

GLASGOW  
TIMES

# IN THE QUIET CITY OF GLASGOW THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY

Thursday, August 8, 1963

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# TRAIN ROBBERY

A GROUP OF HOODED BANDITS ROB A GLASGOW TRAIN  
CARRYING 120 SACKS FULL OF BANKNOTES

THE BOOTY, WORTH £2.6 MILLION,  
MAKES THIS A LEGENDARY ROBBERY



SCOTLAND YARD  
SEEKS LEADS AFTER THE  
ROBBERY OF THE ROYAL  
MAIL TRAIN

# PLANNING THE ROBBERY

A TIP-OFF  
ATTRACTS  
THE ATTENTION  
OF A SHREWD  
B-GRADE THIEF

## BRUCE REYNOLDS OF LONDON (1931–2013)

Reynolds's early childhood was marked by very regular family conflict, and once he reached adolescence, he often got into fights.

Bruce spent his youth roaming the suburbs of the British

capital, plotting and thieving, always trying to make it big until, inevitably, he ended up in jail.

## IN DURHAM PRISON

While Reynolds was in jail, his cellmate told him a secret that would change his life forever. He disclosed to Reynolds the

details of a special Royal Mail train that regularly transported sacks full of money from Glasgow's banks to the capital in the middle of the night.

That was the opportunity Reynolds had been waiting for, and from that moment on, he spent the rest of his jail time planning in detail the robbery of the loaded Royal Mail train.

**WHEN:**  
AUGUST 8, 1963

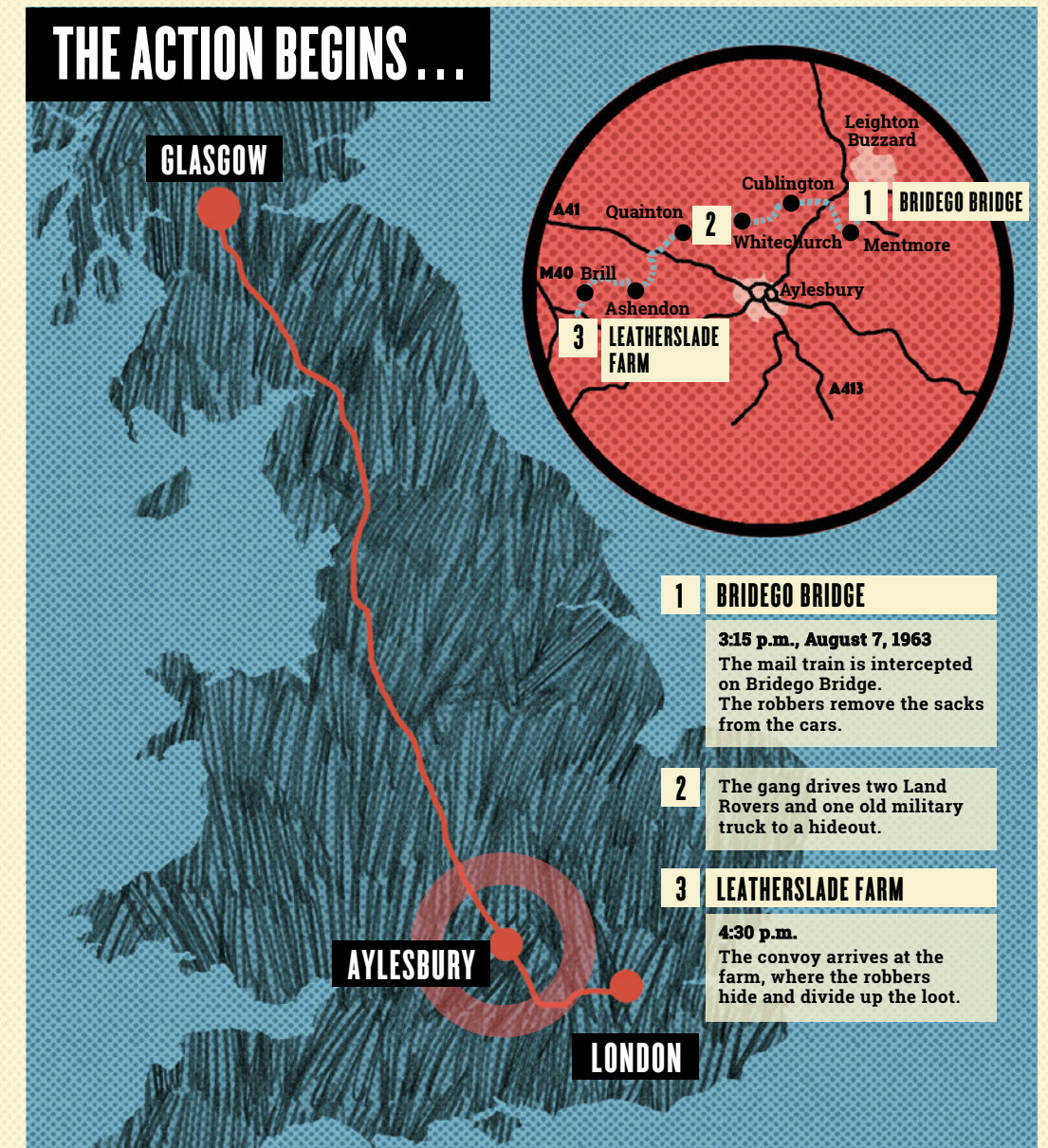
**WHERE:**  
THE LONDON-TO-GLASGOW  
MAIL TRAIN, NEAR BRIDEGO  
BRIDGE, UK

**WHO:**  
A GANG OF  
15 MEN, WITH  
BRUCE REYNOLDS  
AS THEIR LEADER

**LOOT:**  
£2.6 MILLION STERLING  
(EQUIVALENT TO  
£43 MILLION STERLING  
IN TODAY'S MONEY,  
OR \$50 MILLION)

**OUTCOME:**  
SENTENCES OF AT LEAST  
30 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT,  
ALTHOUGH SOME OF  
THOSE CONVICTED  
MANAGED TO ESCAPE  
JUSTICE AND BECAME  
FUGITIVES

## THE ACTION BEGINS ...



### 1 BRIDEGO BRIDGE

**3:15 p.m., August 7, 1963**  
The mail train is intercepted on Bridego Bridge. The robbers remove the sacks from the cars.

### 2

The gang drives two Land Rovers and one old military truck to a hideout.

### 3 LEATHERSLADE FARM

**4:30 p.m.**  
The convoy arrives at the farm, where the robbers hide and divide up the loot.