

Bloody Sunday

On **January 30, 1972**, soldiers from the British Army's 1st Parachute Regiment opened fire on unarmed and peaceful civilian demonstrators in the Bogside, Derry, Ireland, near the Rossville Flats, killing 13 and wounding a number of others. One wounded man later died from illness attributed to that shooting.

The march, which was called to protest internment, was "illegal" according to British government authorities. Internment without trial was introduced by the British government on August 9, 1971.

The British-government-appointed Widgery Tribunal found soldiers were not guilty of shooting dead the 13 civilians in cold blood.

Most of the basic facts about the shooting are agreed, however what remains in dispute is whether or not soldiers came under fire as they entered the area of Rossville Flats. The soldiers claimed to have come under sustained attack by gunfire and nail-bomb. None of the eyewitness accounts say any gun or bomb being used by those who had been shot dead or wounded. No soldiers were injured in the operation, no guns or bombs were recovered at the scene of the killing.

William KcKinney (26)
Gerald McKimney (35)
Gerald Donaghy (17)
James Wray (22)
Michael McDaid (20)
William Nash (19)
Michael Kelly (17)
Kevin McElhinney (17)
Hugh Gilmore (17)
Bernard McGuigan (41)
John Young (17)
Patrick Doherty (31)
Jack Duddy (17)
John Johnston (59)



CS gas fired at the crowd gathered at the junction of Rossville Street and William Street. The young man in the black wool hat is James Wray, photographed a short time before his death.



Bernard McGuigan lies dead while other protesters shield themselves from continued gunfire.
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