

not, for example, specific to Gazelle 4. I am not sure how long a tape was, I would imagine it would have been about four hours long.

Roles and Responsibilities

13. The Aircraft Commander's role in the aircraft was primarily to ensure that I was doing my job in flying the aircraft safely. He also provided eyes on the ground and help in this regard to allow the Liaison Officer to do his job. However, the Aircraft Commander was probably not told what the Liaison Officer was looking for. The Aircraft Commander's job was simply to draw the Liaison Officer's attention to particular things on the ground, for example that a car had been set alight or firebombs were being thrown.
14. My responsibility was solely for keeping the aircraft in the air and staying in a stable position. This was hard enough anyway when you were flying at night because you did not have the same depth perception as you do during the day.

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15. I was on duty in Gazelle 4 on the night before Rosemary Nelson's death. I recall that I was ordered to fly from Bessbrook to Portadown to pick up a Liaison Officer and then fly to Lurgan. At the time (only 1 month into my 6 month tour), I would have only been broadly aware of where Lurgan was as it was on the flight path between Aldergrove and Bessbrook.
16. I recall that the Liaison Officer we picked up was in his civies but I cannot remember his name. As soon as he was on board, he was virtually straight onto the radio. However, he had flicked the switch which I mention above so that I could not hear what he was saying. I think he spoke to the Aircraft Commander telling us where he wanted to go and that is where I took him. I would not have known road or street names in Lurgan and so the Liaison Officer would have had to direct me to the particular area he wanted to fly over.
17. I have no idea what the Liaison Officer was looking for or why. I recall that on the night in question there seemed to be a lot of activity on the ground. It stands out in my memory because it is the only time I was tasked to fly when I was able to observe something