

Annex A to**The Omagh Bombing Inquiry R9 Corporate Witness Statement Sequence Of Events.****Dated 31 October 2025****Timeline of events**

The following pages denote the timeline of events in response to the notification of 'warning' calls and the summary of response.

Information has been collated from a number of sources – where there is discrepancy in exact timings, the Post Incident Report has been used as the primary reference, with watchkeeper logs secondary and personal statements last.

Key to reference documents:

Ser	Document name	Military Reference	OBI Reference	Colour Key
1	1 QLR Watchkeeper Log, Capt M Peebles	(OMA_WL_98_0002)	[INQ013164]	
2	1 QLR Omagh 15 Aug 98 – Post Incident Report	n/k	[INQ015720]	
3	8 Inf Bde Watchkeeper Log	(8BD_WL_98_0001)	[INQ034852]	
4	39 Inf Bde Watchkeeper Log	(39BD_WL_98_0002)	[INQ034850]	
5	1 QLR Radio Log	(OMA_RB_97_0002)	[INQ034855]	
6	3 Inf Bde Watchkeeper Log	(WO305_9587)	[INQ015722]	

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A list of common abbreviations has been provided under MOD-268-0000725A [INQ015733], however the list below contains the abbreviations/military language used in this statement. Where relevant, specific explainers are contained in the timeline.

ATO – Ammunition Technical Officer

CO – Commanding Officer (of a Battalion)

OC – Officer Commanding (of a Company)

QRF – Quick Reaction Force (the first troops, on immediate standby, to react to an incident)

OMA – Omagh

OOB – Out of bounds (no military or spouses allowed in the OOB area)

‘Stood to’ – mechanism of giving orders to troops to be ready for any task, in this instance to deploy to OMA

C/S – Call Signs (each individual or multiple is given a c/s for transmitting messages on the radio network)

SITREP – Situation Report (a short report on the current situation, broadcast across a radio network to ensure common understanding)

3X / 8X / 39X – ‘X’ is shorthand for Brigade (e.g. 3X = 3 Inf Bde)

RV – Rendezvous point (location for c/s to meet on the ground)

Amb – ambulance

LSB – Lisanelly Barracks

ENK – Enniskillen

NWY – Newry

XMG – Crossmaglen

LDY - Londonderry

TCH – Tyrone County Hospital

EVCP – Emergency Vehicle Check Points

BCP – Border Crossing Points (into Republic of Ireland)

British Army response to the notification of 'warning' calls (14:29 – 15:03) – set out in detail

1440* - Bomb Warning

QRF, Shadow Gd & C
Coy stood to

CO pager & OpsO
paged.

ATO, QRF, Ops 2 OC &
Bde informed.

OMA OOB

LSK/CLG informed.

1450 - QRF ready to
deploy.

1500 - C Coy & Rover
Group getting ready to
deploy to assist RUC.

1445 - RUC confirm
target is Court House.
RUC mobile C/S
deployed to clear
starting from Court
House.
C Coy called into work.

1455 - OC C Coy in Ops
Room, brief given to
include bomb warning.
RUC confirm bomb
warning with codeword.
15 mins warning.
VBIED 500lbs, not yet
located.
Neighbouring C/S
informed.
RUC do not require mil
assistance yet.

1503 - CO in Ops Room.

*1440 – same message received in the Int Cell (see Daily Occurrence Book – OMA_DO_0003) **INQ034854** & on Radio Log (see OMA_RB_97_0002).
[INQ034855].