don't recall that, I'm sorry.

**MS KUZMENKO:** That's okay. Can you tell us where you went from there? What you can remember doing next?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I do recall going towards the door which leads to the cellar and helping somebody to wrench it off its hinge because it was in the way.  
And we freed the door and then I laid it on the ground.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you remember who was helping you with that?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I'm sorry.

**MS KUZMENKO:** At this point were there many people on the ground floor of the ... were there many people around that were sort of either in the way, in your way, or anything like that?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well less people then, but there were people outside, as far as I remember, because I recall going out at some stage and using the public address system from the car, asking them to move away and leave space for the emergency vehicles.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Did that work?

**MR CAMPBELL:** To an extent.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you recall seeing, once you had gone back in after making that announcement, did you see anyone else being removed at that time?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I can't recall that, no.

**MS KUZMENKO:** I think you describe in your statement hearing somebody called Heather being taken to the hospital?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I did, yes, I remember that.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you just tell us about what was going on at that point?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well I heard somebody say Heather had been taken to hospital, and some time after that what I think was the barman asked me if I knew where Heather was. So I didn't know who Heather was, but I did tell him that, what I had heard.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So were there a lot of people that were coming in to try and locate people they knew?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I, I don't ...

**MS KUZMENKO:** Or was a singular sort of incident?

**MR CAMPBELL:** ... I don't know, I'm sorry, I can't ...

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. After this, did you then leave the pub?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Can you tell us what the scene was like outside by this point?

**MR CAMPBELL:** There were people there, and one or two people, I took their names and their details, as possible witnesses. At some stage somebody was sweeping up, I think, and I asked them to stop because we need that possibly for evidence.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Was that a civilian or ...?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I think so, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long did you stay outside of the pub for?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well at, I remember at somewhere around 9.30 we heard another explosion at the lower end of North Street, and I'd done, you know, there were lots of people, lots of personnel in the Horse and Groom and in the area, so I started to go down North Street, and ran down North Street to see what the problem was.

**MS KUZMENKO:** And we can take it with a fairly broad brushstroke, but how did you respond once you had seen that second, that explosion?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well I ran down North Street and I was overtaken by PC WORGER and another PC on their motorcycle. They were going to the same location. There were lots of people again in Swan Lane. I did go into the pub. I saw a man walk out with no top on his clothing, but he didn't appear to be injured. At some stage I saw a girl sitting in the, I think there was a, an opticians there, Specsavers, or whoever they were in those days, and she was shocked, and I helped her to, and I took her details, and she eventually went off with somebody. But I was told there was nobody else, there was nobody injured in that pub, so I went back up to North Street, eventually.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What did you do once you had got back to North Street?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well when it was sort of all calming down, myself and David LAMBERT and somebody else, we were, we were asked to stand outside the pub for security, by the doors, so we stood there.

**MS KUZMENKO:** What was the purpose, what do you mean by that, for security?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well to stop people going in, yes. 'Cause there were nosey people around, and, you know, had to be stopped.

**MS KUZMENKO:** How long were you there for?

**MR CAMPBELL:** That I can't remember. I can't remember what time I finished work that night.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. In your statement you mention clearing a passageway for ambulances, is that something you can recall doing?

**MR CAMPBELL:** That was at some stage, are we talking about Swan Lane or are we talking about ...?

**MS KUZMENKO:** At North Street, so after you had returned from the Seven Stars.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Right. I can't quite remember the order that well, but I do remember doing that, yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So what would that have entailed?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Moving people, public address system possibly, off the car.

**MS KUZMENKO:** So it's just ensuring that the roads weren't ...

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS KUZMENKO:** ... blocked up? Okay, and so you said you couldn't recall quite when you, when you finished work that evening?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No, I'm sorry, no.

**MS KUZMENKO:** But do you remember roughly how long you were stood out there for in terms of security? Was there somebody else that took over at any point, for instance?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Well I guess there must have been, but I know we went back there the next day and were standing outside again on the Sunday, but I can't remember how long for.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Okay. Thank you. I don't have any further questions for you, but that has been very helpful.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Thank you, thank you.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Others may have questions for you.

