

A PATCHWORK OF INNOCENTS

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FOREWORD

It is my great honour to be writing the Foreword for a further booklet complimenting a third SEFF Memorial Quilt. Previously there has been produced two other Quilts: Your Legacy Lives On which concentrated on innocents mainly from Fermanagh and Tyrone and Terrorism knows NO Borders which remembers those innocents who were murdered in the Republic of Ireland and also throughout Great Britain as well as English, Scottish and Welsh families who had loved ones murdered in Northern Ireland, more often than not as serving soldiers within Regular British Army Regiments.

This latest Memorial Quilt aptly titled; A Patchwork of Innocents honours well over 70 innocent victims, with individual patched to over 60 of them. These individuals were murdered throughout Northern Ireland.

The centrepiece of this Quilt remembers the children whose lives were stolen as a consequence of the terrorist campaign. Four patched to individual innocents represent the wider number of children who were never able to grow into adulthood because others failed to respect the sanctity of human life. The youngest victim of 'The Troubles' is remembers, a mere 5 monthly old baby called Alan Jack. For Alan his life was essentially ended before it ever started.

The significance of this Quilt and these type of Legacy projects is that they do offer the means to remember those who are too often forgotten, those who are a mere footnote in history, a cold statistic. This Quilt brings alive the person behind the patch, the type of person they were, their interests, hobbies, their commitment to their Christian faith, their commitment to service etc.

When terrorism in 'The Troubles' context) engulfed Northern Ireland and then expanded into the Republic of Ireland, across the Irish sea to Great Britain and then made its' way over to mainland Europe, that cancerous terrorism allowed perpetrators to dehumanise their fellow human beings, to actually murder a neighbour.

The names of those who were involved in the Project - A Patchwork of Innocents

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The Quilt moves beyond religious denominational issues, beyond politics - the Memorial Quilt honours innocents from whatever faith background or none that they came from and it does not take account of constitutional political perspective, rather the Quilt unifies those whose lives were stolen - those who had terrorism brought to their door, those who had NO CHOICE.

The finished Quilt is a toil of love and the team of circa 12 SEFF ladies involved in the Project under the stewardship and direction of Sonia Johnston have done justice to those being remembered, these individual innocents who meant so much to the families they left behind are being remembered with honour.

A short Film 'The Journey of the Quilt' which includes contributions from those who worked on the Project was made and this very much illustrates the immense work which went in to the Project as well as the consideration, sensitivity and love which was present.

As well as the core SEFF team of Quilt makers I would wish to pay a special word of thanks to Mabel Black and Avril Johnston who assisted in embroidering a number of individual patches, both ladies have always been willing helpers in all three Quilt Projects we have undertaken to date.

Finally I would wish to acknowledge the efforts of Joy Aiken (SEFF's Projects Officer) who was the key conduit with the families and volunteers in enabling the Project to reach the point of completion and I thank Kenny Donaldson (SEFF's Director of Services) for his oversight and any other member of staff or volunteer who made a contribution in facilitating families to have loved ones included on the Quilt.

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FORGET ME NOT

*Forget me not
I didn't choose to die at eighteen years
My time was chosen for me
Not for me some grandiose battle plan fought out o'er foreign fields.*

*I did not go to war
Nor to defend some great ideal...
I just went to work in a bitter urban landscape.*

*There were many good people...
But the cowards sought me out
Lurking in the darkness they carried out their poor misguided act,
Another piece in the endgame jigsaw ..or so they thought .*

*"Ourselves alone" this puzzle will never be complete,
For there are no straight edges
And over three thousand pieces are missing.*

*Forget me not.
My hour of darkness came in a blinding flash.
Was there time for pain or perhaps a solitary tear?
No time for last goodbyes.
Where is my mothers hand?
My brothers loving eyes?
My sisters caring smile?*

*Remember me.
For I cannot pass this way again and memories are all you can have.
Unlike those who put me here
Was it I who broke the law or they?
Yet they live to fight another day.*

*Don't grieve for me.
For at the outset my time was chosen
But not by the "brave men" of darkness who shot and ran,
By the Creator of all men, before whom all men unjustified
Will stand in final judgement.
Until That Day Forget Me Not
Remember My sacrifice*

This Poem was written by Jeremy Shane Laverty
(brother of Robert David Laverty murdered
on 16th July 1972 by PIRA terrorists)

Constable ROBERT DAVID LAVERTY



Service Number: 10887

8th September 1953 - 16th July 1972

Robert David Laverty was the fourth child and second son of James and Jane Laverty and he came from the town of Ballycastle on the North Antrim Coast. Jane had been widowed in 1962 and with seven children she relied on her tenacious spirit, her hard work and creativity, and her faith to carry her through what had been ten tough years.

Robert joined the RUC as a career move after initially serving time as an apprentice engineer at Monsanto in Coleraine. He saw this move as an opportunity to provide a good life for himself and to send something home for the family in Ballycastle.

However in the very early hours of July 16th 1972 Robert was a back seat passenger in a patrol car which was ambushed on the lower Antrim Road in Belfast. Robert was shot in the head. Despite his colleagues best efforts to save his life, he passed away without regaining consciousness.

Robert was 18 years old and his sad passing had a devastating impact on his very close knit family and in the wider community in North Antrim where the Laverty family were well known, loved and respected.

Thousands turned out for his funeral in the local Presbyterian Church where the church bell was later restored in his honour by friends and colleagues. Robert is sadly missed but never forgotten by his family.

The words of the famous hymn, 'How Great Thou Art' were chosen for Robert's patch as this hymn has great significance to the family, it is often sung in remembrance of Robert when the family get together.

Constable NORMAN ANDERSON



Service Number: 7758
1936 - 27th Jan 1961

Constable Norman Anderson was stationed at Rosslea when murdered on the Fermanagh-Monaghan border on 27th January 1961. At the time of his murder the 26 year old's widowed mother lived at Kintyre Road, Larne. The off duty constable had been returning to the station after visiting his girlfriend across the border in County Monaghan. He was on his way back to his van when he was overpowered by his assailants, dragged up a laneway and shot repeatedly.

Constable Anderson's funeral was described in the Larne Times as 'the biggest seen in East Antrim in living memory'. Thousands from all over Northern Ireland and County Monaghan attended including the then Minister of Home Affairs, Brian Faulkner and the inspector general of the RUC, Albert Kennedy.

However Norman Anderson was not simply forgotten, a few months later a group of four friends decided to form a band. When the word got around applications to join the band started to flow in and the only concern was, what would they call the band? Permission was sought from Constable Anderson's family and with their agreement the band was named, The Constable Norman Anderson Memorial Flute Band.

This year the band celebrated their 55th anniversary, they are proud to represent Constable Anderson and to keep his memory alive. The Band has an on-going relationship with SEFF and has visited the County twice in recent times, once performing at a SEFF Concert event and also then availing of a Border Trail of South Fermanagh where members were able to visit the scene of Constable Anderson's murder and to pay their respects, honouring his memory.

ALAN JACK



Civilian
19th February 1972 - 19th July 1972

Alan Jack was the youngest victim of the 'Troubles' he was only 5 months old when he was murdered as a consequence of an IRA car bomb exploding in Strabane.

Alan's mother was pushing the baby in a pram along with her other son (Robert) who was 4 years old, a piece of glass just missed her and went into the pram, she was thrown forward by the blast and her other son was thrown to the ground.

Alan's mother was from Cork, she and her husband had met in London and were moving back to County Tyrone when the incident happened. Alan's father was a native of Ballymagorry, Alan's body was laid to rest at St. Patrick's Church of Ireland, Leckpatrick.

Unfortunately there are no photographs of Alan as a baby and so this is why an image of his family grave stone has been included within the booklet.

Alan's mother and father moved to Cork after the bomb, they went on to have three more children, Kieran, William and Caroline. Both parents are now deceased.

Reserve Constable **ROBERT JOHN MONTGOMERY (JACKIE) GIBSON**



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Service Number: R1974
23rd July 1927 - 21st July 1972

Jackie (Robert John Montgomery Gibson) was born at Derryboy, Co. Down. He was married to Moreen Gibson and they had five children, Robert, Hilary, Lynda, Stephen and Dorothy. He was a bus driver with Ulsterbus and a part time Police Reserve Constable.

Along with his wife and two daughters he was a member of Raffrey Presbyterian Church choir, often taking the solo lead, he had previously been a member of Crossgar Choral Society, and proudly sang with the Belfast CE Choir. He was extremely well known in the local area and was very highly thought of.

