DIVERSITY IN LIFE, REMEMBERED IN UNITY MEMORIAL QUILT









PREFACE

The Memorial Quilts Project

Inclusive of this new quilt, SEFF now have eight memorial quilts, and those innocents remembered on each individual quilt are then included in a

corresponding booklet.

The eight quilts are:

- · Your Legacy Lives On
- · Patchwork of Innocents
- · Terrorism knows No Borders
- · Uniting Innocent Victims
- Brougher Mountain Innocents Remembered
- Through Remembering, We Build Bridges
- · Lives that Mattered
- Diversity in Life, Remembered in Unity

These quilts collectively remember over 600 innocent victims of the terrorist campaign and wider Northern Ireland Troubles. The project will continue to evolve over the coming months and years.

Families and others are reminded that it is not always possible to display every quilt at every event and nor will we always have back copies of every quilt booklet, but we will endeavour to replenish stocks as quickly as is possible.

SEFF's Organisational tapestry dedicated in September 2023 marking SEFF's 25th Anniversary.





FOREWORD

This latest memorial quilt aptly titled; Diversity in Life, Remembered in Unity includes patches remembering over 100 innocents from across Northern Ireland. This quilt reflects innocents from across the community subjected to terror and violence from a wide range of sources.

This is SEFF's 8th quilt and follows:

Your Legacy Lives On, A Patchwork of Innocents, Uniting Innocent Victims, Terrorism knows No Borders, Brougher Mountain Innocents Remembered and Through Remembering, We Build Bridges and Lives that Mattered.

Each of these previous brand titles reflect core messages we wish to represent through the lives being remembered and also, honoured.

The basis for this Quilt's title is an acknowledgement of the very diverse backgrounds to which victims have originated.

There is also a special South Down feature included which is in acknowledgement of the venue where the Quilt is being dedicated (Down Cathedral) and the cost of the terrorist campaign upon the people across this geographical area.

I would wish to thank the following people who have assisted in making this Project possible:

- Sonia Johnston (Project facilitator) and her small but very committed team
 of volunteer quilters. Yet again the team have done us proud and have
 produced the largest quilt to date.
- 2. Joy Aiken (SEFF's Projects Coordinator) for her efforts in liaising with families and in collating information this providing the essential link between quilting volunteers and the families.
- 3. Mabel Black & Avril Johnston for their important embroidery contributions.
- 4. Sammy Heenan and MAST, Kilkeel for working so positively with this Project in securing the participation of south Down families.
- 5. Any other staff members who proactively engaged with families to secure their involvement with the Project.
- 6. The Victims and Survivors Service c/o The Executive Office who provided the necessary resourcing for the Project.

This memorial quilt covers members of the security forces (Police and Army) Prison Service personnel, civilians from across the community and of all ages, there are also many different nationalities represented beyond British and Irish, eg German, Indian and Pakistani.

SEFF's Memorial Quilts have been displayed in many public venues over the years and this will increase in the times ahead with a number of venues booked to host them, the quilts humanise those murdered/killed and bring to life the special people being remembered.

They are also a powerful statement of the illegitimacy and wrong of violence and that there was NEVER justification for the use of criminal violence in the furtherance of or defence of a political objective - there was ALWAYS other options.

Yours,
Kenny Donaldson
(SEFF's Director)



Status / Rank	Name of Deceased	Date of Murder / Death
Constable	Samuel Donaldson	12th August 1970
Inspector	Alfred Henry Devlin	29th October 1971
Lance Corporal	William (Denis) Wilson	7th December 1971
Civilian	Daniel (Danny) Hayes	1st July 1972
Constable	William (Billy) Stewart Logan	15th March 1972
Corporal	James (Jim) Daniel Elliott	19th April 1972
Constable	Samuel Richard (David) Houston QPM	26th June 1972
Detective Constable	Robert Stuart Nicholl	13th October 1972
Reserve Constable	Joseph (Joe) Calvin	17th November 1972
Sergeant	David William Dorsett	14th January 1973
Constable	Mervyn Samuel Wilson	14th January 1973
Civilian	Noor Baz Khan	26th June 1973
Civilian	Paul Linauer	22nd July 1973
Civilian	Patrick Joseph (PJ) Duffy	5th September 1973
Private	Matthew (Matt) Lilly	7th September 1973
Detective Constable	George (Maurice) Rolston	11th December 1973
2LT (Acting Captain)	Cormac Mervyn James McCabe	19th January 1974
Constable	Cyril John Wilson	17th March 1974
Civilian	Mohammed Abdul Khalid	22nd April 1974
Civilian	Asha Chopra	5th October 1974
Private	Thomas (John) McCready	16th November 1974
Civilian	John McErlane	23rd May 1975
Civilian	Thomas McErlane	23rd May 1975
Civilian	Alan Raymond	22nd June 1975
Constable	Robert John McPherson	26th July 1975
Civilian	Linda Boyle	20th August 1975
Civilian	Denis Nicholas Mullen	1st September 1975
Civilian	John Johnston	1st September 1975
	Tullyvallen Massacre	1st September 1975
Lance Corporal	David John (Johnny) Bell	6th November 1975
Civilian	Robert George Freeburn	5th January 1976

