Alan Ferguson 25th June 1978

SEFF remembers Alan Ferguson. Who was murdered 42 years ago on 25th June 1978 aged just 23. Alan was single at the time of his death and was a part-time member of the UDR holding the rank of Private, having joined the Regiment on 4th September 1973.

Alan was murdered by IRA terrorists in an attack near Scribbagh post office, Garrison. Other families within the area were systematically targeted and displaced from the area in a campaign of ethnic cleansing.

Alan was a son of Loftus and Betty Ferguson. He was the middle child and he had two brothers - Robin and Ronald.

When he left school, Alan attended the Agricultural College as he was keen to work on the family farm at Tonagh, Derrygonnelly.

Alan was also a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge (LOL 559). A few days before Alan was murdered, he took part in the unfurling of a new banner for the Lodge. A photograph from the event appeared in the Newspaper, the same week as the piece on the funeral.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his brother Robin and his wife Jenny, and the wider Ferguson family connection.

Alan's legacy lives on ...

The patch on SEFF's Memorial Quilt dedicated to Alan represents various interests he had including being a member of Churchill Silver Band.