Jackie was paying in the money to the office from his bus route on the 21st July 1972 when he was murdered by an IRA bomb which exploded in the Oxford Street Bus Station in Belfast, on the day which has become known as 'Bloody Friday'.

45 years later he is still much loved and missed by his family. The patch on the quilt is memorialised by the RUC Crest, an Ulsterbus and musical notes to show his work and his love of singing.

CLAUDY BOMBINGS



31st July 1972

The Claudy bombings occurred on 31st July 1972, when three car bombs exploded mid-morning on the Main Street of Claudy in County Londonderry. The attack murdered nine civilians; Elizabeth McElhinney, Joseph McCloskey, Kathryn Eakin, Rose McLaughlin, Patrick Connolly, Arthur Howe, David Miller, James McClelland and William Temple. It became known as "Bloody Monday".

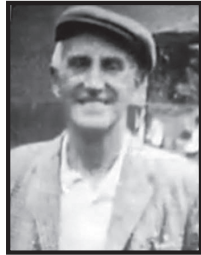
Amongst those murdered were men, women and children transcending political affiliation and religious background.

The attack on Claudy was a shameless act of barbaric terrorism which was indiscriminate, attacking the sanctity of life. Just as was the case throughout the period referred to as, 'The Troubles,' terrorists were not particularly concerned with who the collateral damage of their evil actions were. Their political cause and ideology enabled them to justify their heinous deeds.

The Claudy families have carried themselves with immense dignity against the backdrop of such devastation to their lives. Those who bombed Claudy and those who were involved in the subsequent aftermath who did not fulfil their obligations under law or under the moral code they claimed to operate within should and must be held accountable.

On 31st July 2017 families remembered the Bomb and their loved ones 45 years on, SEFF was privileged to help organise an open air Community event with the families, attended by well over 300 people from across the community.

DAVID MILLER



Civilian

2nd October 1911 - 31st January 1972

David was from the town of Claudy, he was a Council Worker but was also the Sexton in his local Church (Comber Lower, Killaloo Church of Ireland). He was very involved in all aspects of Church and dedicated his life to it, he also helped the Canon with his duties. This is the reason why the Church was chosen to represent David within his patch on the Quilt.

David was married to Annie Miller and they had 3 children, Jean, Derek and Gordon. James is remembered as a great family man and was someone who adored his Grandchildren (some of whom he never got to meet due to his untimely death).

David was murdered when the third bomb exploded as he helped to move the dying and injured to what they thought was safety.

Lance Corporal ALFRED JOHNSTON



Service Number: 24166660

8th June 1940 - 25th August 1972

Alfie Johnston was a Lance Corporal within the UDR, he was married with four children and was murdered alongside his colleague, James Eames.

The two men were murdered on 25th August 1972, Alfie (32) and Jimmy (33) when a Provisional Irish Republican Army remote controlled bomb, hidden in an abandoned car detonated when their patrol approached at Cherrymount, near Enniskillen. Jimmy and Alfie died instantly.

Alfie was a part time member of the UDR and also worked in a local factory. He enjoyed fishing and would frequently fish around the Fermanagh lakes. He also had a motorbike which is pictured above.

Private GEORGE ELLIS HAMILTON



Service Number: 24205329

17th October 1942 - 20th December 1972

George Ellis Hamilton (known as Ellis) was from Kildoag near Claudy in County Londonderry, he was a private in the UDR, he was 28 years old and was married to Margaret, they had one daughter, Jacqueline who was 4 years old at the time of Ellis's murder.

Ellis worked as an electrician for a company in Londonderry; he also served as a part time soldier on the UDR. He was in his civilian job, at the time he was murdered, when an IRA sniper hit him with a single shot in the back.

A loyal member of the Orange and Black institutions Ellis held them in great esteem; he regularly attended meetings and enjoyed all the parades. Ellis was also a keen fisherman and was a dedicated husband and father.

Ellis' sister-in-law Mary Hamilton was also directly impacted by the campaign of terrorism when suffering injury as a result of the Claudy bomb, also in 1972, a mere 5 months earlier.

'Too good in life to be forgotten in death'

JAMES MULLAN

Civilian

DOB - 21st December 1972

James was murdered by loyalists (believed to be the Red Hand Commando) as he waited on the Clandeboye Road, Bangor for a lift to his nightshift work at a carpet factory based in Donaghadee. James lived in the nearby Tudor Park having moved from Belfast some months previously. He had formerly worked as a bread server. James had a 4-year-old son at the time of his murder.

As his regular lift pulled up so too did another car and shots were fired hitting James on the arm and stomach, he died in hospital just 30 minutes later. James' murder was the first sectarian killing to take place in Bangor, known as a picturesque North Down seaside Town.

In January 1973 four men from east Belfast were charged with his murder along with two others, Sandra Meli and David McAleese but three months later the charges were dropped. James Mullan is yet another murder which remains unsolved.

Unfortunately we have been unable to include a photograph for James within the booklet; James had been survived by sister Una whose married name was Moffett. Una and her family joined SEFF some 2 plus years ago after reading an article we had been quoted from within The Belfast Telegraph, she rang the office and asked could her family join, that ours' was the organisation that she could associate with - she related with our consistent stance on terrorism and criminal violence from whatever quarter it came)

Una was due to speak at SEFF's Conference earlier this year and the European Day for Victims of Terrorism event in Stormont but tragically she passed away in January. It was Una's wish prior to her passing that a patch be added on our next quilt remembering James so we are following through with her wishes.

Unfortunately despite several attempts we haven't been able to locate another surviving family member at the point of this Publication being printed.

Una and her husband owned the popular and successful business Balmoral Furniture and were no strangers to being victimised through terrorism, their business - a business which always employed Protestant and Roman Catholic was the business attacked by Bobby Sands and his colleagues and for which they were then incarcerated within the Maze Prison.

James will not be forgotten nor will Una, a lady we are privileged to have known.

Private **JOHN KENNETH HILL**



Service Number: 24301972

23rd April 1949 - 28th August 1973

Kenneth came from a family of 13 children, 4 boys and 9 girls. He worked at the Ministry of Agriculture in Loughgall and loved the outdoor life, he had only been a Private in the UDR for 6 months when the IRA lured him to his death to clear a bomb scare at a housing estate in Armagh.

His hobbies included writing poetry (see below a poem written by Ken in 1972, the year before his murder) he also enjoyed music, he tried to teach himself how to play the guitar, one of his favourite musicians was Bob Dylan.

Ken was only 24 years old at the time of his murder; he had previously served for two and a half years in the RAF.

Black and White

*The night is black, the day is light
As far apart as black and white
The world is good the world is bad
The world is full of good and bad
Some are rich, some are starving,
Some are gay and some are sad*

*A craft speeds out through space and lands upon the moo,
While in the jungle clearing a young man dies too soon
While in Africa discrimination tries to quell a whole nation,
In Israel an angry peace is set which warlords watch,
And watching yet don't hear the distant plea of all humanity.*

Ken Hill, 1972 (murdered on 28th August 1973)

MARGARET ELIZABETH KILFEDDER



Civilian

17th September 1914 - 1st June 1975

Margaret Elizabeth Kilfedder was born on 17th September 1914 and died on 1st June 1975 as a result of an IRA bomb detonated outside her bedroom window in the early hours of Sunday morning. She was just 60 years old.

Mrs Kilfedder was born in Ballyshannon, her husband, Samuel Robert Kilfedder passed away in 1978. They had 5 children, Gregory, Marjorie (known as Lily), John, Irene and Samuel.

Mr & Mrs Kilfedder returned from work in Belfast and on retirement moved to Garrison, County Fermanagh. The Kilfedder family moved into the home which the McClure family were forced to abandon at a time when PIRA were targeting security force members, having murdered a number of people.

Margaret was said to be a very quiet lady who enjoyed travels around Fermanagh and Donegal and socialising with family.

Her husband drove a sky blue Morris Minor and they would often go for drives to the beach with a picnic, this is why this scene is depicted within her patch on the Memorial Quilt.

JOHN EDWARD MCCREADY



Civilian

23rd February 1919 - 6th February 1976

John was a well-liked and well-respected builder in Belfast. He grew up in Groomsport Village and Bangor where he was a part-time member of the Fire Service.

He met and married Catherine (Renee) Rainey and they had a son, John Edward Martyn McCready. John was a drummer with the Cleland Memorial Pipe Band for many years and a member of the Orange Lodge and Masonic fraternity.