**CORONER:** Ms **BARTON**.

**MS BARTON QC:** Thank you, sir. Mr **CAMPBELL**, I appear on behalf of Surrey Police. I have just got a couple of matters of clarification, if I may. Could we have page 2-427, please, on the screen? And I just want to clarify with you how many people you saw being lifted from the cellar and at what stage. So do you have any independent recollection now, Mr **CAMPBELL**, of these events, or are you totally reliant upon your witness statement?

**MR CAMPBELL:** I have independent recognition of some parts of it, from the beginning, from the parking, from the motor-scooter, coming back to the pub, going into the pub, seeing the girls in the fireplace, the two

legs, four legs, six legs in the fireplace. I have recollection of helping pull that door down, and going to the car and using the PA system. I have recognition of running down North Street to the other pub, but a lot of it is just not clear.

**MS BARTON QC:** No. So if I were to ask you for any more physical discussion than you have given of people that you assisted, if it's not in your witness statement you are not able to help us with that?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No. I know, I know I assisted a number of people to get out of the pub, but I don't think there's more.

**MS BARTON QC:** Let me just clarify this, then, with you, if I may. In your witness statement you say that you went to the patrol car and got the search-and-rescue lamp, and if you just scroll down a bit for me, we'll see the words 'PC LAMBERT' in ... there we are. Scroll down so that we get 'PC LAMBERT' at the top of that. That's it, lovely, thank you. Having got the search-and-rescue lamp, we see you say, "I went back into the pub. I saw some persons lifting one of the bodies out of the hole. Someone appeared to be in the cellar assisting the removal of these bodies." So, according to your statement, after you get the search-and-rescue lamp you saw one body being lifted out of the hole. Do you have a recollection now of those events?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Now, as I, it's obviously true, but I can't remember it.

**MS BARTON QC:** Yeah, that's fine, and I only wanted to know that because if you don't have a recollection you are not going to have any more description, are you?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No.

**MS BARTON QC:** No. So we then go a bit further down that statement, when we're still on the screen, towards the end it says, you had been outside again and you say, "I went back in the pub and saw some firemen in there. I saw a person, I think a male person, being carried out of the pub. He had blood all over his face." Do you see that?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes, I can't recall that.

**MS BARTON QC:** All right, and you can't give any more description of the person that that is?

**MR CAMPBELL:** No. It was quite (inaudible), and it's, I just, just can't recall it.

**MS BARTON QC:** That's fine. And then you became involved in the conversation about Heather and where she was.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**MS BARTON QC:** Lovely, thank you very much.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Thank you.

**CORONER:** **Ms KUZMENKO, anything further from you?**

**MS KUZMENKO:** (no audible reply)



**CORONER:** Thank you. Mr CAMPBELL, that concludes your evidence. I am very grateful to you. It is helpful to have these eyewitness accounts. You are free to stay or to go.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Thank you.

**CORONER:** Thank you very much for coming up from, was it Somerset I think you have come up from?

**MR CAMPBELL:** Yes.

**CORONER:** And have a safe journey home. Thank you.

**MR CAMPBELL:** Thank you very much, sir, thank you. I am sorry I can't be more memorable, but ...

**CORONER:** No, no, it has been very helpful, thank you.

(The witness withdrew)

**CORONER:** I think the next witness is a witness to be read, Jacqueline PARRISH, and Ms KUZMENKO, you are reading that.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Yes, sir.

**CORONER:** Thank you.

**MS KUZMENKO:** For your reference, this is at 2-536.

**CORONER:** Thank you.

**MS KUZMENKO:** Witness statement of Jacqueline PARRISH, is as follows.

(Statement of Jacqueline PARRISH read in full)

“On Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1974, I was on duty at Guildford on the panda car, with WPC 19 GIBSON. We were working a 2pm to 10pm shift. I was driving the vehicle down North Street at about 8.50pm that night. As we were opposite Annabella’s, going towards the library, I heard a bang and thought we had had an accident. I then saw a cloud of dust coming from the Horse and Groom Public House ahead of me. There were bricks and rubble flying through the air, out into the road from the pub.

