George Ellis Hamilton (known as Ellis)

SEFF remembers George (Ellis Hamilton) who was murdered 46 years ago today, back on 20th December 1972.

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.

Ellis is remembered on SEFF’s most recent Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents. The symbols used include recognition of his membership of the Royal Black Preceptory and The Orange Order.

His family when contributing towards the SEFF memorial Quilt booklet asked that the poignant words be included; ‘Too good in life to be forgotten in death.’ No more fitting tribute could a family make.

SEFF remembers the Hamilton family today and every day.