His life centred around his work, home, family and his membership of these organisations. This is why the emblems were chosen for John's patch on the Memorial Quilt.

John was in fact returning from a Masonic meeting when he was stopped by two IRA men in a car, they opened fire and shot him 4 times - this happened on his wife's birthday.

WILLIAM (WILLIE) HERRON



Civilian

5th February 1912 - 7th April 1976

William known as Willie to his friends was born in 1912 at Dechomet near Ballyward, he was the eldest son of John and Ellen Herron and a brother of James, Tommy, Robert and Mary. After his school days he left the family farm to serve his apprenticeship to the drapery trade in Rathfriland followed by Walkers in Banbridge before coming to Jameson's in Church Street, Dromore.

Willie met Beth Scott, they married in 1941 and set up home at Kinallen where their twin daughters were born, Carol and Joy. Willie established his own business in Dromore but on expansion he purchased bigger premises on the corner of the Square and Bridge Street, the family moved into the accommodation above the shop, a second set of twins were born, Derrick and Alistair and the family was then complete with the birth of Noeline in 1949.

In the years that followed Herron's drapery business prospered in Dromore and in manufacturing band and other uniforms and regalia. The family had premises on Royal Avenue Belfast, they were destroyed by a bomb so the business relocated to Wellington Place.

Willie was viewed as a hardworking, pleasant individual who made many friends and was always willing to offer his time, expertise and support to initiatives which would benefit the town. He also had a strong faith.

On 7th April 1976 three members of the family, William, Beth and Noeline were sleeping in the flat above their drapery store where an incendiary device started a fire. All three were overcome by smoke. They are very much missed and remembered by their surviving family members each and every day.

DOREEN ELIZABETH (BETH) HERRON



Civilian

18th September 1917 - 7th April 1976

Doreen Elizabeth Herron (known as Beth) was born in 1917, she was the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Scott from Mossvale, Artana, she was sister to Helen and Eric.

She met her husband William (Willie) at a Church Social function at First Dromara Presbyterian Church, they married in 1941 and had five children including two sets of twins.

Beth's husband owned a Drapery Store in Dromore, the family lived above the shop.

Beth had many interests outside her role as a homemaker, from Meals on Wheels to the OWA and Artana WI. She also played an active role in the family business.

A Dove as a sign of 'peace' was chosen to represent Beth on the Memorial Quilt.

NOELINE HELEN HERRON



Civilian

11th August 1949 - 7th April 1976

Noeline was the youngest sibling in the Herron family; she was born in 1949 and was involved in the family's drapery business.

She worked in a smaller shop her father owned in Dromore which sold household goods, curtain material, fabrics and so on. A patchwork symbol was chosen for the Memorial Quilt to capture Noeline's work.

All three members of the Herron family who were murdered on 7th April 1976 had a strong Christian faith; they were all committed to supporting each other, at home, in business, church and social activities.

Lance Corporal **JOSEPH JAMES (JIMMY) SPEER**



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Service Number: 24280979

25th December 1929 - 9th November 1976

Joseph James Speer (known as Jimmy) was born on 25th December 1929; he was murdered on 9th November 1976.

Jimmy was brought up on a farm outside Moneymore but became a mechanic as a young teenager and also joined the UDR. Jimmy had 2 brothers and 3 sisters and was married to Ruby, together they had 3 children Deirdre, Cheryl and Dermot they were aged 16,14 & 9 years old at the time of his murder.

Being a mechanic by trade Jimmy set up his own business at an early age, he built a garage across from his house. At the time he was murdered he had and was expanding into car sales, renting of agricultural machinery and had built an extension to his premises and bought the adjoining land. Within the community he was considered to be a successful business man and was much respected by everyone.

Jimmy was very dedicated to his family; he was very much into his community and people. He was always helping out locals, strangers and people who were generally in need. He was also a very committed member of the Orange Order (Cranny LOL1015) and a founder member of Desertmartin Black Preceptory. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was a religious man and regularly worshipped at Lecumpher Presbyterian Church.

Jimmy was a member of the 'B' Specials and then joined the UDR shortly after its' formation, he was a Lance Corporal at the time of his murder. Jimmy was faithful to his country and wanting to play his role in protecting it.

On 9th November 1976 Jimmy was shot in the garage that he owned when three men drove in, asked him to look at a leaking radiator and shot him in the head. His family heard the shouts from the house opposite and they were with Jimmy when he died.

A few days after the funeral Jimmy's family returned the wreath which had been delivered to their home by the Secretary of State, Jimmy and his wife Ruby had discussed how they considered this a mockery before his murder.

Corporal **DAVID GRAHAM**



Service Number: 23465537

10th July 1938 - 25th March 1977

David Graham was born in July 1938, in the heartland of Cohannon, Tamnamore. He was the first-born son of Richard and Margaret Graham, brother to Ethel, Jim and the late John. David married his sweetheart Eileen McMinn, on March 16th 1964. They had three children Derek, Alan and Serena.

David's love was his family, but he also had a keen interest in greyhounds, in fact in the early 1970s he sold one of his prized greyhounds to gather up some money to take his family on holidays to Ballina. Two weeks prior to the holiday the dog, Moreclose broke the track record in England.

David was a proud member of LOL 513 which he was Deputy Master at the time of his murder. He was a member of Bush Black RBP No 4 and a member of RAOB, Dungannon. David also had a great love for gardening particularly growing vegetables and flowers in his garden patch, the pink Rose being his favourite of all.

In 1972 David became a part-time member of the 8th Battalion of the UDR. He served for five years and made the rank of Corporal, he was to be promoted to Sergeant before his murder.

On the 15th March 1977 David went to his civilian place of work, Masstock factory Coalisland where two armed masked IRA gunmen shot David from behind, as he fell to the ground they continued to fire at him. David lived for 10 days on a life support machine but sadly due to his inhumane injuries he died on the 25th March 1977. David lies resting in Killyman Parish graveyard.

Loved, cherished and never forgotten.

Constable **SAMUEL DEREK DAVISON**



Service Number: F/11116

10th September 1952 - 2nd June 1977

Derek was born in Milford, Co. Donegal when he was born in 1952, in 1960 the family came to Enniskillen.

Derek was educated at Enniskillen Model Primary School and Enniskillen High School before going to the Technical College. He was always fond of all sports, particularly motorcycle racing.

His first job after leaving school was with Slack & Parr engineering and he served for a time determined to do his part for Ulster. He joined the RUC in 1972.

In September 1975, Constable Davison married a Fermanagh girl, Audrey Shaw, they had no children. Derek was also a member of the Apprentice Boys in Enniskillen.

Constable **KENNETH NORMAN LYNCH**



Service Number: 12414

16th May 1955 - 2nd June 1977

RUC Constable Kenneth Norman Lynch was born on 16th May 1955 to William and Anna Lynch, and brought up near Donemana in Co. Tyrone. He was the third brother of four children, the youngest being a sister. Hazlett was the eldest, then William, Ken, and Lynda.

Ken was a big lad, he was tall and well built, and he had a normal childhood and upbringing in a church-attending family. He joined the Scout troop in Donemana and enjoyed camps in Scotland, the Isle of Man and also in Northern Ireland. He later joined the local flute band. He loved cooking and baking. He was also an avid Manchester United fan and on occasions went to see his team play.

On leaving school in Strabane, he worked for a few months in a Londonderry supermarket before getting a job in Dupont, during which time he served in Strabane in the RUC Reserve before joining the regular RUC in June 1976. On completion of his police training at Enniskillen, he was posted to Cookstown RUC station in September 1976.

On the last Sunday Ken was alive, the whole Lynch family were together. It was a lovely afternoon and after a walk up the back field and along the river, he left late that afternoon to make his way to Cookstown. This was the last time the family saw him alive. The East Tyrone brigade of the IRA chose to murder Ken, along with two RUC colleagues, and on the Thursday afternoon of 2nd June 1977, they carried out their wicked deed.

His murder hit the family very deeply, and with lasting effects. He was buried in Mountcastle cemetery following a thanksgiving service in his home congregation of Donaghedy Presbyterian Church on Sunday 5th June. A huge crowd of mourners attended the funeral, estimated at the time to be in the region of 3,000.

Ken was a 'larger than life' character, full of fun and mischief. Both his parents died without getting justice for Ken. Justice delayed is justice denied!