“I stopped the vehicle outside the library, got out and shouted down the radio handset, “Priority, priority, explosion public house, North Street, opposite the library, urgent, urgent, urgent, many casualties, assistance required.” Our radio had not been working properly and I just hoped my message had got through. I can’t say what WPC GIBSON had done.

“I threw the handset back into the car and ran across the road and into the pub, over some rubble and through the front door. The dust was very thick and it was very dark inside. You just couldn’t see to do anything. People were shouting hysterically and screaming. Someone shouted, “Get out, there may be another one.” I ran back to the police vehicle to get my torch and saw people running from all directions

towards the scene. I shouted for them to stay back, but I don't think anyone took much notice.

"I ran back to the pub and over the rubble, and as I was going in again I saw a young man sitting directly outside the windows on my left. He was bleeding from the left side of his head and his legs, and low half were buried under bricks and rubble. I went over to him and knelt down by him, and moved some of the rubble from him. He tried to speak to me, but no sound came. This young man was Jimmy COOPER, who I later saw interviewed on TV. I tried to console him, and another young man with long hair came up and said, "I'll look after him, you go and see to someone else."

"With that, I ran back into the pub. By now, the dust had settled and people were running out, and some were running in. People were still screaming. It was a bloodbath and utter chaos. You just didn't know where to start. I recall that I could not get right in because people were standing in the way. I shouted, "For Christ's sake, get out of the way." Some of them were obviously stunned and I walked them out, and immediately someone at the door took them from me.

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"I then managed to get further into the bar and then saw that there was a large hole in the floor where it had obviously collapsed. A lot of people were standing round this hole. I knelt down by the side of the

hole and looked in to see if I could do anything. I just saw a pile of bodies down there, arms and legs, and some were obviously dead. I didn't see anyone down there who was helping, but someone up the top was shouting down as if speaking to someone down there. Then the fireman came in and shouted, "Everyone stand back and make some room," and people stood back.

"I then saw a girl sitting in amongst rubble. She was inside the bar, in the corner of the extreme left window as you look from North Street. I went to her and she seemed to be gasping for air. I saw she had a hole in her left thigh and she was grasping her thigh. As I knelt down beside her, she said, "I can't breathe properly." I checked her clothing, but she had no restrictive clothing on. I told her to lie back and try to take deep breaths. I grabbed a coat from the floor behind me and wrapped it around her leg. I told her to grab the coat as tightly as she could. She could stand and she was too heavy to lift, so I shouted for someone to help me carry her out. Two or three others came and we carried the girl outside, placed her in the road, but no ambulances were available and we could not get her from the scene, and she was left with someone looking after her.

"I then went back inside and the licensee or chap in charge asked me to go upstairs and bring down his money. I took no notice of him. He

was dressed in a blue and white striped shirt and was crying. I went over to the hole again. The ground was unsafe around the hole as it was giving way here and there. I saw that people were moving about down in the hole, but I can't say who or what they were. The fireman told me to get back, one, because he said it was unsafe as the floor may collapse, and two, because I didn't have a hat and they were frightened of debris coming from the roof.

"I could see a badly injured male person at the other side of the hole, at the rear of the building. He already was being attended to and was bleeding from the head. He was a big person and the people assisting were having trouble removing him. I leapt across the rubble and again found that the floor underneath was quite unsteady, and I had to make my way round the edge of the hole. I just got to him when someone from outside shouted, "Quick, get some blankets." I turned round and saw a couple of blankets on some stools and I carried them out to the street and gave them to an ambulance man.

