**Alan Jack**

**19th July 1972**

SEFF remembers Alan Jack who was murdered on 16th July 1972. Alan was the youngest victim of the ‘Troubles’ he was aged just 5 months old to the day when he was murdered as a consequence of a Provisional IRA car bomb exploding in Strabane.

Alan’s mother was pushing the baby in a pram along with her other son (Robert) who was 4 years old, a piece of glass just missed her and went into the pram, she was thrown forward by the blast and her other son was thrown to the ground.

Alan’s mother was from Cork, she and her husband had met in London and were moving back to County Tyrone when the incident happened. Alan’s father was a native of Ballymagorry, Alan’s body was laid to rest at St. Patrick’s Church of Ireland, Leckpatrick.

Unfortunately, there are no photographs of Alan as a baby and so this is why an image of his family grave stone was included within the Quilt booklet. Alan is remembered on the latest Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents through imagery of a baby (rattle, pram etc) because he was stolen away so young he had had little time to develop his own individual identity.

Alan’s mother and father moved to Cork after the bomb, they went on to have three more children, Kieran, William and Caroline. Both parents are now deceased.

The second youngest victim of the Troubles was Nivruti Mahesh Islania, 6-month-old civilian. CPL. Islania was of Indian origin. He and his 6-month-old daughter were murdered together in a Provisional IRA gun attack at Wildenrath, West Germany.

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

A powerful interview given by surviving family members of Alan:

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/troubles-victim-so-young-his-family-never-had-chance-to-take-photograph-1-8170726>