Reserve Constable **HUGH HENRY MARTIN**



Service Number: R499
29th January 1919 - 2nd June 1977

Hugh Henry Martin grew up at Carnan, Stewartstown and in February 1944 he married Georgina Elizabeth Ruddell, over the next 10 years they had 8 children, 2 boys and 6 girls, sadly one of the girls, Hazel died at 1 day old.

He spent his adult life serving his country. He served in the Home Guards, Ulster Special Constabulary, part time R.U.C.R. and eventually full time R.U.C.R.

Hugh Henry was a keen member of the Orange Lodge, and was a member of Drumbanowey LOL No 214 for 39 years. He loved the companionship of other members and was Secretary of the Lodge from 1962 - 1968 and Worshipful Master from 1968 - 1977. He was also a member of Ochill RBP No 727, Lily of the Valley for 31 years. This love of his Lodges is symbolised by the orange lily within his patch on the Memorial Quilt.

Hugh Henry was brutally murdered at Carnan, Stewartstown on 2nd June 1977 by the enemies of the country he loved and served. Sadly two of his colleagues were also murdered on that day as they all travelled together in the patrol car.

Corporal **JAMES (JIMMY) MCFALL**



Service Number: 23231537
DOB - 27th July 1977

Corporal James (Jimmy) McFall was a part time member of the 10th Battalion Ulster Defence Regiment based in Belfast; he was also a full time post man.

Jimmy had 5 children aged from 11 - 16 years at the time of his murder. Along with wife Muriel, two of his children, Ann and Jim witnessed his murder on that awful day. At 8.30am two PIRA gunmen walked up to the front door and shot at him through the glass panel. With Jimmy's family upstairs they were liable to come down at any time and walk straight into danger so Jimmy had no choice but to go into the hall. Neighbours came to help and the police and ambulance arrived but sadly Jimmy passed away in the hallway of his home.

Jimmy was understood as a good man; he was brought up to respect everyone, regardless of their religion. He was a devoted family man; he was buried on his youngest daughter's 11th birthday. The horror and pain of Jimmy's murder stays with his family to this very day, their hearts are broken. Jimmy was a victim of the worst crime - murder.

An animal lover, Jimmy was very fond of the family pets, a Cocker Spaniel called Dash and a cat called Smokie. When he was a child Jimmy would regularly rescue stray and injured animals.

The McFall family feel very let down by the authorities because no-one has ever been brought to justice for the crime. Jimmy's legacy lives on within the family which survives him, he is their hero.

Corporal **WILLIAM (WILLIE) JOHN GORDON**



Service Number: 24208729

28th February 1936 - 8th February 1978

William (known as Willie) was a School Welfare Officer, he was 41 years old and was a part time member of the UDR, he was married to Georgina and together they had three children.

On 8th February 1978 Willie was taking two of his children, his daughter Lesley and his seven year old son to Culnady Primary School. His car had been parked outside his house at Grove Terrace, Maghera.

A neighbour had seen Willie check underneath his car and in the boot as he would usually do before the children got in but when he reversed his car out and began to move forward an IRA booby trap bomb exploded from underneath the car. Willie and his daughter died instantly while his young son was badly injured.

Willie was a dedicated family man; he was a keen fisherman and enjoyed going fishing in his spare time. This is why the fishing symbol was chosen for his patch on the Memorial Quilt along with the UDR cap badge to represent his service in 5th Battalion UDR.

LESLEY GORDON



Civilian

10th December 1966 - 8th February 1978

Lesley Gordon was only 10 years old when she was murdered by an IRA booby trap bomb that exploded from underneath her father's car as he was about to leave Lesley and her younger brother to school on 8th February 1978.

After the tragedy Lesley was described as a 'delightful child' and it was said that Culnady Primary School where Lesley attended would never be able to forget her.

Lesley was a regular attender of the Brownies and very much enjoyed being a member of the organisation and taking part in their activities. She was also a keen Showaddywaddy fan, this is why these two images along with the crest from Culnady Primary School were chosen for Lesley's patch on the Memorial Quilt.

One of Lesley's school teachers composed a poem immediately after the incident, it speaks of Lesley's gentle and sweet nature and how the world is a better place for having heard her merry laughter.

Prison Officer **MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER CASSIDY**



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HMP Belfast

27th May 1948 - 16th April 1979

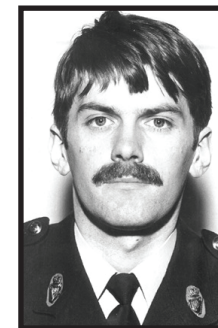
Michael was born on May 27th, 1948 into a family of 9 siblings in Augher, County Tyrone. He lived at the family home in Augher until he left to work in Belfast in the late 60s.

Michael met his wife Mary on December 8th 1971 and they married 2 years later. They had a daughter who was born in October 1975 and a son in May 1978. Together they lived off the Antrim Road in Belfast until his death in 1979.

Michael started work in the Prison Service in 1971, where he was based at Crumlin Road Prison. He was also an active member of their social club. Michael's hobbies included Gaelic Football and golf. He was an active member of St Macartan's GAC all his life. These interests and his work life were chosen to best represent Michael on the Memorial Quilt.

On 16th April 1979 Michael was attending his sister's wedding at St. Macartan's Cathedral in Clogher when he was brutally attacked. Michael was with his daughter aged just three years at the point he was murdered.

Detective Constable **NORMAN SAMUEL PRUE**



Service Number: 9682

3rd March 1950 - 6th May 1979

Norman was the son of Susan and Stanley Prue, and he had four siblings: David, Mary, Richard and Susan. Norman was married to Linda and had three children, Shelley, Ivan and Colin (died 14th July 1977) He was a family man, a devoted husband and father.

When Norman joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary initially in October 1969 he was stationed in Oldpark Police Station, Belfast. He was wounded in an ambush in November 1971 by the IRA in which an innocent civilian was murdered. Because of this incident Norman resigned from the RUC in January 1972. He rejoined in 1974 and was stationed at Lisnaskea Police Station, and from 1976 he was in Special Branch.

Norman was 29 years of age when he was murdered by the IRA alongside Sergeant Robert Maughan (3rd Brigade, 9/12 Lancers) outside Holy Cross Chapel, Lisnaskea.

The RUC crest on the quilt signifies Norman's dedication and duty to serving his country and community. The other symbols are to represent his involvement in the Boys Brigade and his favourite football team, West Ham United, as he was an avid fan and keen footballer himself. Norman also loved music.

Private **JACK McCLENAGHAN**



Service Number: 24273209

23rd October 1916 - 19th May 1979

Jack was born in Belfast on 23rd October 1916, some years later the family moved to County Fermanagh and made the Brooke, Enniskillen their home.

From a very young age Jack was employed as a Bread man, he drove a van delivering bread around the Kesh, Belcoo and Garrison areas; he was on this same route for many years. It was indeed when Jack was on his bread run when he was murdered on the main street of Garrison in 1979.

Jack had also served on the UDR from 1971-1975 but had retired 4 years before his murder.

Jack was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Pettigo and he was very involved in Drumduff Methodist Church in Florencecourt where he was a parishioner.

Living close to the Round 'O' was ideal for Jack as he had a great love for fishing, he often fished at the Round 'O' and in other parts of Lough Erne.

Both fishing and the bread van are depicted within Jack's patch on the Memorial Quilt.

Private **JAMES ARTHUR ROBINSON**



Service Number: 24456554

19th July 1959 - 19th October 1979

James Robinson was murdered whilst off duty driving his milk van on the Fintona-Omagh road, the terrorists struck when he was at his most vulnerable.

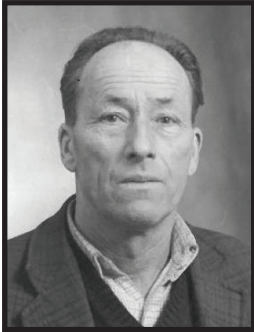
James was aged 20 years old when murdered and was single, he had come from a family of 11 living at Meadowbrook, Fintona.

James was buried in Fintona Presbyterian Church with his UDR colleagues acting as poll bearers.

At the time of his death James was a member of the DUP.

James two occupations - UDR soldier and milkman are depicted symbolically on the Memorial Quilt, like so many others James stepped forward and did his duty whilst also requiring to hold down other employment.

Corporal **SAMUEL FAIRCLIFFE (CLIFFORD) LUNDY**



Service Number: 24199238

20th July 1916 - 2nd January 1980

Samuel Faircliffe Lundy (known as Clifford) was born in County Armagh on 20th July 1916, he had one brother and 6 sisters (one of whom still survives).

