Gordon Liddle 17th July 1976

SEFF remembers Gordon Liddle on this, the 44th anniversary of his death, on 17th July 1976. Gordon was a Protestant civilian and postman and was aged 28 years old when murdered by PIRA terrorists. He was married to Hazel and they had a son, Cyril.

Gordon was critically injured by a bomb which exploded as he drove out the laneway from his home at Drumgole near Lisnaskea. He was going to Newtownbutler Post Office to collect the mail. He was rushed to hospital where he underwent emergency surgery, but he died a short time later.

Gordon’s son Cyril who was aged just 8 months old reflects: “I understand it was one of those fishline bombs. My mother was in the house, and they wouldn't let her down near it”.

“He was going to work - he was a part-time postman - and, because his other two brothers were in the police force, they say it was just wrong time, wrong place”.

“There's a hole in the bank along the road from our house that I used to crawl into when I was younger. I didn't know what it was from, but I used to play there. It turned out that was the crater from the explosion. To this day I can go and find that hole, and you could still fit a 40-gallon barrel into it”.

The post van was chosen as the symbol for Gordon’s patch on the SEFF memorial Quilt as Gordon had worked for Royal Mail at the time when he was murdered.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the Liddle family today and every day.