Frank Veitch 3rd September 1971

SEFF remembers Frank Veitch who was murdered this day, 49 years ago on 3rd September 1971.

Frank was the first soldier from the 4th Battalion of the Ulster Defence Regiment to be murdered and the second of the overall Regiment.

Frank was 23 years old and was single when PIRA extinguished his life. He was regarded by his colleagues as an excellent soldier, who was committed to protecting the community.

Frank was a farmer and was murdered when on duty outside Kinawley Police Station. He was killed by five shots fired from a passing car.

As well as being a farmer, Frank worked with the Water Drainage Service.

The symbol chosen for Frank's individual patch on the SEFF Memorial Quilt was a Badminton racket as he was a keen and gifted player. Among many other interests Frank enjoyed music and was a member of Kinawley Accordion band until it folded.

Frank also enjoyed dancing and was a member of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.

SEFF's thoughts and prayers are with all those who held Frank dear in life.