Clifford married Mary Jane Bell (known as Jeannie) on 5th June 1939, they had two sons (both of whom died in infancy) and one daughter.

In the early years of Clifford's working life he farmed but he was later employed as a lorry driver for Haldane Shiells Ltd, they were a Builder's Merchants based in Newry.

In his spare time Clifford did a lot of mechanical work on cars, lorries and on his own motorbike and he often attended motorcycle races and enjoyed the sport.

Clifford was on the Home Guards from 1940-1944, he was also a member of the Ulster Special Constabulary until it disbanded in 1970. He then joined the Ulster Defence Regiment and served from 1970 - 1978 when he retired as a Corporal.

Clifford was murdered by the enemies of Ulster on 2nd January 1980 at his home adjacent to Kingsmills Presbyterian Church, he was returning home from his first day back to work after the Christmas holidays.

Reserve Constable **ROBERT CRILLY**



Service Number: R2530

4th February 1921 - 3rd January 1980

Robert Crilly (known as Bobby) was a part time member of the RUC, he joined the force in 1972 and was a Reserve Constable.

Bobby had two brothers and three sisters (two of his sisters are alive today), he was unmarried at the time of his murder but he was engaged for many years.

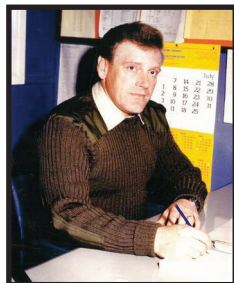
Apart from serving on the RUC reserve Bobby also ran his own garage business in Newtownbutler for many years, it was within his garage on the 3rd January 1980 where a car pulled in, two men got out and opened fire. Bobby died before an ambulance arrived while the gunmen escaped towards the border of County Cavan.

Bobby had a great interest in his Church, Galloon Parish Church where he was an active member, he was very much involved in work with the young people and in particular encouraging them away from sectarianism. He was also a very keen badminton player.

The patch on the Memorial Quilt in memory of Bobby includes a spanner and an engine to depict his work and his garage along with a badminton racket to show his interest in playing the sport.

Bobby was an extremely generous person not only to his immediate relatives and nephews and nieces but also gave up much of his spare time for the benefit of others. He was one of the many quiet unassuming gentlemen of his generation who was more interested in helping others rather than thinking about himself. He was quite simply a lovely man.

Major **WILLIAM EDWARD IVAN TOOMBS**



Service Number: 493131
3rd July 1938 - 16th January 1981

Ivan was married with five children and lived in Warrenpoint. He was a part-time officer in the UDR holding the rank of Major but also worked as a Senior Customs Officer. On 16th January 1981 at 11am, Ivan was brutally murdered by Provisional I.R.A. terrorists, at his place of work in Warrenpoint docks.

In August 1976 Ivan survived a gun attack on his life on the Dublin Road Newry. Although severely wounded, he managed to keep control of his vehicle and upon reaching the Customs post, fell out of his car raising the alarm.

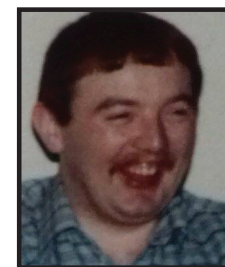
Ivan's funeral was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Robin Eames Bishop of Down and Dromore in Warrenpoint Parish Church, in his address Bishop Eames recalled a conversation he had with Ivan a few weeks before his murder, they were talking about the difficulties of the present time in Northern Ireland and Dr. Eames recalled Ivan's words, "Surely someday people will come to see that there are some things which are so good that they will endure "

This was his philosophy as he lived and strove to build a better future for the next generation and generations to come. Ivan believed in the power of good, he was a man who believed in the sanctity of life, irrespective of the actions of terrorism, and ultimately good would overcome evil.

Ivan was first and foremost was a family man. He was also involved in local community organisations, A former scout leader, a member of Warrenpoint Masonic Lodge No.697 and a keen sports man playing football, cricket, golf and hockey for his local club Newry Olympic.

He was a moderate man, who joined the Ulster Defence Regiment on the 17th of August 1970 after serving 10 years in the U.S.C. Ivan was a man who felt a duty as many others to help protect the whole community. He was typical of the best the U.D.R had to offer. When a memorial tablet was unveiled to his honour in Warrenpoint Masonic Hall. Ivan was described as a man of immense courage, who had a great concern for the good of everyone.

Reserve Constable **JOHN (JOHNNIE) PROCTOR**



Service Number: R9561
6th May 1956 - 14th September 1981

John (Johnnie) Proctor was 25 years old, he was married to June and together they had two children, Adrian (23 months old) and Johnnie (5 days old) at the time of his murder.

Johnnie joined the UDR in 1976, he left a number of years later and joined the RUC (in April 1980). Johnnie was very proud to serve his Country and he wanted to stand up to Terrorism.

On 14th September 1981 Johnnie had been visiting his wife and their new born baby in the Mid Ulster Hospital, Magherafelt when he was shot in the back by IRA gunmen in the car park. Earlier that day he had acted as pallbearer at the funeral of his friend who was also shot by the IRA.

One of Johnnie's favourite pass times was to play darts; he had a great interest in the game. He was also a big supporter of Manchester United.

In recent years and as a result of DNDA evidence Seamus Kearney, a PIRA terrorist was convicted of his part in the murder of Johnnie but as per the terms of The Belfast Agreement could serve no more than two years behind bars.

Lance Corporal **JOHN MCKEEGAN**



Service Number: 24216624

8th May 1941 - 19th November 1981

John was married with three children, 2 girls and 1 boy. He worked at Ballintine's Timber Yard in Strabane as a delivery driver, he also served on the UDR.

It was while John was out on a delivery in Strabane that he was murdered. A delivery order which was placed by a girl in her 20's was later found out to be a bogus and John had been set up. It turned out the house had been taken over by the IRA some hours earlier and when John went to the door of the house to make the delivery he was shot, he subsequently died in the ambulance on the way to hospital.

John had a number of hobbies and interests, he was very talented and played both the pipes and the drums in Donemana Pipe Band, this is why the pipes and drums were chosen for John's patch on the Quilt.

John was also a member of all the loyal orders, the Orange Lodge, the Apprentice Boys of Derry and the Royal Black Preceptory.

Lance Corporal **CECIL WILLIAM MCNEILL**



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Service Number: 24482879

11th November 1960 - 25th February 1983

Cecil McNeill was born at Mullrodden, Greystone near Dungannon. He was the youngest child of John and Elizabeth McNeill and had four siblings, Anne, Sadie, Ian and Hazel.

Cecil trained as an engineer and was employed at a local engineering firm in Ballygawley. Cecil also served on the UDR joining after his 18th birthday, he was stationed at Aughnacloy.

On 25th February 1983 Cecil was murdered by the Provisional IRA when he arrived to work to the engineering plant in Ballygawley. Cecil had just parked his car and was getting out of it when the gunmen opened fire from close range.

Cecil was a member of Mulnahunch LOL 96; he also played in the local Accordion Band.

Private
**RONALD (RONNIE)
ROULSTON ALEXANDER**



Service Number: 24612128

21st February 1964 - 13th July 1983

Ronald Roulston Alexander (known as Ronnie) was born on 21st February 1964; he served as a full time member of the UDR and was from Gillygooley near Omagh.

Ronnie was only 19 years old when he was murdered; he was one of four soldiers murdered in a 1000lb landmine blast on the Ballygawley Road as they were in their army Land Rover in transit to Ballykinler.

Ronnie enjoyed socialising, he was an outgoing young man and was very sociable. He also had a great interest in motorbikes and had his own Honda 400 FOUR which he loved; this same motorbike was chosen to be used on Ronnie's patch on the Quilt.

You went away so suddenly
We did not get to say goodbye
But as a family can never be parted,
Precious memories of you will never die!

Corporal
**THOMAS (TOMMY)
HARRON**



Service Number: 24377959

20th February 1958 - 13th July 1983

Thomas (Tommy) Harron was born in 1958, he was a full time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment and lived in Sion Mills with his wife Anne and their only child, Laura who was two and a half years old when Tommy was murdered.

Tommy was a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge and was also in Whitehouse Band where he was a keen and talented piper. In his spare also like to play football.