"Just behind me, on a canvas stretcher, was a badly injured man being treated by a nurse in a grey and white striped uniform. This man's face was all covered in blood. You could not see his features on his face. He had a tube in his mouth and the nurse was pumping from a bottle. The nurse shouted something like, "Quick, get something to

prop his legs up.” Two of us, a young man and myself, ran to fetch something. He brought back a piece of rubble which wasn’t any good.

I knew there were some chairs in the pub, but I had to fight my way past a fireman to get in, as he said it was too dangerous without adequate head protection. I did get in and brought out a stool and picked up his legs, and his foot nearly came off in my hands. This man had trousers on which were missing from the top of his thighs down. I am sure he had shoes on both feet, black shoes I think. The nurse shouted, “Quick, this man’s got to go to hospital immediately.” I shouted for an ambulance and one just arrived, and they came to our assistance. They lifted him onto one of their stretchers and took him away.

“I then went down to the seats by the toilets and the bus stop to see if I could be of any assistance as a large number of not-so-seriously injured persons were being treated there. People were dishing out cotton wool and bandages. I bandaged up two young men who had badly cut hands. There was a man standing on the corner of Ward Street with what appeared to be a few fingers blown off his hand, but he refused to go to hospital or have treatment. He said, “No, I’m all right, go and help other people.” I thought he was a soldier, about 20 years, wearing dark clothing, but that’s all.

“I remember going back to the car because a fireman asked me to move it as they were putting hoses across the road, or something. Maybe it was lighting equipment. I met WPC GIBSON at the car and she looked as shocked as I felt. I drove the car onto the pavement outside the library, enabling a fire engine to pull in opposite the pub.

“I went back towards the pub and heard a shout from inside to bring some stretchers. There were about four of the collapsible type stretchers out in the road. I picked up two and went back inside and handed them over to the firemen who were at the top of the hole with strong lighting equipment. At this stage there was still quite a few people just standing inside the pub looking shocked and stunned. Some were bleeding, some not. I pleaded with them to leave, saying it was not only unsafe, but that they were hindering the rescue operations. I went outside with them. Those that were injured were either put in an ambulance or a police car and taken to hospital. I know that PC John NEWSOM took some to hospital.

“I went inside again and assisted in carrying people out on stretchers. Then everyone seemed to have been removed from the pub and I went back to the car, unlocked it and sat in the seat. I gave a clearance over the radio, “All casualties removed to hospital, but the building is unsafe.” About half a minute later I heard another blast from down

North Street. I drove down, and just as I did so PC SPINDLOVE opened the door of the car and jumped in. He didn't know where the blast had come from either. We drove down to Swan Lane and saw that the explosion had occurred there. We jumped out the car and ran up Swan Lane. It was obviously now that the blast had come from the Seven Stars Public House.

“PC SPINDLOVE and I ran straight in through the front door. It was all rubble. PC SPINDLOVE ran through the back and I heard hysterical screaming from outside. I ran back into Swan Lane and up by James Walker's Jewellers. There was a young girl, about 18 years, long, mid-brown hair, and I think a three-quarter length black coat. She was lying on the ground with three or four others around her. I know two were young men and not soldiers, to my knowledge. They couldn't stop her screaming. I asked if she was injured in any way. One of the young lads with her said she was just shocked. I said, “Were you in the Seven Stars when it happened?” He replied, “No, we were warned to get out.” I said, “Who warned you?” He said, “I don't know.”

“After making sure she was all right, I went back to the Seven Stars. I tried to get in, but again the firemen turned me away. I saw PC SPINDLOVE and firemen taking an injured man down Swan Lane.



There was a light blue 'one eleven hundred' preventing rescue vehicles coming up Swan Lane. The firemen smashed the driver's window and I helped push the vehicle out of the way. I asked the firemen to smash some glass in the window of PJ Menswear, Swan Lane, as it looked unsafe, and they did so.

"After that, I just assisted in crown control. Later, I worked in the casualty bureau at HQ."

Sir, that is dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1974 and signed.

