

# Judicial Communications Office

## PRESS NOTICE

### CORONERS SERVICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

#### APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

#### **Ballymurphy Inquest – call for British Army veterans**

The Coroner's Court is preparing for the inquest into the deaths by shooting that occurred in Ballymurphy on 9th, 10th and 11th August 1971.

The deceased were: Francis Quinn; Father Hugh Mullan; Noel Phillips; Joan Connolly; Daniel Teggart; Joseph Murphy; Edward Doherty; John Laverty; Joseph Corr; and John James McKerr.

The locations of the deaths are commonly referred to having occurred at Ballymurphy, more specific locations of each of the five incidents are as follows:

- Father Mullan and Mr Quinn were shot whilst in an area of open ground behind Springfield Park.
- Mr Teggart, Mrs Connolly, Mr Phillips and Mr Murphy were shot around the area of the Henry Taggart Army base near Springfield Park.
- Mr Laverty and Mr Corr were shot at separate points at the top of the Whiterock Road.
- Mr Doherty was shot at the corner of Brittons Parade and the Whiterock Road.
- Mr McKerr was shot outside the old Corpus Christi Parish, Whiterock Drive. It is reported this was a few yards from the spot where Edward Doherty had been shot the previous afternoon.

The inquest will be held in Belfast commencing on 10th September 2018.

The Coroner is appealing for all witnesses to the shootings including army personnel from the Queens and Parachute Regiments who were present during the relevant time to come forward and provide whatever information they can to assist with the inquest proceedings. The Coroner also wishes to contact any SIB/RMP veterans who were involved in the initial army investigations.

The MoD may issue a call for evidence through the Regimental Associations however the Coroner is also making this call openly.

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If you had any involvement in, were a witness to the shootings or if you have other information to provide about the shootings, this is an important opportunity for you to assist the inquest and make your account known.

You may be asked to provide a statement. You may also be asked to attend the inquest to give evidence, but the necessary arrangements for that will be made at a later stage. It should be noted that the Coroner will consider all requests for special measures from any potential witness.

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