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Civilian	Matthew (Mattie) Campbell	27th April 1976
Civilian	William (Billy) John Martin	17th May 1976
Civilian	Joseph (Joe) McBride	25th June 1976
Civilian	Sean Patrick McCrystal	10th October 1976
Detective Constable	Noel (Michael) McCabe QGM	2nd November 1976
Constable	Norman Windsor Hanna Campbell	15th December 1976
Major	John (Peter) Hill	23rd February 1977
Lance Corporal	Gerald Cornelius Cloete	6th April 1977
Private	Margaret (Ann) Hearst	8th October 1977
Reserve Constable	Robert Archibald Lockhart	17th April 1979
	Bessbrook Bomb Attack	17th April 1979
Civilian	Frederick (Eric) John Lutton	1st May 1979
Reserve Constable	David (Stanley) Wray	20th May 1979
Civilian	Ross Hearst	4th September 1980
Civilian	Oliver Walsh	12th November 1980
Lance Corporal	Samuel (David) Montgomery	10th February 1981
Lance Corporal	Richard William James McKee	28th April 1981
Civilian	Samuel Pollock	1st January 1982
Ex UDR	Norman Hanna	11th March 1982
Detective Constable	Garry Mervyn Ewing	9th November 1982
Reserve Constable	John Martin	27th November 1982
Reserve Constable	John Robinson Olphert	18th January 1983
Sergeant	Gordon Wilson	21st February 1983
Civilian	Richard Malvern Moffitt	27th June 1983
Reserve Constable	James Ferguson	6th October 1983
Reserve Constable	William (Bill) Finlay	6th October 1983
Reserve Constable	William Fitzpatrick	10th November 1983
Civilian	William Harold (Harry) Browne	20th November 1983
Chief Inspector	Alexander (Alex) Donaldson	28th February 1985
	Newry Mortar Attack	28th February 1985

Status / Rank	Name of Deceased	Date of Murder / Death
Reserve Constable	John William Joseph Bell	29th March 1985
Woman Constable	Tracy Ellen Doak	20th May 1985
	Killeen Bomb Attack	20th May 1985
Constable	David Leslie McBride	22nd May 1986
Corporal	David Brian Brown QGM	28th May 1986
Civilian	John Chambers	13th March 1987
Chief Instructor	Leslie Jarvis (HMPS)	23rd March 1987
Reserve Constable	George Ian Grey Shaw	3rd April 1987
Inspector	David John Ead	20th April 1987
Lance Corporal	Alan Thomas Johnston	15th February 1988
Corporal	William Thomas Burleigh	6th April 1988
Chief Superintendent	Henry (Harry) Alexander Breen	20th March 1989
Civilian	Francis Charles Galbraith	19th April 1989
Superintendent	Alwyn Harris	8th October 1989
Private	John Birch	9th April 1990
Private	Steven Samuel Smart	9th April 1990
Private	Hubert (Bertie) Gilmore	1st December 1990
Constable	Edward Wilson Spence	27th May 1991
Ranger	Robert Dunseath	17th January 1992
Sergeant	Robert James Irvine	20th October 1992
Prison Officer	James (Jim) Peacock	1st September 1993
Corporal	Trelford Withers	8th August 1994
Civilian	Bernadette Martin	15th July 1997
Civilian	Philip Allen	3rd March 1998
Civilian	Damien Trainor	3rd March 1998
Civilians	Jason, Mark & Richard Quinn	12th July 1998
Civilian	Olive Hawkes	15th August 1998
Civilian	Samantha McFarland	15th August 1998
Civilian	Lorraine Ann Wilson	15th August 1998
Civilian	Trevor Lowry	3rd April 2001

CONSTABLE SAMUEL DONALDSON

SERVICE NUMBER: 9241

12TH JANUARY 1947 - 12TH AUGUST 1970





Samuel Donaldson was born on 12th January 1947, he served on the USC and joined the RUC in August 1966, he was stationed at Crossmaglen Police Station.

