**John Gibbons**

**5th May 1973**

SEFF remembers Trooper John Gibbons who was killed on 5th May 1973.

Trooper John Gibbons joined the British Armed Forces in 1969, he was so proud of his Scottish ancestry and the fact that he served his country. He was killed by a booby trap bomb while searching the area of an earlier bomb which sadly killed another soldier. The booby trap was placed in a stone wall giving John and another member of the Regiment no chance as they returned their vehicle.

John was married to Linda, they lived in Germany and had a son who was only 3 month’s old at the time of John’s murder. In fact, John left for his tour of duty when his son was only 2 weeks old.

The Scottish flag was chosen for John’s patch because he was so proud of his origins but also the poppy as a poignant reminder that John died while serving his Country.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the Gibbons family today and everyday.