Massarene Barracks Massacres 7th March 2009

Today (on the 11th Anniversary of their murders) SEFF remembers the two off-duty British soldiers of 38 Engineer Regiment were shot dead outside Massareene Barracks in Antrim town. The two soldiers were Sapper Patrick Azimkar from London and Sapper Mark Quinsey from Birmingham.

Patrick Azimkar was 21 years old, he was always a lively lad, strong, full of energy and good fun. He was a good sportsman and excelled in football. He joined the Royal Engineers at the age of 18 and following in his father’s footsteps chose carpentry and joinery for his trade.

Mark Quinsey was 24 years old, he had joined the army when he was 19. Mark completed his basic training and went on to qualify as an electrician at the Royal School of Military Engineering in Chatham. Mark’s one hobby was fishing, he also enjoyed keeping fit, he would often go out jogging with his Dad.

On March 7th 2009 Patrick and his friend mark were murdered in a terrible and brutal attack by dissident republican IRA terrorists as they collected a pizza delivery outside the Massereene barracks in Antrim.

SEFF were privileged to work with Patrick and Mark’s families on the recent Memorial Quilt Project, ‘Terrorism knows NO Borders’ which honours those who lost their lives to Terrorism in Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland. Below are pictures of the quilt.

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