**Leonard Jones**

**Narrow Water Massacre**

**27th August 1979**

SEFF remembers Leonard Jones who was murdered along with 17 other soldier colleagues by Provisional IRA terrorists. A civilian was also tragically killed.

Leonard Jones was born on the 18th May 1953 in Patricroft Hospital, Eccles, Manchester. He attended Primary School at St. Andrews, Eccles and Private in Winton. He also attended church and sang in the choir.

Leonard’s hobbies included heading off with his little bucket and fishing rod along the canal, he always took his Golden Retriever dog, Brandy. He loved to watch football and played with toy soldiers, hence his decision later in life to join the army.

Leonard joined the 2nd Parachute Regiment before his 16th birthday, he was one of the youngest to do a parachute jump. While serving with the Parachute Regiment he completed a number of tours of Northern Ireland and had his fair share of ups and downs. Amongst his hobbies and interests, he also enjoyed music and played the base drum in the Army Band.

At the time of his murder he was married with one daughter. Leonard was due to go back to Aldershot on the 28th or 29th of August but was fatally wounded by a vicious bomb that fateful day at Narrow Water, Warrenpoint.

The Jones family recall that Leonard was given a wonderful funeral with honours and lots of yellow, full and half open roses.

Leonard is remembered on SEFF’s Memorial Quilt, Terrorism knows NO Borders alongside his colleagues.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers are with the Jones family and all others impacted by the Narrow Water massacre, today and every day.