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Call for inquiry in to British Army killing 25 years on Executed 'Bronco' was going home for tea



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By Staff reporter

IRA volunteer Eamonn 'Bronco' Bradley had been playing pool with friends minutes before being gunned down without warning by British army soldiers on a Derry street.

The well known republican had been shot execution-style, sustaining bullet wounds to the chest and head. He died instantly outside his local pub on a that summerâ€™s afternoon, Wednesday, August 25, 1982.

Eye-witnesses reports described how the 23-year-old was shot in the back of the head as he lay bleeding from another wound in the carpark of the Shantallow House on the Racecourse Road.

Paul McCool, who had been with him when the shooting occurred, described the actions of the Royal Anglian Regiment soldiers that day as "cold blooded murder".

Republicans and the Bradley family have since maintained that the killing was proof that the British Army officially employed a shoot to kill policy in Derry during the Troubles.

And some in Derry still believe that the IRA/INLA supergrass Raymond Gilmour may have been partially to blame for the death of 'Bronco' Bradley, who had just been released prison for hijacking and IRA membership.

His sister Catherine told the 'Journal' yesterday: 'We knew at the time that it was shoot to kill, it was obvious. At the time Raymond Gilmour was working as an informer and a lot of things were going on. A lot of people in the area were being lifted before my brother was shot dead. People later believed that Raymond Gilmour had something to do with it.'

Gilmour was pulled out of Derry by his RUC Special Branch handlers that month fearing that the IRA were about to catch him out.

A fortnight before the shooting, two friends of 'Bronco' had been detained at Castlereagh holding centre for six days. At the time of the shooting they claimed that their police interrogators had shown a particular interest in Mr. Bradley.

A republican source said this week that the men were told that the authorities 'were no longer interested in Bronco and that he was to be shot'.

Friend

After the shooting, Paul McCool said that he and his friend 'Bronco' had just left the pub to go home for the tea when a soldier grabbed him and told him to stay where he was. Another soldier immediately fired a shot, hitting Eamonn, he said.

Mr. McCool was pushed over a car bonnet before hearing a further two shots in space of between five and ten seconds.

Bobby Sheerin, who had been with 'Bronco' in the bar, was the first civilian on the scene. He pushed past the soldiers and whispered an Act of Contrition into his ear before covering up his lifeless body.

He said yesterday that it was a day he'd never forget. 'They'd just left the bar - where they didn't even have a drink - to go home for their tea. I remember the shots ringing out and running out to find him lying there dead. It was horrible.'

The killing drew widespread condemnation from the nationalist community. SDLP Mayor William O'Connell described it as 'cold blooded and brutal'.

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I cannot understand why the British Government could not still be sued for this murder in an international court of law. This was not a combat killing, but a deliberate act of murder carried out by a terrorist state based in London. The same terror state doing the same thing now in Iraq. The same terror state that has repeatedly, brutally and viciously raped the entire Irish nation since the first cursed day of their arrival. To avoid future generations taking up arms against them - once again - as history tells - it is imperative that the law of the land must be seen to work.

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