

The family of Vol Terry Toolan.

My father was murdered by the British Army on the 14th July 1972.

He was married to my mother Doreen for 15 years and there was 6 children in our family, ages from 13 to 12 week's old.

He was a well liked man and played a large part in our small community of Ardoyne. He played a large roll in the Ardoyne Kickems GAC club. A family man, which many can testify to.

On the night he was murdered, the area of Ardoyne was being invaded [again] by loyalists,

RUC and other forces of the crown. When these people intent on killing and burning us out of our homes, withdrew the British Army would then shoot into the area, trying to kill as many as possible.

Our first experience of the HET was when my Mother received a letter asking if she was the wife of a man called Terry Toolan, she tore this up, then another came. My mother asked me to take on the role of meeting with the HET [as they where going to investigate his death with or without us] I agreed. I meet with them in the company of our solicitor. I informed them my father was a VOL of the IRA and the pride we had in him. After this was relayed to them, Little or no work was done. No British soldier's where questioned or even looked for. We informed them he was shot from the Flax Mill on Flax street not the Misson hall on Alliance Avenue.

2 British soldiers seemed to brag that they shot him from Alliance Avenue [in inquest] soldiers A-B.

But as we told them the bullet which murdered him came from the Sanger on Flax Street Mill, the HET told me that there are no records of Flax Street Mill. This I find very hard to believe.

It was also stated that my daddy was shot in the upper right hand shoulder which passed through his body. NO HE WAS SHOT IN THE BACK. I have the photos to prove it.

The HET are part of the British State Forces, it should be total independent body including family members

whom investigate these murders.

Many Lives have been destroyed. If there were no Brits no war.

Gemma Mac Eoin.