**CORONER:** **Thank you very much. I think we are going to have two further statements read, Mr FLINN, and I think you are reading them, are you?**

**MR FLINN:** Sir, that is correct, it is statements from two individuals, but three statements in total.

**CORONER:** **Thank you.**

**MR FLINN:** The first one I will read is from a Mr Andrew John FISHER, URN S282, Caselines page reference 2-451.

(Statement of Andrew John FISHER read in full)

He states, "I have been with the St John Ambulance Brigade for the past seven or eight months learning first aid and basic nursing. On Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, 1974, I went to a ... meeting in Jenner House, behind the Odeon Cinema, Guildford. I arrived at the meeting

between 7pm and 7.30pm, and left about 8.45pm. I left on my own and walked down the High Street to go home.

“When I was halfway between the White Horse Hotel and North Street, I heard a loud blast. Then I saw a police car with a blue flashing light turn from High Street into North Street. I then started to hurry down the road towards North Street. Somebody told me to hurry up and get down there because they knew I did first aid. I arrived at the Horse and Groom pub within a very short time. When I arrived at the pub there were no ambulances there and it was rather chaotic and people were shouting, “My friends are in there,” and there were people shouting and swearing. Most of the pub windows were blown out and it looked as if the door had been blown off.

“I saw a young man sitting by a lamp standard outside the pub. He had minor cuts on both hands and a one and half inch laceration on his right shoulder, and he was also suffering from severe shock. He was muttering something about his friends. I did not have any first aid equipment on me and I covered the man with a piece of curtaining which I thought had been blown out of the pub window. I think this injured man was a soldier as he had short hair.

“I then saw another young man lying on the pavement outside the pub. He was lying right across the pavement with his head facing the pub.

At this time, there was a woman nurse also on the scene, and together we started to deal with this man. Then two doctors arrived and examined him. Another St John Ambulance Brigade man arrived. I only know him as Andy, and together we lifted the man's legs up and placed a stool under his legs to stop the circulation of blood to his legs, because he had a bad wound on the calf of one of his legs. I cannot remember on what leg the wound was now. An ambulance had arrived by now and I assisted the ambulance man to place this injured man into the ambulance on a stretcher. This man was alive then, because he was still breathing. I think this injured man was also a soldier.

"I then helped two or three walking injured persons into a police vehicle. I cannot remember whether it was blue or white police vehicle. We were waiting for more ambulances to arrive at this time.

The two injured persons I helped to the police vehicle were both soldiers, I think.

"I then entered the pub and saw a hole in the floor with bodies hanging over it. A policeman went into the cellar whilst I was there.

One of the bodies was indescribable. I could not tell if it was male or female. I cannot remember if the body was hanging over the cellar or not. The body had some clothes on, but others had been torn. The

body had blood on its hands and clothing. The female nurse was also in the pub at this time and we tried to give the body cardiac massage, but it was obvious that the body was dead, as there was no response to the massage, there was no pulse, and literally nothing at all. I did not take much notice of the bottom half of the body, but I was paying more attention to the top half, hoping for a response. This body had blood coming from the mouth together with brick dust and other various parts of brick rubble, but other than that I cannot say what injuries it had. This body was lying face upwards.

“I then moved to another body which was to the right of this one. This body was lying face upwards and it was a man. He looked to me to be a young soldier, about 17 to 18 years of age. This man had his shirt open and part of the bottom half of his trousers were missing. This man had several pieces of sticking plaster on his stomach. By this time there were several people in the pub giving assistance, including firemen, ambulance men and members of the public. This man’s breathing was shallow and I could hardly hear him breathing. I could not see any injuries to his body, but he had grazes on his legs. I tried to clear the man’s throat with my fingers and remove any articles blocking his throat. Then a fireman or ambulance man brought a stretcher in and we placed the man on a stretcher and took him out of

the pub to a waiting ambulance. We had to make our way through members of the public to get to the ambulance.