Samuel died the day after being fatally injured by a Provisional IRA booby-trap bomb that exploded as he and his colleague, Constable Robert Millar, who died the same day, were checking an abandoned stolen car at Lissaraw, near Crossmaglen, County Armagh. Samuel was only 23 years old.

His funeral took place in Kilkeel Presbyterian Church where Samuel was a regular attender. He was involved in many aspects of church life including youth fellowship and the church choir.

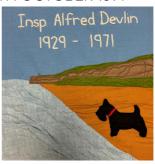
On 28th February 1985 a brother of Samuel's, Chief Inspector Alexander Donaldson was also murdered along with eight other police officers during a mortar attack on Newry Police Station.

INSPECTOR ALFRED HENRY DEVLIN

SERVICE NUMBER: 6262

11TH JULY 1929 - 29TH OCTOBER 1971





Alfred Henry Devlin (Alf) was murdered on 29th October 1971 when the Provisional IRA planted and detonated a bomb in the shop beside Chichester Road RUC station. No one has ever been convicted for Alf's murder. Alf's daughter Margo was 11 years old at the time and has spoken lovingly about her daddy and how she would like him to be remembered.

She said: "My Daddy joined the RUC in 1949 and by the time of his death in 1971 had risen to the rank of Inspector and had only recently received medals for long service and good conduct.

"My brother and I grew up in Donaghadee and loved spending family holidays in Downhill Cottage with our parents. We were so young when Daddy was murdered meaning the memories we should have made were stolen from us and him. The happy memories that we have we hold dear. When Daddy came home from work he always gave us a hug and we felt so loved by him. We had a family dog called Nikki, a black Scottish terrier who looked for Daddy and missed him when he was gone.

"Daddy had visited his own mummy that day at her home on Jaffa Street, Belfast for a cup of tea and when he returned to work at the station, the bomb detonated 2 hours later. I was travelling back home with mum that day and when we arrived there was a police car at our house. I was sent to our neighbour's house, likely to try and shield me from the news of Daddy's murder but when I returned home mum said, "your Daddy is gone."

"Our lives changed from that day on, and we never want Daddy to be forgotten".

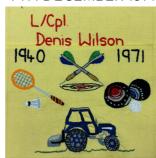
There is a memorial plaque for Alf inside Antrim Road PSNI station.

LANCE CORPORAL WILLIAM (DENIS) WILSON

SERVICE NUMBER: 24205487

6TH SEPTEMBER 1940 - 7TH DECEMBER 1971





Denis lived with his parents Hester & William James (W J) Wilson in the family home at Curlough, Caledon. He was the eldest and only son of a family of four, having three younger sisters, Iris, Madlyn & Maureen. Denis was educated at Crilly & Minterburn Primary Schools before going to the Royal School, Dungannon. On leaving school he joined his father, on the family farm where he continued to farm until his murder on 7th December 1971. Denis was brutally murdered, shot in his bed by the Provisional IRA, because he was an only son, a Protestant farmer who lived close to the border with the Republic of Ireland and a member of the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Denis was a faithful member of Minterburn Presbyterian Church which he attended each Sunday morning. He was a member of the Badminton & Bowling Clubs of the Church, and also, a Darts Team where he won many trophies.

He served his local community, as a member of the Ulster Special Constabulary (USC) and then joined the Ulster Defence Regiment in March 1970 when the USC was disbanded.

Denis served part-time as a Lance Corporal in 'D' Company 6 UDR (later 'J' Company 8 UDR) in Dungannon. On 1st December 1971, he transferred to the newly formed 'L' Company 8 UDR, in Aughnacloy. A week later, he was history.

Denis had taken on much of the workload of the farm as W.J. had started to enjoy his retirement. Denis was a caring and gentle brother, to his three siblings, he was easygoing, always willing to lend a hand should it be needed, he loved all animals, and the dog never left his side.

Denis is buried at Minterburn Presbyterian Church and as well as being commemorated in the Church, his name also appears on the Church of Ireland memorials in Aughnacloy, Caledon and in St. Columba's Church, Omagh.

Denis Wilson shall never be forgotten by his sisters, Iris, Madlyn, & Maureen and the wider family circle.

DANIEL (DANNY) HAYES

CIVILIAN 30TH APRIL 1929 - 1ST JULY 1972





Danny Hayes was murdered by UDA/UFF terrorists.

