

steps and the people were friendly. Over the years I got to know a lot of people who used it mainly the lads from the railway, who I've named I also got to know some of the staff, one of them was Clive a barman and Dave and Margaret who ran the pub. I always stood by the pillar at the end of the bar by the heater.

I would sometimes talk to Clive but not the others except to say hello

I did not go for a drink in town on week days.

On Thursday the 21st November 1974 (211174) I was at work at the Poly when we had a bomb scare, I had started work at 8.30am (0830) and in the middle of the morning we had to clear the building because of the scare and then the building would then stay closed until the next morning. I'd got nothing to do for the rest of the day, so I decided to catch a bus into town and go to the Mulberry Bush I got there about 1.30pm (1330), I met Tony TAYLOR in there he'd just popped in for a quick drink, which he did and he arranged to meet me in the evening and he went back to work. There was a few people in there and quite a few bags about, but there always was bags under the seats because thats where people put them while they were sitting down drinking I had a couple of drinks and then made my way home, at this time. I was wearing my uniform I got home and had a bite to eat and got changed.

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I went and caught a bus the number 52 and got off either in New Street or Corporation Street, and I walked to the pub, there were people about, but no one who looked suspicious. I got to the pub and went in through the door from St Martins Circus, I walked in and made my way to the bar by the pillar and brought a drink I stood there waiting for Tony TAYLOR who wasn't in the pub at that time. Dave nor Clive were in the bar but Margaret was, and serving behind the bar was a middle aged woman dark haired, Buxom I think her name was Dot. I was talking to a young lad, who we called Paddy Wack, he was Irish and worked in the Stores at British Home Stores he was with his girlfriend she worked at British Home Stores too but I didn't know her name.

There was a fair number of people in there, the only ones I knew was big Stan who was at the other end of the bar, he was a regular but I didn't know his surname. Stood in the middle of the bar, was Mal from the railways he was Welsh, white, thick set about 5'7" or 8" middle aged with brownish grey hair, he got injured in the blast. There was Trevor THRUPP he was also from the railways he got killed, and with them was a girl named Lynne who worked in a shop as a window dresser, she was white, 5'8" tall, slim build with fair hair, there was other people there who I would speak to but didn't know their names and I

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can't really describe them. I was wearing black trousers, black shoes, black jacket, blue shirt and tie and a leather type overcoat. I was still stood by the pillar, Tony still hadn't come into the pub, I was facing the bar, and to the right of the pillar, when I heard a loud bang and felt something hit me like a strong wind and I went deaf and my ears were ringing, it was black you couldn't see at all, I was still holding onto the bar by the pillar I have marked my position on a plan of the Mulberry Bush indicated by the letter A and signed an exhibit label so identifying it WH1 I have handed the plan to DC BROOKES, this plan I now produce in evidence. I think I was stunned by the blast, I think I realised that it had been a bomb I could hear people shouting, screaming and moaning, it was dusty and still dark although I think the moonlight was lighting up the bar area. I could hear Paddy Wack calling to his girlfriend and I shouted, I felt for him and helped him get up he got hold of his girlfriend and went out, I could see this girl Lynne on the floor and went across to try and help her, as I did so a spot light came on and some one said don't lift her we'll lift it, I then went to get out of the pub, I think I went out through the window by the Juke Box and onto the pavement there was ambulance and police out there, I walked

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to New Street and walked to the General Hospital where I had to wait for treatment to a cut to my right cheek and left eye brow, and cut legs they were really busy there and I felt that I wasn't hurt so bad, so I went home and went back to the Hospital the following day where I had treatment to my injuries, I didn't have to have any follow on treatment and I went straight back to work although I was suffering from shock for a while. I mentioned big Stan sitting at the bar I heard that he got killed. The other Stan from Wolverhampton wasn't in there that night, and I've only seen him twice since 1974 (000074) and I was told that Dave the Gaffer Clive the barman and Tony TAYLOR were just on their way into the pub when the bomb went off.

I don't recall if there was any where where people could put their coats, but most people put them behind them on a shelf and put their bags under the table or under the bench seats, I do not recall seeing anything or anyone suspicious that night although people were in and out of the place all the time.

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I was not approached by any support groups.

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