**James Alfred Robinson**

**19th October 1979**

SEFF remembers James Robinson who was murdered by Provisional IRA Terrorists on 19th October 1979.

At the point he was murdered, James was aged 20 years old and was single. He was attacked and shot at around 11.00am by the Provisional IRA as he drove his milk van on his regular route along the Blackfort Road, off the main Fintona to Omagh road.

It is believed that there were at least two gunmen waiting for him. James was found slumped over the wheel of his milk van which had run off the lonely country road.

James was one of a family of eleven living at Meadowbrook, Fintona and had been a part-time member of the UDR for two years. Like so many others James stepped forward to perform his duty whilst requiring to hold down other employment.

His funeral service took place at the Fintona Presbyterian Church with his comrades as pallbearers. A pipe-major from his regiment led the procession, and buglers from the Green Howards played the 'Last Post'.

Like so many others James was attacked when at his most vulnerable. James’ courage and maturity as a young man of 20 years stands in stark contrast to the cowardly actions of those who believed it their right to extinguish his life.

James two occupations - UDR soldier and milkman are depicted on SEFF’s Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents.

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