**John Gibbons 5th May 1973**

Trooper John Gibbons joined the British Armed Forces in 1969, he was so proud of his Scottish ancestry and the fact that he served his country. He was killed by a booby trap bomb while searching the area of an earlier bomb which sadly killed another soldier. The booby trap was placed in a stone wall giving John and another member of the Regiment no chance as they returned their vehicle.

John was married to Linda, they lived in Germany and had a son who was only 3 month’s old at the time of John’s murder. In fact, John left for his tour of duty when his son was only 2 weeks old.

The Scottish flag was chosen for John’s patch because he was so proud of his origins but also the poppy as a poignant reminder that John died while serving his Country.