Sixtowns Raid

*A wanton raid in South Derry.*

A raid on Sunday morning by a large force of B Specials in the Sixtowns district of South Derry, in the townlands of Tullybrick, Glenviggan, Moyard, Moneyconey, Cavanreagh and Altayeskey, being visited.It appears that the most outrageous conduct was indulged in. Among those houses raided were those occupied by Miss O`Neill (Broughderg district), Miss Mary Conway of Glenviggan, Mr. Johnnie Richie Glenviggan,Mr. James Conway (Hugh Vick) Glenviggan and several other farms as well as a Public House in Moyard. Several other people in the vicinity complained that valuable property was taken away and that unprovoked and violent assaults were made on others. The whole raid seems to have been a wanton proceeding and our correspondent says that it will not have an effect on the happy relations which hitherto exist between all classes within the district.

John Bradley (Moyard) remembered that raid even though he was only 6 years old at the time. He said that it happened on a Sunday morning and his father watched as the raiders left the Public House, some obviously in high spirits, and how they accosted a man who lived close by outside his house. This man had special needs and he ran off down his field in fear of them. They fired a shot over his head and demanded him to halt. They then began to shout at him and demand information about where there were guns. This terrified man, in order to get rid of them pointed at John`s father`s house so off they went and crossed the river and up to the house. When the sergeant in charge walked into the house he demanded of John (senior) that he hand over these guns. John was so flabbergasted at the suggestion that he would have guns, when he had never held one in his hands,that he just laughed at the order. One of the B men made to shoot him and only for the quick intervention of the sergeant he may have done just that, so sure were they that the guns were hidden there.

After some time these raiders left and later harassed neighbours on their way to mass on the road.