**Harry Creighton**

**7th August 1972**

SEFF remembers William (Harry) Creighton who was murdered on 7th August 1972.

Harry was a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment and was off duty when he was murdered by the IRA, outside his home in Newtownbutler aged just 27 years old.

Harry was described as a full of life and very much liked and respected by his colleagues on the UDR and others from across the community at large.

Florence Creighton recalls: "I was on my own that night and because two soldiers had been murdered in Lisnaskea the week before there was a lot of tension in the area. I was quite scared. I remember going to bed, in fact I didn’t get into bed, I stayed in my trouser suit and brought the dog down to the bedroom with me".

"At 12 o’clock this car stopped and people got out. I was really, really scared. I went to the front door and my brother-in-law burst in and said ‘Harry’s been shot’. The police made me come with them to Derrylin, because he was getting married a month later and I had to knock the door of Ethel Finlay’s house and tell her that Harry her fiancé had been murdered".

"The sad thing was that his father was very protective of him, and if he was coming in at 3 o’clock in the morning or 4 his father would have got up an hour beforehand to go around the house with an old shotgun to check no-one was there. However, on that particular night they were watching the Mike Yarwood show - things like that always bring memories back to you - and it was 10.30pm in August. It was still daylight, so his father hadn’t gone out. Then they heard the shots".

Harry was a keen piper and this is the image which appears on his Quilt patch. The pipes when pressed play 'Scotland The Brave' - Harry's favourite tune.

SEFF's thoughts are with family and friends who grieve and remember Harry not only today but every day.