**Jeffrey Young**

**21st July 1982**

SEFF remembers Jeffrey Young who was murdered as a result of the Hyde Park bombing committed by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Jeffrey (Jeff) Young was from the small Welsh mining village of Tonyrefail. From a very young age he had a great interest in horses and rode them as a young boy.

He joined the Blues & Royals Household Cavalry and on 20th July 1982 he was severely injured in the Hyde Park bombing which saw three other comrades die outright, Jeff passed away at 4am on the morning of 21st July 1982 after surgeons sought to save his life. There were also several others who sustained both physical and psychological injuries. A number of horses also died.

A troop of soldiers in full regalia were making their way on horseback through Hyde Park on their way from Knightsbridge Barracks to carry out duties in Whitehall. The bomb planted by the Provisional IRA exploded just before 11am.

Jeff was married with two small daughters; he was buried on the day after his 20th birthday.

In 2019, in a Civil Court judgement John Downey was found to be responsible for the Hyde Park bomb attack.

Mrs Justice Yip ruled that ex-Provisional IRA terrorist John Downey, was an 'active participant' in the bombing and was jointly responsible with others for 'wicked, pre-meditated attack' that claimed the lives of four young men and 'indelibly altered' many others.

L/Cpl Young’s widow Judith Jenkins Young spoke emotionally in the aftermath of the judgement:

"We never thought this day would happen... but my two girls now have had some form of justice today for their dad”.

"Perhaps that will help them rebuild their lives."

She said hearing Sarah-Jane's screaming at night as a child was "horrendous".

Referring to the collapsed criminal prosecution of Downey at the Old Bailey in 2014, she said: "Our whole lives were ripped apart.

"You never forget something, it is always at the back of your mind, you build a wall around it and my wall just came crashing down.

"I wanted to get justice for my two girls and I think I was right for fighting for it."

Judith added: "Other people out there who want justice, if they fight hard enough they will get it. You've just got to keep fighting."

Our thoughts and prayers are with this little Welsh lady, her girls and the wider Young family today and every day.