Danny was a 43-year-old Roman Catholic civilian, who lived on Hillman Street in the New Lodge area of Belfast with his family. Danny was originally from Scotland (explaining the thistle within his patch on the quilt). The dove represents peace, and the boxing gloves depict his love for boxing, he watched and participated in the sport.

The UDA/UVF abducted Danny and had badly beaten him and shot him in the head and chest in a playground on Penrith Street.

A nearby witness said he had seen two men drag a 3rd man out of a car and into the playground.

The witness said the car driver said to him "you are all right, it's the UDA". The witness said he heard five shots. The inquest was told by the coroner: "He seems to have fallen into the hands of some monsters who seem to have given him a terrible beating before he was killed".

A man was charged with Danny's murder but the charges were later dropped when it was shown the man was in Scotland at the time of the murder.

Danny's wife was four weeks pregnant with his son at the time of his murder.

CONSTABLE WILLIAM (BILLY) STEWART LOGAN

SERVICE NUMBER: 9498

AUGUST 1948 - 15TH MARCH 1972





William Logan was a 23-year-old, Protestant, single and an RUC GC police officer who was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists.

William was ambushed by the Provisional IRA the previous day near Coalisland and was fatally wounded. He had been part of a joint RUC-Army patrol and driving the Land Rover when it came under gun attack.

When the Land Rover turned into a car park, two gunmen opened fire with sub machine guns from sand hills on the opposite side of the road. More than 40 shots were fired and William was hit in the upper body and was slumped over the wheel of the Land Rover.

Fire was returned by the other members of the patrol but neither gunman was hit.

William was first taken to the South Tyrone Hospital and later transferred to the Royal Victoria Hospital. He died four hours after the attack. William was from Londonderry's Lincoln Courts in the Waterside area of the city and in 1968 joined the RUC.

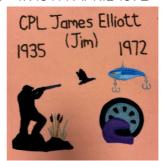
William's brother-in-law Mervyn Wilson was then murdered just 10 months later in Londonderry, alongside his colleague Con David Dorsett - again by Provisional IRA terrorists.

CORPORAL JAMES (JIM) DANIEL ELLIOTT

SERVICE NUMBER: 24199084

28TH DECEMBER 1935 - 17/19TH APRIL 1972





James Elliott, known as Jim was 36 years old, a Corporal and part-time soldier in the 3rd Battalion of The Ulster Defence Regiment. He lived with his wife and three children near Rathfriland, Co. Down.

He worked as a lorry driver for a local firm, Ross Thompson, Newry.

On 17th April 1972 he was kidnapped from his lorry near the border at Killeen, he was taken back into the Republic of Ireland, tortured and his dead body used as a lure for an attempted bomb attack on Security Forces.

The Murder of Jim Elliott

He was an honest working man He toiled for home and God But now his battered body lies Six feet beneath the sod

Those brave men in the IRA
That took him on his own
Imagine only six it took
For Jim was all alone

They beat him and they tortured him
Unspeakable things they did
And the horror of their brutality
Never will be hid

Oh what he must have suffered Before God closed his eyes And brought the torture to an end We just can't visualise Then so their evil purpose Could more horribly be fulfilled They wired his body to dynamite So the finders would be killed

Jim leaves a little family A wife and three small boys Who will grow up into manhood Without a Father's joy

Some day it will be paid for For God's not one to scorn And on that day those men will wish They never had been born

He lies now in a Graveyard
But we will not forget
So let the words 'We will remember'
Be his epitaph.

CONSTABLE SAMUEL RICHARD (DAVID) HOUSTON QPM

SERVICE NUMBER: 10418

7TH NOVEMBER 1949 – 26TH JUNE 1972





David was a 22-year-old Protestant, married and an RUC GC police officer who was originally from Manchester but had been living with his wife in Strabane. The day before the Provisional IRA called its ceasefire, David was shot by them in Water Street in Newry. A few minutes later a bomb exploded in the gunmen's car and badly damaged the Stables pub. David was in the RUC GC for only 21 months. Before joining the RUC GC, he was living with his parents in the Melmount area. His 19-year-old wife went into hospital to have their first child a few days after his murder.

David's hobbies including playing the piano, singing and motorbikes.

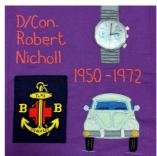
David was posthumously awarded the Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry.

