

JUNDS IS MAN

LEADER REPORTER

JK junior rugby player was shot in an armed robbery from the city, this Friday morning.

The post office with his parents, was shot in the stomach by one of two men away with £20,000. Harry plays with Bohemian RFC.



Miss Limerick, Doreen Doyle, county Clare, receiving a congratulatory boyfriend, Jack Quilligan, after a robbery at Jurys Hotel this Thursday.

As he lay wounded on the floor of the post office the gang fired up to ten shots of warning and held a gun to the head of local Garda Sergeant Pat Flanagan who was outside the post office when the gang sped into the village.

A businessman nearby, who did not wish to be named, said: "I was down the back and I heard a few shots. I thought it was somebody shooting crows. I came out and a few men took off fairly fast. They broke in a window of the post office and sprayed the inside with bullets."

"Harry was lying inside and the local doctor Pat Moroney attended him. I saw him being put into the ambulance. He seemed very pale. You don't take much notice when you read these things in the paper, but when it happens close to home it is a different kettle of fish."

A spokesman for St. John's Hospital said this Friday afternoon that Harry Ryan was conscious and stable.

Road blocks

The gang made off in the car owned by Sgt. Flanagan and road blocks were mounted.

Mrs. Martin O'Sullivan, who lives directly across the road from the post office, said: "I heard shots, but I thought it was work on a building next door."

It is understood that Mr. Ryan was hit when the raiders "sprayed" the post office with machine gun fire. It is understood that he was inside a window when the gang opened up.

Mrs. Breda Ahern runs a grocery shop next door to the post office. One of the raiders pointed a gun at her.

She told the *Limerick Leader*: "I saw a vicious man breaking the glass of the post office with what I thought was a sledge hammer. I looked across the road and saw the sergeant, who had been sitting in his car, being knocked to the ground. I shouted 'It's a robbery' and a man in a balaclava and wearing a boiler suit pointed a gun at me. I then ran back into the shop and dialled 999."



Minister Collins.

Limerick division are a good example to all the other Garda divisions.

The overall nine per cent

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Harry Ryan Jnr. and the shattered post office.

My joy at Chris, by Mrs Hughton

By ALAN ENGLISH

AS THE heroic Irish soccer team prepares for this Saturday's crucial encounter with the Dutch, the mother of Chris Hughton spoke of her joy at the star left-back's performances and her affection for her home town of Limerick.

A native of Ballinacurra Weston, Mrs. Christine "Babs" Hughton (nee Bourke) was still hoarse from shouting for the Boys In Green when I contacted her at her home, in Upton Park, London.

"It's lovely, marvellous. I'm really proud of Chris and I'm glad that he opted for Ireland. The National Anthem brought tears to my eyes. What's going on in Limerick these days?" she asked without a trace of a London accent.

Christine left Limerick over 30 years ago and married a Ghanaian postman, Mr. Willie Hughton. She visits her family in Limerick regularly.

Every year

Meanwhile in O'Malley Park, Christine's sister, Mrs. Teresa Brown, was also jubilant about the Irish side's success which she described as "fantastic". Teresa is married to local taxi-driver and soccer referee, Mr. Sam Brown.

She visits her sister in London every year.

Their brother, Martin, still lives at the family home of 12 Clarina Avenue, Ballinacurra Weston. The Bourkes' parents, Gerard and Penny, are both deceased.

Chris was last in Limerick for his grandmother's funeral three years ago. He lives in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, with his wife, Cheryl, and their three children, Leon (11), Carlene (9) and Aisha (3).

Many Limerick soccer fans will remember Chris's two visits here in 1981 after the FA Cup win with Spurs.

"He met a lot of local Spurs fans when he was here. There was a sea of blue and white outside the house when we brought him up," said Mr. Browne.

With any luck Chris may visit Limerick again soon after Ireland bring home the Nations' Cup. No doubt O'Malley Park would then be awash with an ocean of green and white.



Six-year-old Chris Hughton (front row, centre) pictured in Limerick in 1964 with his mother Christine (back row, second from left) and his brother Henry and sister Annette on either side.

Bungling burglars flee to Limerick

By LEADER REPORTER

VILLAGERS CHASED five would-be burglars to Limerick early this Friday.

People from Ballyagran, led by local off-duty Garda Pat O'Leary, commenced a high speed chase when the five were disturbed while attempting to break into a local shop. The raiders made off in a stolen Corolla in which they had arrived. The chase ended in Southill where the car was abandoned and the gang escaped.

The series of incidents began at 4 a.m. when the gang failed in their attempt to break into Quane's shop at Rourke's Cross, Bruree. They set off the alarm and headed for Ballyagran.

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Limerick city against the trend. The Minister, Mr. Gerard Collins, this Friday morning Limerick Leader the first four years, indicating the Limerick division was down 17 per cent, to the same year.

Minister saluted the Garda force led by Supt. Martin O'Sullivan and the gardai in the

see 'Red'



Clifford.

point of view the officers were under the stress of the situation. He had inspected the case and was exonerated us

from all blame. Despite having brought successful prosecutions against tappers in the courts, Westward admit they are no nearer solving the problem.

"It is difficult to understand the mentality of such people. They don't have regard for their neighbours or the law, and just persist in either tapping into the system or causing damage."

Westward appreciative of the help they have received from the Gardai, have now written to Garda Sergeants in all city stations advising them of the continued damage being caused to their property. In the case of Garryowen this week, it cost Westward well in excess of £100 for materials alone to repair the damaged cable.



Chris (second from right) at the Markets Field in 1981 with Spurs team-mate Garth Crooks, Tony Ward and Eamon Cregan.