Corporal Tommy Harron was only 24 years old when he was murdered. On 13th July 1983 the army Land Rover he was travelling in was the last of five vehicles that were in convoy making their way from Omagh to Ballykinler as part of a training exercise. Tommy was murdered alongside 3 other colleagues who were travelling along with him that day.

Private **OSWELL (OSSIE) NEELY**



Service Number: 24524784

28th December 1962 - 13th July 1983

Oswell (Ossie) Neely was 20 years old and married with one child when he was murdered on the Ballygawley Road when a landmine exploded under the UDR Land Rover he and three others were travelling in.

Ossie had a great love for swimming, he would regularly go to his local swimming pool so much so that family members recall how he often had cold sores due to constant exposure to the chlorine in the pool.

This is why an image to depict swimming was chosen for Ossie's patch on the Memorial Quilt.

Ossie along with his colleagues are remembered faithfully each year as families and others gather on the Ballygawley road to two Memorials erected to remember four innocents who had the courage to put a uniform on their back in an attempt to serve the community and protect that community against the scourges of terrorism.

Private **JOHN ROXBOROUGH**



Service Number: 24635023

7th September 1964 - 13th July 1983

John Roxborough was a full time member of the UDR from Drumquin, County Tyrone, he was only 18 years old when was murdered in a Landmine explosion on the main road between Ballygawley and Omagh. He was one of four soldiers murdered in the attack, carried out on 13th July 1983.

As John was so young when he was murdered he didn't have the chance to live his life but he had a keen interest in football and regularly played the sport as a hobby.

He was also a devoted member of Omagh Protestant Boy's Flute Band; he was committed and frequently attended practices and parades. John played the flute and his family fondly remember him in his uniform going out to the different events.

In recent times the Band dedicated a new standard which bears the name of John along with three others, all connected with the Band and who were murdered as a consequence of PIRA terrorism.

The Band's insignia (from the time of John's membership of the band) has been used on his patch on the Memorial Quilt.

Constable **WILLIAM ROBERT GILLILAND**



Service Number: 11944

17th July 1945 - 18th June 1985

Robert joined the RUC reserve in August 1972 but became a full time officer in July 1975; he served in the Traffic Branch which was located at St. Angelo, Enniskillen.

Constable Gilliland was murdered via an IRA landmine bomb whilst on mobile patrol on 18th June 1985, Robert and his colleague were travelling in an unmarked police car when the bomb exploded at Coraghglebe, Kinawley. Robert's colleague (Jeff Smith) was left with life changing injuries.

Robert was married to Connie and they had two sons, Simon (aged 10 ½) and Keith (aged 9) at the time of their Father's murder.

Robert enjoyed helping others including his Uncle Bob with farm work; he also had a passion for joinery and cars. He enjoyed spending time with his wife and young sons as well as the family dog, Mitzi.

Robert had been a member of Gillygooley and Derryclavin Lodges as well as leading Derryclavin Pipe Band.

A police motorbike was chosen for the quilt as Robert rode one whilst working in the traffic section of the RUC.

Private **ROBERT WILLIAM HILL**



Service Number: 24635722

19th March 1964 - 1st July 1986

Robert worked at Pinewick Furniture Factory in Ballynahinch, he also served in the 3rd Battalion UDR, Ballykinler.

Robert had many hobbies and interests, he played for 3rd Saintfield Hockey Team, he had also joined the UDR football team in Ballykinler and was planning on playing his first match on Wednesday 2nd July 1986 but it never happened as he was murdered the previous day.

Robert was in Sons of Ulster Accordion Band, he was a member of Cahard, Ballymaglave lodges and the Apprentice Boys Ballynahinch branch. He had an interest in motorbikes and had one of his own, he also liked cars and loved his Ford Fiesta. He enjoyed his holidays abroad particularly in Arenal and Torremolinos. Robert loved animals which wasn't surprising as he had been reared on a farm but his biggest interest of all was in the UDR.

Robert was murdered on 1st July 1986, it was early on a Tuesday morning when he was on his way to his civilian job, it happened outside his house in Drumanness. He was killed when an under car booby trap bomb exploded from beneath his red Ford Fiesta, he had just come off duty. He was targeted because he was a serving part time member of the UDR.

The purple chopper bicycle was chosen for Robert's patch to represent his childhood as it had been given to him one Christmas and there were always fond memories of Robert on it. The UDR cap badge was chosen for his career which was a big part of his life. His family remark that he loved it so much it came a close second to his family. Robert was single and the UDR was said to be his way of life, loved and lived for the UDR and everything it represented. Lastly the black dog Sam was chosen as one of the last links to Robert as it was in the house when the bomb went off and it ran through the blasted door, it swam a lake and was returned to the family later that day but was so traumatised that it had to be taken to the dog pound at a later date. The dog was one of the family's last connections to Robert that they had and was quite possibly the last innocent creature to see him alive.

Reserve Constable **EDWARD (TED) ARMSTRONG**



Service Number: R3807

1st June 1935 - 8th November 1987

Edward (Ted) Armstrong was born on 1 June 1935. He spent his formative years living near Colebrook and attended Littlemount School until the age of 15. He joined the RUC in 1955. Owing to injuries sustained as a result of a serious motor bike accident he had to put his police career on hold.

He married his wife Kathleen (McIlfratrick) in 7 October 1958. Ted joined the UDR in the early 1970's. A few years later he re-joined the RUC Reserve, where he was personal protection and driver for Harry West, leader of the Ulster Unionist party. He continued with this until 1982 (when Harry was defeated in his Fermanagh South Tyrone seat).

Ted was transferred to Enniskillen Police station and training centre until 1986 when He was injured at a VCP and was off until his untimely death on 8 November 1987 while attending the Remembrance Day Sunday service in Enniskillen.

Ted was a family man who was devoted to his wife, Kathleen and son, Clive. He was a man with a live and let live attitude, generous of spirit & his time, a fantastic sense of humour. He was a devoted Christian. Fishing, shooting, listening to music and cooking featured amongst his hobbies. I regard it as an honour to refer to him as my father.

JOHNNY (JACK) MEGAW



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Civilian

DOB - 8th November 1987

Johnny Megaw is remembered as a Christian man who was effectively a 'Befriender' of his day who visited the sick and the lonely and who had a larger than life personality.

Johnny is fondly remembered as someone who could burst into song at any point and who could talk his way through almost any situation.

He was single at the point he was murdered so unfortunately has no blood line following him.

Johnny has minimal family connections still around but does have connections in Antrim, that extended family continue to remember Johnny with affection and to honour him as they best are able.

RICHARD (KIT) JOHNSTON



Civilian

DOB - 8th November 1917

Richard Kit and Jessie Johnston were dearly loved parents and grandparents. On the 8th November 1987 they were brutally murdered by a bomb planted by the IRA. Richard Kitchener was widely known as Kit. His father had been a serving soldier in the First World War and had named him after Lord Kitchener.

Most of his working life had been with the ambulance service at the Erne hospital where he had been awarded a B.E.M. of which he had been very proud. He was a sincere Christian an elder in the Scots Presbyterian church. In his spare time he enjoyed working in his shed making car trailers and working in the garden he aptly named Sanctuary.

JESSIE JOHNSTON



Civilian

DOB - 8th November 1917

Jessie perished in the bomb along with her husband Kit aged 62 years, Jessie had given a lifetime of service as a Nurse and was very popular within the local community.

Jessie was born Jessie Margaret McKinley at letter near Kesh. When she left school she trained as a nurse in Belfast. Most of her nursing life was in the county and Erne hospital in Enniskillen where she was a much loved and respected nurse. She had just retired in 1986 but even in her last year of life she was often called upon to help out in the treatment room this she did so willingly. She was a quiet friendly lady who respected privacy. The garden was the place she loved to spend her free time. She liked to play the piano and had a talent for drawing and painting. They are both so dearly missed by their family.

MARIE WILSON



Civilian

29th April 1967 - 8th November 1987

Marie Wilson was regarded as a special young woman with a very promising future ahead of her. She was aged just 20 years when she was murdered on that fateful day. She along with her family lived at Cooper Crescent, Enniskillen.

Marie was an accomplished violinist and was in the proceeds of her studies with the end outcome meaning her becoming a Nurse. Marie was also committed to her Christian faith and was an active member of the Methodist Church, having volunteered in a variety of ways.

These three elements of her life and spiritual character are depicted within the patch included for her on the Memorial Quilt.

Marie's late father (Gordon) became a member of the Irish Senate in the times that followed her murder; she continues to be remembered with affection by her Mum Joan, siblings and the extended Wilson family circle.