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE ROBERT STUART NICHOLL

SERVICE NUMBER: 9589

22ND JANUARY 1950 - 13TH OCTOBER 1972





Robert Stuart Nicholl was born on 22nd January 1950, the eldest of six children of William and Margaret Nicholl. He had four sisters (Heather, Honor, Beryl, Rosemary and a younger brother William (Billy). He was much loved as the eldest boy in a family of girls ...until another boy finally arrived to complete the family of six children.

Robert lived at home with the family in East Belfast.

Robert's father was a senior RUC officer (Billy Nicholl (6060) QPM) and his mum looked after the family throughout the 'troubles' maintaining a family home which was an 'open house to all comers.'

Robert lived most of his life in Belfast and growing up went to school at Grosvenor High School and was a prefect there. He was a keen member of the local Boys Brigade (110) where he was awarded the Duke of Edinburgh's Sliver award.

Robert enjoyed the hobbies of shooting, fishing, golf and cars. Growing up he enjoyed family time in his grandparents in Fivemiletown and Killaloo, Co Londonderry and fond memories of his childhood remain in the family.

After leaving school he worked with his cousins heating and plumbing firm but later joined the RUC.

He joined the RUC in March 1969 and was in V squad in the RUC Depot Enniskillen. His service number was 9589 and Robert served in Downpatrick, Londonderry and Springfield Road, Belfast. He was appointed Detective Aide in 1972 and at time of his death was reported as the youngest Detective Constable in Northern Ireland.

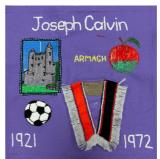
Robert was killed in disputed circumstances on 13th October 1972 in Belfast by a Regular Army soldier. The full circumstances of his death remains unresolved.

RESERVE CONSTABLE JOSEPH (JOE) CALVIN

SERVICE NUMBER: R1079

12TH APRIL 1921 - 17TH NOVEMBER 1972





Joe was born in Armagh in 1921 to Joseph and Agnes Calvin. He was the youngest boy with one elder brother and four sisters. Joe had the nickname 'Sonny'.

With Armagh being his home county Joe wrote out the words to the song 'The boys from the County Armagh' and kept it in his pocket.

Joe played football in his youth for a local team and the love of football continued with support for Manchester United and Northern Ireland. (Influenced by the skills of George Best.)

He worked in Enniskillen as a young man where he met his future wife Annie (Anne) Gibson. Joe and Annie married and eight years later had a daughter Ann.

Joe was a Public Health Inspector based in the Castle Barracks. He travelled around County Fermanagh and made many friends during his travels.

Joe had many interests, he enjoyed fishing, and he also had whippets (these were show dogs). He was a faithful member of the Loyal Orders, Orange and RBP and always spoke of the need for respect and tolerance of others.

Joe always supported the security forces in protecting the community from the threat of terrorism. He was a part time member of the Ulster Special Constabulary, the UDR and finally the RUCR.

On the 17th November 1972 Constable Joseph Calvin and his colleague Constable Samuel Gault (who was later murdered in the 1987 Enniskillen Poppy Day bombing) were coming off duty. Their vehicles were parked in Quay Lane. It was a frosty night so both sat in Joe's car while demisting the windows. Const. Gault got out and was walking to his own car, about 30 yards away, when he heard the explosion. The undercar booby trap bomb killed Const. Calvin instantly. There were a series of explosions and fires in other nearby vehicles caused by the initial blast. Const. Calvin's body was found lying in the garden of a nearby house.

Const Calvin left his wife Annie, who died just a few years later and daughter Ann.

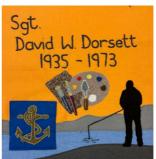
Joe was buried with Full Police Honours. Five thousand people attended his funeral.

SERGEANT DAVID WILLIAM DORSETT

SERVICE NUMBER: 9286

30TH DECEMBER 1935 – 14TH JANUARY 1973





David Dorsett was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists.

He was a 37-year-old Protestant, married with 3 children and was an RUC GC police officer and was from Wolverhampton.

In 1967, he joined the RUC. His wife was from Londonderry. It was David's son's 8th birthday on the day he was murdered. He also had a 10-year-old daughter and an 8-month old baby girl.

He was murdered alongside his colleague Mervyn Wilson, a 23-year-old Protestant, married and an RUC GC police officer who was from Lincoln Court, Londonderry.

Both police officers were murdered after a Provisional IRA bomb exploded beneath their car on Harbour Square.

David and Mervyn were serving with the force's Traffic Branch and had been stationed at the nearby Victoria RUC station.

