**Driver Norman McKenzie**

**11th April 1974**

SEFF's thoughts and prayers are with the family of Dvr Norman McKenzie who was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists on 11th April 1974.

Norman was a 25-year-old Driver within the Royal Corps of Transport, he always wanted to be in the army, as a young boy he dreamt about being a soldier. Once he left school, he worked on the land but eventually when he was old enough, he joined the army, service to his country was his ultimate goal.

Norman was not due to be on duty the day of his murder but something required fixing so Norman volunteered to go and sort this problem out and was tragically killed when his vehicle was blown up by a Provisional IRA landmine explosion on the road between Lisnaskea and Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh. Norman was thrown from his vehicle, he was trapped under something and died of asphyxiation.

During his short life Norman enjoyed music but specifically enjoyed playing the drums, at a young age he was a drummer boy for the Boys Brigade. He was also passionate about cars and enjoyed driving - he had only purchased his first car within the weeks leading up to his death and had big plans to explore the country further. He enjoyed travelling and culture and planned to explore other countries throughout his life.

Norman and his family were from Lincoln, his family thought it would be very fitting to commemorate this by showing the Cathedral as a landmark of Lincoln within the patch for Norman on the memorial quilt.

Norman was also a very proud soldier; his job was his life and it was something he always wanted to do from being a very young boy.

To represent this and Norman’s service to his country the squadron badge was also put onto the patch along with a drum as he much enjoyed playing the drums in the Boys Brigade and this is a very poignant memory for his family.

In October 2019 Norman's sister Trudy returned to Fermanagh after 45 years to attend our Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. Trudy was also brought to the place where her brother died and was able to lay flowers and reflect, giving her some comfort and solace.

Norman is remembered on SEFF's recent Memorial Quilt; Terrorism knows NO Borders, he is remembered fondly in Fermanagh and beyond and thanks are given for the life he lived.

SEFF's thoughts and prayers are with the McKenzie family circle today and every day.