

1. Mattock

A mattock is a hand tool similar to a pickaxe. It is distinguished by the head, which is suitable for digging or breaking up moderately hard ground.

Inscription,

If they come for the innocent without stepping over your body, cursed be your religion and your life.

D Berrigan

cuir stad le cogadh, put a stop to the (genocidal) war!

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4. Cross-peen Hammer

A traditional Blacksmiths, or Metal workers Hammer

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Faith in Jesus is Freedom

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No More War

War Never Again

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\$U.S. 7 million ploughshares hammer as used by:

Anzus Plowshares Moana Cole, Susan Frankel, Ciaron O'Reilly & Fr. Bill Streit disarm B-52 Bomber at Rome Air Force Base, New York, USA, on eve of Gulf War 1 - Jan 1st. '91 Plane grounded for two months. USAF estimate damage at \$U.S.100,000 - sentenced to a year in prison.

Bae Ploughshares Chris Cole disarms European Fighter Aircraft, Hawk Strike Attack Aircraft & military equipment destined to East Timor & Northern Ireland at BAE Stevenage, Herts., England on Jan 6th. 1993. Police estimate £300,000. Sentenced to eight months imprisonment.

Seeds of Hope/East Timor Ploughshares Lotta Kronlid, Andrea Needham, Jo Wilson & Angie Zeiter disarm BAE Hawk Fighter in Indonesian Air Force markings on eve of intended export to Indonesian military at war on East Timor at BAE Warton, Lancashire on January 29th. 1996. Police damage estimate £2,400,000. Indonesian government rejects that specific plane following action. Activists held on remand for six months in prison, acquitted by jury at trial in Liverpool, July 1996.

Jubilee Ploughshares 2000 Fr. Martin Newell & Susan Van Der Hiden disarm nuclear convoy vehicle at RAF Wittering, England on November 3rd. 2000. Police estimate damage at £32,000. Sentenced to one year imprisonment.

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'Every action will be judged on the particular circumstances.'

Seamus Nolan 2008

'Hammered by the Irish' by Harry Browne deals with the militarisation of Ireland's Shannon Airport in service of the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq. The book tells the story of five Catholic Workers, known as the Pitstop Ploughshares www.peaceontrial.com, who in 2003 disabled a U.S. war plane at Shannon causing \$U.S.2.5 million damage.

The five were demonised by the mainstream media and condemned by large sections of the anti-war movement. Their act of non-violent resistance was to resonate with a Dublin jury which unanimously found them not guilty of all charges at their third trial in 2006.

Harry Browne lectures in Dublin Institute of Technology. His book, 'Hammered by the Irish: How the Pitstop Ploughshares disabled a US war-plane - with Ireland's blessing', is forthcoming from Counterpunch.org Books.