Two other police officers who were in the car were also injured.

Londonderry coroner, Hubert O'Neill, said he had known Sgt Dorsett personally and said that he and his colleague would have gone out of their way to help anyone.

David was originally from Wolverhampton and had served in the Royal Navy and the Bristol Constabulary.

Amongst David's hobbies were fishing, he also enjoyed art and painting with oils and canvas.

CONSTABLE MERVYN SAMUEL WILSON

SERVICE NUMBER: 9638

AUGUST 1949 - 14TH JANUARY 1973





RUC GC Officer Mervyn Wilson was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists. His colleague RUC GC Officer David Dorsett was murdered in the same incident.

Mervyn was 23-years-old married, and from Lincoln Court, Londonderry.

Both RUC GC Police officers were murdered after a Provisional IRA bomb exploded beneath their car on Harbour Square, Londonderry.

Both officers were serving with the force's Traffic Branch and had been stationed at the nearby Victoria RUC station.

Two other police officers who were in the car were also injured. They said at the inquest that they had just gone for a tea break with their colleagues and a few seconds later the bomb exploded.

The bomb was estimated to have been made of 10 - 15lbs of explosives. A police inspector said that when he arrived at the scene, he saw Mervyn lying in the car with severe injuries.

Mervyn died in hospital a short time later. He had joined the RUC just 4 years previously. Just 10 months earlier Mervyn's brother-in-law William logan (also an RUC GC Officer) was murdered in Coalisland, County Tyrone - again by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Mervyn and David were men of courage, men of honour, men who gave service, men who cared about the community and in best providing for their families - how different the terrorists who stole their lives were and are.

Two other Police Officers narrowly survived the murder attempt on their lives.

Mervyn is buried at Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry.

NOOR BAZ KHAN

CIVILIAN (45 YEARS OLD)

DATE OF MURDER: 26TH JUNE 1973



Noor Baz was a 45-year-old civilian, married with five children, and a caterer who was based at Fort George army post on Strand Road in Londonderry.

The Provisional IRA shot him because he served tea to the army. As Noor Baz was driving along Lone Moor Road to get groceries, he was waved down by two men. His brother was with him when he was shot and told the inquest they were stopped near Celtic Park by the men who ran into the road.

He said: "Noor Baz stopped and said to the men, 'Hello Jimmy' - he always called anyone he didn't know Jimmy.

"The man who stopped us came to Noor Baz's window, took a gun from his pocket and fired one shot at Noor Baz through the window which was open. I jumped out and ran towards the man but he turned away and disappeared behind the wall".

The Provisional IRA claimed that Noor Baz was a member of British intelligence. The army denied this claim and said that Noor Baz was under contract to provide canteen services.

Noor Baz was originally from Pakistan and he and his family were part of a tradition which stretched back to the heyday of the British empire in India. The coroner said: "here is another of these senseless killings. It was sheer calculated cold-blooded murder. How anyone can do that is just beyond me. It was a most shocking thing to happen, and he was not even from this country".

Another Pakistani national who was murdered as a result of 'The Troubles,' was Mohammed Abdul Khalid, who worked as a tea boy or charwallah (British Army slang) He was a civilian employee attached to the Army, billeted in Crossmaglen, south Armagh. He was murdered by the Provisional IRA as he drove between Newry and Crossmaglen.

PAUL LINAUER

CIVILIAN (24 YEARS OLD)

DATE OF MURDER: 22ND JULY 1973



Paul was a 24-year-old civilian, a seaman who was a German sailor and who was shot by UVF terrorists.

He had just left his ship to spend a night socialising in Belfast. His body was found between Jumna and Klondyke Streets.

For over 48 hours Seaman Linauer's identity was unknown. It was only by the German trademarks on his clothing that he eventually was traced back to his cargo ship, the Rodich, that had been anchored in the Belfast harbour.

Paul and two other crewmen, another German and a Norwegian, left the ship for a night out in Belfast. They were ignorant of the dangers of straying into the city.

Paul's body was found around 6:15am by a night watchman that was returning home from work. He was shot once in the head and twice in the body.

The inquest was told that it was the first time he left the ship and he spoke very little English. A lawyer at the inquest said: "it is the arch case in motiveless killings".

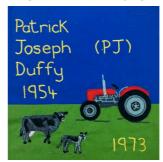
Paul was from Brochtersen, West Germany. It was probable that he was shot because he was walking through or out of a Roman Catholic district.