ADAM LAMBERT



Civilian

27th November 1967 - 9th November 1987

Adam Lambert was born on 27th November 1967; he was the youngest of four children to Brian and Ivy Lambert of Ballygawley. He had a happy childhood and loved nature, particularly his cats and dogs.

Like his brothers and sisters he was taught to swim at the age of 6 or 7 in the nearby Martray Lough by his father who had erected a diving board there.

Adam attended Innismagh Primary School where his mother later became principal. He then went to Dungannon Royal School where he was a meticulous student and became a prefect.

Adam was an all round sportsman and won many prizes and cups in games and athletics. He played football, snooker, rugby, golf, fishing and had become interested in karate, he was due to go to a training camp in England when he was murdered. He really loved Rugby and played for the 1st fifteen, he returned home from college every weekend to play for the Dungannon Club, there is indeed a Rugby memorial to Adam in the school. He was always a peacemaker and at one stage attended a Peace Camp in Norway organised by Nobel prize winning peace people, Betty Williams and Mairead Corrigan.

Adam went on to the University of Ulster to study Building Services, he had finished his first year. Part of his second year was to be spent on work experience, he joined a company known as Charles Brand and was working in the Highfield Estate on a landscaping project when on 9th November 1987 he was shot. Loyalist terrorists went out looking for revenge for the Enniskillen Poppy Day bombing (the day before) but supposedly picked the 'wrong target.'

After his death the University wrote a letter to his parents to say that he never missed a lecture and other students would borrow his notes. They said he would have obtained a good degree. Adam would not have known who was Roman Catholic or Protestant, he was completely non-sectarian.

Private **WILLIAM HASSARD** (Retired)



Service Number: 24244681

31st July 1928 - 4th August 1988

William was married with four children, he was a building contractor by trade but had previously served in the UDR although had retired a number of years before his murder.

He was a contractor, a builder, a carpenter, a joiner, a plasterer and a designer, he was very gifted and was able to turn his hand to anything. He was self-taught and built houses that would last, he had a care and a flair for wood that he crafted. He worked on the interior and exterior of houses, he was able to master it all with his talented hands and mind. William had an office and workshops at his house and so he was to do all this from home.

Fishing and tennis were also amongst William's interests, he always had cats and dogs at his home and was a former member of the Orange Lodge.

William was murdered alongside his lifelong friend, Frederick Love on 4th August 1988, the two men were ambushed by the IRA near Belleek after finishing routine maintenance work at the village's RUC station.

The picture depicted on William's patch is of him working on the design of a Communion Table, he often took on tasks like this and always made a first class job. He is fondly remembered by his family working away with his pencil behind his ear.

FREDERICK LOVE



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Civilian

Date of Murder 4th August 1988

Frederick (Fred) was from the Townland of Drumbockany, Derrygonnelly. Fred was murdered alongside his friend William Hassard by PIRA terrorists as he and William were travelling home from work in Belleek.

The two men had been childhood friends and their relationship had spanned the entirety of their lives, with the men having worked for over 40 years together.

William was an avid member of the Orange Order for some several years and was well respected within the local community, by Protestant and Roman Catholic alike.

Unfortunately due to our inability to get clarity on Fred's DOB we are not including a date which could be inaccurate, we know that at the point he was murdered that he was 64 years of age and should've been looking forward to enjoying retirement.

Fred is remembered on the Memorial quilt with an image of Inishmacsaint Church of Ireland where he is buried.

Private **THOMAS JOHN HARDY**



Service Number: 23702054

31st January 1941 - 14th March 1989

Thomas John Hardy was born at Donagherry, Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, the son of William and Elizabeth Hardy and older brother of Andrew.

The family moved to Dungannon in 1956 and John took up a job at a local brickworks. John married Anne (from Glencon, Newmills) on 6th July 1968. The set up home at Brooke Street, Dungannon where they spent all their married life. Together they had two sons, Gary and Stephen, they both remember John as a loving and devoted husband and father.

John later went on to work as a forklift operator and a lorry driver for Dickson's Builders' Suppliers, a business also located on Brooke Street, Dungannon. He then moved to another company known as Gland Supplies where he also drove a lorry.

Outside of his work John was a keen and very able DIY enthusiast who was constantly making improvements and repairs to the family home.

Although he was an avid fan of Tottenham Hotspur (Spurs) Football Club, John's first love was in sport watching motorcycle racing, he rarely missed a race either on the roads or at short circuits.

John was a member of Stewartstown LOL 171 and the Dugannon Branch of the Royal British Legion. He served with the Territorial Army up until he joined the UDR on 2nd March 1970.

On 14th March 1989 he was ambushed by two IRA gunmen as he drove his lorry into a loading bay at an abattoir in Granville. The gunmen fired at close range and John died a short time later in hospital, he was 48 years old.

JAMES HENRY BABINGTON



Civilian

17th November 1936 - 4th October 1989

James Babington was born on 17th November 1936, he was a son of Colonel Marcus Hill Babington DSO of Coolkeragh, Londonderry. James was a Laboratory Supervisor for Richardson's Fertiliser's in Belfast, he married Maura (nee White) originally from Glasgow in 1957 and they had three children, Finuala, Marcus and Jacqueline, James was a professional man who lived for his family.

On 4th October 1989 James was shot by the IRA as he walked to work on the Cavehill Road near his home. James' wife who was a Domestic Assistant in Belfast City Hospital heard on the radio that a man had been shot dead but did not realise it was her husband until she was called to a Sister's office at 1.30pm.

The family never got over James' death, Finuala (James' eldest child) passed away on 16th March 2017, she was laid to rest ironically on the same day as the terrorist Martin McGuinness.

James's favourite pass time was being out on his boat the MV 'Reiff', he loved the boat and spending time on it with his family. After his death the family decided to scuttle the boat as they felt they could no longer use it.

Reserve Constable **GEORGE ALEXANDER STARRETT**



Service Number: R368

29th April 1931 - 28th March 1990

George worked at John Compton Ltd, Glenanne Factory prior to joining the RUC in the 1970s. He first joined as a part time reserve on 1st September 1970 before going full time on 1st July 1972 until his death on 28th March 1990. He was firstly stationed in Armagh followed by Gough Barracks.

George was married to Eileen and together they had one son, Craig. George enjoyed sport especially rugby, he had played for Armagh RFC and was a lifetime supporter. He also liked golf, soccer and sea fishing.

On 28th March 1990 George was murdered by the Provisional IRA at his home on Newry Road, Armagh. George had just been released from hospital and was recovering from a road traffic collision.

Reserve Constable **JOSHUA (CYRIL) WILLIS**



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Service Number: R3597

20th January 1955 - 24th July 1990

Joshua (Cyril) Willis when aged 35 years was murdered when a landmine exploded on the Killylea Road, Armagh on 24th July 1990.

Cyril was murdered along with Constable William Hanson (37) and Reserve Constable David Sterritt (34) A Nun who had been travelling in the opposite direction, Sister Catherine Dunne was also murdered in the attack. Another woman who had been travelling in the car with Sr Dunne, was seriously injured in the blast.

Cyril has been travelling with his fellow RUC officers in a grey Sierra Sapphire car. The vehicle, which took the full force of the blast, was flung over a high hedge and landed on its roof in a neighbouring field.

The bomb left a crater measuring 30ft wide and 20ft deep. It was reported that around 1,000lbs of explosives had been packed into the ditch.

It later emerged that a family, including young children, had been held hostage in their bungalow in the area, which overlooked the road. It is thought the bomb was detonated using a command wire which had been run across a freshly-cut hay field to a trigger.

Cyril was described as a committed family man and committed Christian who sought to do his very best by the community and that this was his motivation for joining the RUC. Cyril is survived by widow Fiona and their two sons - David and Andrew.

DAVID HARKNESS



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Civilian

11th January 1968 - 17th January 1992

David Harkness was murdered along with seven others as he travelled home from work in a van. The firm for which he and the other victims worked, Karl Construction, had been targeted because they carried out work for the security forces. Six others were seriously injured in the attack known as, The Teebane massacre which was carried out on the main Cookstown-Omagh road.

25 years have passed and there has been no accountability for the Teebane massacre, families remain committed to securing a full Inquiry into the attack which was amongst the most heinous of 'The Troubles.'

David was said to be very proud of his roots and was involved in the civic life of the local District having a keen interest in the local band - Montober Flute Band where he was a member for many years, he was also regarded as a keen sportsman.

