**Oswell (Ossie) Neely**

**13th July 1983**

SEFF remembers Pte Oswell (Ossie) Neely who was murdered on 13th July 1983 by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Ossie was 20 years old and married with one child when he was murdered on the Ballygawley Road when a landmine exploded under the UDR Land Rover he and three others were travelling in.

Ossie had a great love for swimming, he would regularly go to his local swimming pool so much so that family members recall how he often had cold sores due to constant exposure to the chlorine in the pool.

This is why an image to depict swimming was chosen for Ossie’s patch on the Memorial Quilt - A Patchwork of Innocents.

Ossie along with his colleagues are remembered faithfully each year as families and others gather on the Ballygawley road to two Memorials erected to remember four innocents who had the courage to put a uniform on their back in an attempt to serve the community and protect that community against the scourges of terrorism.

SEFF’s thoughts and prayers remain with the Neely family.