PATRICK JOSEPH (PJ) DUFFY

CIVILIAN

16TH MARCH 1954 - 5TH SEPTEMBER 1973





Patrick Joseph (PJ) Duffy was murdered on 5th September 1973 by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Patrick was aged just 21 years and was from a Roman Catholic background. He was a farm worker and was murdered when his tractor drove over a landmine near Belcoo, County Fermanagh.

The RUC had just removed a hoax bomb from the middle of the road left in a cardboard box and with a flashing light and sign saying "Danger - keep away".

Patrick was going to the lakeside field to collect three ricks of hay on the buck rake to take for baling. His brother Peadar was with him.

The bomb was in excess of 100lb and was thought to have been meant for security forces who regularly searched the area. The explosion hurled the grey tractor 15 yards down the roadside bank almost into the Lough. The tractor was broken in pieces; wheels & parts thrown about 20 yards.

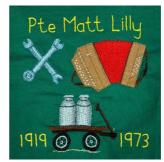
SEFF are supporting the family to have a memorial stone located at the site of the bombing.

PRIVATE MATTHEW (MATT) LILLY

SERVICE NUMBER: 24199771

10TH NOVEMBER 1919 - 7TH SEPTEMBER 1973





Matt was a married father of four and was a member of the UDR CGC who was off-duty and at his most vulnerable at the point he was attacked and consequently murdered. He was performing his role as a milk lorry driver and was shot on his milk round outside Belcoo, County Fermanagh.

Earlier the terrorists hijacked a vehicle and forced the female driver to drive the vehicle to a farmhouse, they ripped out the telephone wires and held her and the inhabitants of the farm hostage in the dairy.

When Matt arrived and was in the midst of lifting a milk churn onto the lorry the terrorists struck and mercilessly and cowardly shot him in the head with a sub-machine gun.

The terrorists used the stolen car to escape the scene, the prisoners then broke free and raised the alarm.

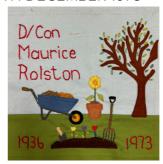
Matt played the melodeon (accordion) which can be seen on his patch on the memorial quilt, the milk churns represent his work and what he was doing at the time of his death. Matt was highly respected across the community and was regarded as a hard-working family man.

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE GEORGE (MAURICE) ROLSTON

SERVICE NUMBER: 7697

24TH APRIL 1936 - 11TH DECEMBER 1973





Maurice Rolston was born in 1936 in County Longford, he was 37 years old and married with 3 children – Mark (10), Jill (7) and Cheryl (6 months old).

He joined the RUC and was stationed at Newcastle, County Down for 10 years. His colleagues described him as the most popular member of the force in the local station. He was quiet spoken, even tempered and had a winning personality.

At 7.35pm on Tuesday 11th December 1973 Maurice was at his home at Shan Slieve Drive, Newcastle getting ready to return to the police station, he had just had his dinner with his family. He got into the car and was about to move off when a booby trap bomb exploded.

Maurice attended St. John's Church in Newcastle where he was former church warden and a member of the select vestry.

In his spare time Maurice enjoyed spending time with his family, he also enjoyed gardening which is why the gardening items were chosen for the patch on the guilt.

SECOND LIEUTENANT (ACTING CAPTAIN) CORMAC MERVYN JAMES MCCABE

SERVICE NUMBER: 493938

27TH MARCH 1932 - 19TH JANUARY 1974





Cormac McCabe was a leader in education, in the Ulster Defence Regiment CGC and in other areas of his life.

He completed his BA at Queens University, Belfast and his teaching training at Stranmillis College. He met his wife to be, Nora Brady, when they were both studying at Stranmillis. They subsequently married and had two children, Sheila and Anne.

Sheila has one daughter Dr Bridie McCabe who is a veterinary surgeon. Sadly, she was denied the opportunity to meet her grandfather.

Cormac had one sister, Marie Elliott and she had four children, Lisa, Simon (now deceased), Ann-Louise and Jonathan.

The family lived in Brantry, County Tyrone and then in Aughnacloy. In 1963 Cormac became the first principal of Aughnacloy Secondary

School, now Aughnacloy College. Prior to teaching in Aughnacloy, he had taught in Belfast, Dungannon and Omagh. His wife was also a school principal.

Cormac joined the UDR on a part-time basis soon after it was established and was a part-time soldier until his death, leading the Aughnacloy Battalion.

