

Transport – M1 Motorway

The first end of it was eight miles, was built down from Lisburn to Belfast. I didn't work on that bit, but I drove on it. I was driving on it the first day it was opened and then the next section that was built, I wasn't on it either. It was built up to come as far as Portadown but then the bit from Portadown to Dungannon I worked on it.

What I mainly done on it was drawing out the bog, through the bog out of that and throw it away and tip it, threw the stones in the bottom of it and made the motorway through that bog, there was an awful job of taking it through the bog, kept falling in all the time. Dug it out, eventually got through it.

Journeys to Belfast used to be two hours. It cut it down to less than one hour, now lorries going now would be only three quarters of an hour from Dungannon. At that time it made an awful change to the timing structure for the journey.

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