**Karel Straub**

**22nd March 1979**

SEFF remembers Karel Straub who was murdered on 22nd March 1979.

Karel Straub was a 19-year-old Dutch citizen and footman to Sir Richard Sykes, the British Ambassador to the Hague. Both men were murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists on 22nd March 1979.

Two gun men approached the silver-grey Rolls Royce which was to take the Ambassador on the five-minute journey to the embassy. The ambassador was shot as he sat in the back seat and Karel as he closed the door.

The chauffeur drove the car at high speed to Weistendente Hospital which was only a few hundred yards away but both men died within hours of the attack. The Provisional IRA did not admit to the murders until February 1980.

Karel is remembered on SEFF’s latest Memorial Quilt, Uniting Innocent Victims which includes the 15 innocents murdered by the Provisional IRA via their Mainland European campaign and 16 innocents of ETA terrorism.