“I then went back into the pub and saw other people in the pub, including firemen, ambulance men and policemen. Some of them were checking through the rubble. I assisted an ambulance man with a body on the stretcher and placed it in an ambulance. An hysterical girl then ran up to me and screamed, and I helped her into an ambulance. I cannot remember whether it as the first or second time I was going into the pub.

“When I went into the pub on the second occasion, I had a good look round, including the cellar, where a policeman was, and also part of the upstairs that was left, and also around the back of the pub. Somewhere in the brick rubble I saw a severed hand and I left it there because I was more intent on getting injured people out if at all possible.

“As I came out of the pub there was another loud explosion which came from the direction of North Street. Everybody moved towards the Swan Lane area, including myself. When I arrived in Swan Lane I saw that the Seven Stars had been blown up and I saw a policeman carrying two children.

“Then I ran back to the Horse and Groom to pick up a stretcher in case it was needed. I carried the stretcher back to the Seven Stars. As I was returning there, the landlord of the Surrey Arms came out onto the pavement and called a policeman over and told him that he had found a girl on his roof. The girl was shouting, “Let go of my bloody arm.” I took the stretcher to the Seven Stars and found that it was not needed, and I returned it to an ambulance in North Street.

“I would like to add that the hysterical woman had burns to her face and hands and was bleeding from one of her legs.”

There is then a description: “Description, five foot six inches tall, stocky build, black greasy hair brushed back, rosy complexion, and has a rather low intellect.” And, sir, I have read that out because I am not sure of that is a description of one of the people that the witness is mentioning.

But that, in any event, is signed and dated the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 1974.

**CORONER:** **Thank you very much. And I think the final statement is that of Patrick JOHNSTON, is it?**

**MR FLINN:** That’s correct sir, two statements from Mr JOHNSTON. The first statement I shall read out has the URN S298, and the Caselines page reference 2-496, and, sir, it is Patrick James Annandale JOHNSTON (Statements of Patrick James Annandale JOHNSTON read in full)

He states, "I am a doctor of medicine and have a family practice at 2 West Road, Guildford. I am also employed by the Surrey Police Authority as the Assistant Police Surgeon for the Guildford Division. I live at 5 Lindfield Gardens, London Road, with my wife, who transports me to and from work and any other commitments.

"At about 8.45pm on Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1974, I was sitting in my lounge at home when I received a telephone call from Godalming Police asking me to attend the police station to attend to an injury on a prisoner. About five minutes later, I left with my wife for Godalming. We own an Austin 1100 motorcar, index number YPC 749G, and my wife was driving. We drive into Guildford town centre and were going to drive down North Street but were diverted into Chertsey Street.

"We then took the first turning left down Martyr Road and were stopped by the intersection with Ward Street by a gentleman wearing a black beret. He informed us that a bomb had gone off in North Street. I got out of the car and took my two medical cases from the backseat and ran towards North Street.

"I saw that the front of the Horse and Groom Public House had been blown out, there being glass and rubble over the pavement and the road. I noticed a large amount of blood, particularly by a seat near the

Horse and Groom. There were a number of injured and screaming people. Just outside the pub was a young girl, who I later knew as Donna GREGORY, sitting on the road near the pavement. She complained of pain in the back and in the legs. It hurt to move her legs, her tights were torn and I gave her an injection of 100 milligrams of pethidine into her leg. This was witnessed by an unknown person, and I gave her a note to take to the hospital to say what she had had.

“I then went about three yards further up North Street to where a man was lying down, who looked from a distance to be dead. He had a laceration to the right side of his skull and a severe long and deep wound to the right lower leg. His face was covered in dirt and his hair was singed. I think he was wearing a tweed jacket and grey trousers, but I couldn't be sure. I shone a light into his eyes, but did not get any reaction. I felt a very faint pulse. I acquired a stool and placed it underneath his feet to prop them up to increase his blood pressure, which was low. I lifted up his vest and shirt to listen to his heart and noticed that he had bandaging to his chest. This was white. The heartbeat was faint and irregular and he was obviously moribund. Mr RG NOTLEY, consultant surgeon, arrived and took over from me with this patient.



