**John Roxborough - 13th July 1983**

SEFF remembers Pte John Roxborough who was murdered 37 years ago (13th July 1983) yesterday by Provisional IRA terrorists.

John was a full time member of the UDR from Drumquin, County Tyrone, he was only 18 years old when murdered in a Landmine explosion on the main road between Ballygawley and Omagh.

As John was so young when he was murdered he didn’t have the chance to live his life but he had a keen interest in football and regularly played the sport as a hobby.

He was also a devoted member of Omagh Protestant Boy’s Flute Band; he was committed and frequently attended practices and parades. John played the flute and his family fondly remember him in his uniform going out to the different events.

In recent times the Band dedicated a new standard which bears the name of John along with three others, all connected with the Band and who were murdered as a consequence of PIRA terrorism. The Band’s insignia (from the time of John’s membership of the band) has been used on his patch on the Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers remain with the Roxborough family.