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Killers are in a time warp: ex-internee

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COMPELLED TO SPEAK OUT: Annmarie McCarthy reads over her letter to The Irish News about the killings of two

soldiers and a policeman PICTURES: Gerard Black

The youngest female republican internee, who lost her brother and husband in the Troubles, has sympathised with the families of the British soldiers and policeman killed by dissidents.

Annmarie McCarthy (nee McWilliams), who is originally from north Belfast, was only 16 when she was interned in Armagh jail in 1973.

Her teenage brother Paul was shot dead by the British army in August 1977 and a decade later her husband Anthony was murdered by dissidents. She also lost three cousins.

Describing herself as a "proud republican", the 53-year-old grandmother said she felt compelled to speak out for the first time about the "absolute horror" she felt at the deaths of the two young soldiers at Massereene barracks and the shooting of Constable Stephen Carroll in Craigavon.

She condemned the actions of the dissident republicans responsible, accusing them of living in a "time warp" and said she hoped people will "reject them".

"When I heard the news... a dark cloud descended. Immediately I had a flashback of my poor kid brother, my

husband and cousins' funerals, everything came back," she said.

"I deeply regret what the families are going through as my own family like so many others went through the

same pain.

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