“I then moved over to two bodies who were lying on the pavement outside of Williams and Glyn’s Bank. They both had blankets covering them. I lifted the blankets on one, revealing the top half of a woman. There was no heartbeat. I felt the pulse, but there was none. I noticed that she had wavy, fair hair. I covered her up. I then moved to the body on her left, which was further down the street. I lifted the blanket covering the body, revealing the top half of a male person with short hair. I checked his pulse and heartbeat, which were both absent. I therefore certified death in the presence of a fair haired police sergeant, who I recognised as coming from Guildford. Both persons I have previously examined. I cannot recall what the male person was wearing. The time was about 9.30pm.

“I then went further up the street to see if I could do anything else. I had another look at Ms GREGORY and then saw that hospital staff had arrived and decided to rejoin my wife and go to the Royal Surrey.

On arriving at the hospital I went to the accident centre, where I saw a girl called Janet OLIVER, examined her X-ray, which showed a fractured fibula and a full thickness flesh wound to the same leg. In the accident centre I saw present the following: Mr SIMMONS, Mr STYLES, Mr BOULTER, Mr NOTLEY, Mr DAVIES and two casualty officers, I don’t know their names. I was directed to go to

Albert Ward, where I attended to the patients to make them comfortable.

“On Saturday evening I was wearing black trousers, black shoes, a cream shirt, a white V-necked jumper, a very light grey jacket. I am five foot 11 inches tall, proportional to build, with black collar-length hair, and have a black moustache.”

And, sir, that is signed and dated the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 1974.

**CORONER:** **Thank you very much.**

**MR FLINN:** The final statement I will read is a further statement from Dr JOHNSTON. The URN is S298A and the CaseLines page reference is 2-499.

He states, “On Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 1974, I was the duty doctor for the police, and as a result of the bomb explosion in the Horse and Groom Public House, North Street, Guildford, I went there and attended to the victims of the blast.

“I later went to the accident centre, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, where I saw two patients and diagnosed and treated first Alex FINDLAY, Pirbright Camp, Brookwood. He had burns on the left leg and knee, a fractured patella, foreign body in the left knee and fluid loss due to burns. He was treated initially by pethidine and cloxacillin. He was given intravenous blood plasma, and following

that, intravenous fluids. By this time he was admitted to Albert Ward.

He was also suffering with perforated eardrums.

“And secondly, Janet OLIVER, Private, WRAC, Guildford. She had

burns on the right leg and an undisplaced fracture of the right fibula.

Initial treatment was intravenous pethidine and intramuscular

penicillin. She was later taken to the operating theatre.”

And, sir, that is signed and dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1975.

**CORONER:** Thank you very much. Mr SANDERS, I think that concludes the evidence that we are calling today. On Monday I think we have three witnesses who will be giving evidence live, is that right?

**MR SANDERS QC:** Sir, that is right. We have three live witnesses on Monday, two on Tuesday, and then another two on Wednesday, because you will recall that Alexander FINDLAY was due to give evidence by video link last Friday, but that had to be postponed due to the technical issues. We have had trouble arranging a further link, because he is in Glasgow and he is unable to travel.

**CORONER:** Yes.

**MR SANDERS QC:** But the Ministry of Defence have now set something up for Wednesday.

**CORONER:** Oh, I see, okay. Good.

**MR SANDERS QC:** That is correct, is it not?

**MRS NIN:** That's right, it's the information I got when I called him.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Yeah.

**CORONER:** Okay.

**MR SANDERS QC:** Given where we are, sir, and the fact that we have been able to read some statements ahead of time, I think what we will do is look at bringing forward some more of the read evidence so that we can do that, some additional reading on Monday and Tuesday, and then maybe finish on Wednesday.

**CORONER:** Right, thank you very much. Excellent. Good, well thank you all very much. We will sit again on Monday morning, please, at ten o'clock.

**CLERK:** Court will please rise.

**(Court adjourned until 10 am on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022)**