The full listing of those murdered at Teebane:

William Gary Bleeks (35)

Cecil James (Jimmy) Caldwell (37)

Robert Dunseith (25)

David Harkness (23)

Robert Irons (61)

John Richard McConnell (38)

Nigel McKee (22)

Oswald Gilchrist (44) who was the driver died from his injuries four days later

Reserve Constable ALAN CORBETT



Service Number: R12893

7th August 1967 - 15th November 1992

Alan was born on 7th August 1967 and was brought up on the family farm at Ballyrone. He was educated at Closkelt Primary School, Rathfriland High School and Banbridge College of Further Education.

Alan was a member of Drumgooland Presbyterian Church, he was an officer in the Boys' Brigade and a Piper in Closkelt Highland Pipe Band.

In 1986 Alan joined the RUC reserve force as a part time officer in Rathfriland, in September 1990 he went to train and on return was stationed in Enniskillen followed by Belcoo. It was in Belcoo on 15th November 1992 where he was shot by an IRA sniper with an AK47.

Sergeant **MATTHEW BOYD** (Retired)



Civilian

28th March 1932 - 11th January 1993

Matthew (Matt) Boyd was born on 28th March 1932, he was from Donaghmore and was married with four children.

Matt worked in Killyman Creamery where he was an engineer for over 40 years, he also served on the Ulster Special Constabulary during its' service.

Amongst Matt's hobbies and interests were Pomeroy Pipe Band where he was a member, he was also a keen follower of motorbike racing.

Matt was a loyal member of the Orange Order, Pomeroy Faith Defenders LOL 325 and the Royal Black Preceptory No. 259 as well as the Apprentice Boys of Derry.

On 11th January 1993 Matt was shot on the Donaghmore Road, Dungannon whilst he was attending to work.

LEANNE MURRAY



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Civilian

25th September 1980 - 23rd October 1993

Leanne was one of nine people murdered in the Shankill bomb, an attack by PIRA terrorists upon Frizzell's fish shop.

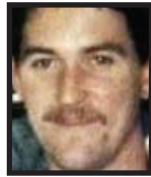
Leanne is remembered by her family as a lovely little girl who was very calm in life. She enjoyed her netball in school, coming home and as her brother Gary fondly recalls, arguing with him ... over little silly things about who would do the dishes for their mum or whose turn it was to do the housework.

Leanne was known as a very outgoing person who loved life. Her hair was very long and it took her hours to wash and brush it.

Leanne had been on cross-community trip to America only six weeks before she died. On that trip she met another little girl called Roisin from Ligoniel who she became very friendly with. Roisin came down to the family home before the funeral.

Leanne went shopping with her mum on the Shankill every Saturday. When the bomb was detonated, Leanne died instantly; she had gone to buy whelks in the fish shop.

MARK RODGERS



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Civilian

14th December 1967 - 26th October 1993

Mark Rodgers (28), a father-of-two, was murdered at his workplace (The Council Depot at Kennedy Way on The Falls) alongside his colleague James Cameron; several others were injured in what was a frenzied sectarian motivated attack by the UFF (supposedly a retaliatory action for the Shankill bomb)

It was reported at the time Mr Cameron's wife worked at the Royal Victoria Hospital and had treated victims of the Shankill bomb.

Mark's son (also named Mark) has spoken at SEFF's Annual Conference where he shared his memories of his Dad which whilst limited due to his young age nevertheless are memories and reflections that have stayed with him in forming him into the man he is today.

Mark is committed to his Christian faith and of doing what he can to build relationships across the community, something he believes is in keeping with what his father would have wanted.

Mark shares with his Dad a deep love for boxing and he currently fights as an Amateur Boxer.

Constable WILLIAM JOHN ANDREW (DREW) BEACOM



Service Number: 10112

1st July 1947 - 12th December 1993

Drew was born in 1947, he joined the RUC in 1970 and served up until his murder in 1993. Drew was 46 years old, he was married to Jean and together they had one son, Andrew who was aged 9 at the time of his Father's murder.

On 12th December 1993 Drew was murdered along with his colleague Reserve Constable Ernie Smith while on mobile patrol in Fivemiletown in an unmarked car. Both men were based at Clogher RUC Station.

Drew was fondly known amongst his colleagues as the 'gentle giant', he had served on the RUC for almost 24 years (23 years and 7 months) his service included stations in Belfast, Fermanagh and Tyrone.

Drew's main interests were farming and playing darts but he was also a member of the Tug of War team as well as Cooneen LOL 1010.

Reserve Constable **ERNEST (ERNIE) SMITH**



Service Number: R3625

21st April 1944 - 12th December 1993

Ernest (known as Ernie) was from Augher, County Tyrone, he was born in 1944 and shared his birthday with the Her Majesty the Queen. Ernie was married with two children.

On 12th December 1993 Ernie was on mobile patrol in Fivemiletown along with his colleague, Drew Beacom. Together they were ambushed as they approached the Main Street - Cooneen Road junction at around 1.30am.

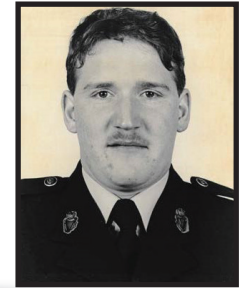
Ernie had been on the RUC reserve for almost 19 years, he was a keen farmer with a particular interest in horses and Aberdeen Angus Cattle.

He also loved Clogher Valley Show, being born and reared in Augher meant that the show was an annual occasion that he always looked forward to. These are the images that are depicted within Ernie's patch on the Memorial Quilt.

Constable **JOHN (JACKIE) HAGGAN**

Service Number: 15426

27th February 1961 - 10th March 1994



John Haggan (known as Jackie) was born in 1961, he lived in Newtownabbey, County Antrim and was married to Kim, they had three children Jason (aged 5), Terry (aged 3) and an unborn son, Aaron. Jackie served on the RUC and was stationed at Willowfield.

Jackie had a great interest in greyhound racing, this was one of his main interests and he would regularly attend race nights at Dunmore Greyhound Stadium. He was also interested in football and was generally keen on all sports.

On 10th March 1994 Jackie went to the Dunmore Greyhound stadium with his wife Kim who was 3 months pregnant at the time. Over the years Jackie had owned and raced dogs of his own; a couple of them had been very successful. The Greyhound Community was very mixed, they socialised and met with both sides of the community, there was never an issue. Although Jackie would never discuss the fact he was a serving member of the RUC, there is no doubt a lot of individuals within the Greyhound circles were aware.

Jackie was sitting in the bar area having a drink with Kim and friends; a PIRA gunman walked up and shot Jackie in the head in front of his pregnant wife and then shot him again as he lay on the ground, a second gunman fired shots in the air before making their escape. Jackie was pronounced dead on arrival at the Mater Hospital. Only one person was convicted in relation to Jackie's murder; this being the person who supplied a house for the PIRA gunmen to change and dispose of their clothes, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Jackie always wanted to join the RUC and was very proud to be a member. The Greyhound represents his love of greyhound racing, despite the risks, he was determined to enjoy this passion; this ultimately led to his murder when innocently enjoying this pass time with his wife.

JAMES BARKER



Civilian

2nd August 1986 - 15th August 1998

James Barker was a 12 year old schoolboy from Ballintrae, Buncrana in county Donegal.

The family had moved from England to Buncrana in 1997 in order to get a better quality of life but only the following year James was to be taken from them in a heinous act of terrorism committed by RIRA terrorists - an attack which threatened to tear apart the Town of Omagh.

29 innocents were murdered as well as unborn twins with scores of others physically and psychologically injured. James was a goalkeeper for his local school and was due to go to secondary school in September.

James suffered severe head injuries in the bomb, and died shortly afterwards in hospital. His family waited 3 hours for confirmation of the news. He was buried in a joint service with his friends, Oran Doherty and Sean McLaughlin, in Buncrana.

His Mum Donna-Marie painfully recalls: "To see him lying there with half of his head gone and those beautiful green eyes looking out at me as if he was waiting for me was devastating. I never realised how green his eyes were. That image will stay with me for the rest of my life".

The images on the quilt depict James' life in Education but also his deep love of sport and particularly football. Prior to his murder he had a Republic of Ireland football shirt, an item he cherished.

No-one has ever been held criminally responsible for the Omagh bomb however a landmark ruling was made in recent years within the civil courts holding accountable members of the RIRA.

Ronald (Ronnie) Hill



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Civilian

4th January 1931 - 28th December 2000

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