**Cecil McNeill**

**25th February 1983**

SEFF remembers Cecil McNeill who was murdered on 25th February 1983.

Cecil was a Corporal on the UDR and was shot by PIRA terrorists outside an engineering plant at Ballygawley where he worked as a welder. Cecil had parked his car and was getting out of it when the gunmen opened fire, hitting him in the head.

Cecil was from Mullyrodden, Greystone near Dungannon. He was the youngest child of John and Elizabeth McNeill and had four siblings, Anne, Sadie, Ian and Hazel.

Cecil served on the UDR joining after his 18th birthday, he was stationed at Aughnacloy. He had been engaged for a month before his murder to a trainee nurse.

One of the first people on the scene was Corporal McNeill’s father who worked as a security guard at the factory.

Cecil had just parked his car and was getting out of it when the gunmen opened fire from close range. Cecil was a member of Mulnahunch LOL 96; he also played in the local Accordion Band.

Cecil is remembered on SEFF’S most recent memorial quilt - A Patchworks of Innocents.

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