He was known for his trustworthiness, reliability, integrity and fairness. He was a well-respected and popular headmaster and soldier. Each year at Aughnacloy College a prize is awarded in his name to the student who exhibits truthfulness, diligence and initiative. He had a very strong belief that education was key to opening doors in life. He was kind and fair and had a wicked sense of humour. He was a mentor to many of the students at the school, many of whom have acknowledged this to his family since his death.

The quotation which is engraved on his headstone is from William Ellery Channing and states "The great hope of society is in individual character". This was chosen because it appeared to sum him up.

He was a competitive sportsman playing, and later coaching, soccer, basketball, cricket and badminton. He was very involved in the Scout movement as a scouter. He was also very involved in community groups and the church, including Masonic, Royal Black Institution, Volunteer LOL and the Ulster Teachers' Union.

CONSTABLE CYRIL JOHN WILSON

SERVICE NUMBER: 7756

19TH APRIL 1937 - 17TH MARCH 1974





Cyril was born in Belfast, he was married with one son. On joining the RUC he was stationed in Newtownhamilton, Bessbrook, Forkhill, Newry, Poyntzpass, Lurgan and a few weeks in Craigavon.

Before joining the RUC, he was a member of 8th Belfast Boys' Brigade Company and whilst working in Newry assisted in the formation of Tullyallen and Mountnorris Boys' Brigade Company.

On moving to Lurgan he was the officer in charge of 3rd Lurgan Boys' Brigade Junior Section. 1st Lurgan Presbyterian Church presented new Church doors in his memory.

He was a keen rugby player and played for Newry, Lurgan and the County Armagh RUC team.

On Saturday evening 16th March 1974 whilst responding to a genuine emergency call the vehicle Cyril was travelling in was ambushed by the Provisional IRA at the Tullygally roundabout in Craigavon, Cyril was shot. He died later during surgery in Craigavon Area Hospital on 17th March 1974.

MOHAMMED ABDUL KHALID

CIVILIAN (18 YEARS OLD)

DATE OF MURDER: 22ND APRIL 1974





Mohammed was an 18-year-old civilian, an army canteen worker and was the second canteen worker to be murdered by the Provisional IRA.

Mohammed was Pakistani born and catering support to the army in Crossmaglen. As he was driving his car between Newry and Crossmaglen, the Provisional IRA shot him 30 times. Because of the way the car was parked, an army helicopter became suspicious and found his body.

The Provisional IRA said that Mohammed was a member of the SAS, an erroneous, unsubstantiated claim to justify their brutal murder. A pathologist said at the inquiry that Mohammed's body was "riddled with bullets". Mohammed's father was a camp barber at another army base in south Armagh.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all innocents impacted by Mohammed's brutal and senseless murder.

ASHA CHOPRA

CIVILIAN 18TH AUGUST 1947 - 5TH OCTOBER 1974





Asha Chopra was 25 years old and married with two young children, a son who was 5 years old and a daughter who was 3, she was also 8 months pregnant.

On 5th October 2024 she was shot in Londonderry when the Provisional IRA fired on an RUC officer directing traffic. Asha was in the driver's seat of her car when struck in the front of her head by a bullet which had also hit the policeman. As a result of the shooting Asha died along with her unborn son.

Asha was born in Phagwara, India and moved to Northern Ireland in 1968 to join her husband, they lived in Greenhaw Road in the north-west of Londonderry.

After the murder Asha's two children were moved to Mumbai, India but both returned to Northern Ireland years later where they are still living today.

Asha was a wonderful jolly woman who loved to sing, she was a kind soul and a proud home maker for her beloved family.

PRIVATE THOMAS (JOHN) MCCREADY

SERVICE NUMBER: 24273662 9TH AUGUST 1940 - 16TH NOVEMBER 1974





Thomas John McCready was a 34-year-old Protestant, single, a farmer and a member of the UDR, he was from Ardaghy, Kilcoo, County Down.

On 16th November 1974 he was on duty at the junction of High and Market Streets in Newry when he was shot by the Provisional IRA. He was on patrol in a joint army - UDR mobile patrol that was travelling along the town's through pass.

Also injured in the gunfire were a 21-year-old pregnant woman and her sister. John was taken to hospital where he died two hours later. He was due to be married in less than a month.

John had a blue Fordson Dexta tractor which is on his patch on the Memorial quilt, he was also a member of his local Orange lodge.

JOHN MCERLANE & THOMAS MCERLANE

CIVILIANS (JOHN 29 YEARS OLD & THOMAS 19 YEARS OLD)

DATE OF MURDER: 23RD MAY 1975







John McErlane and his brother Thomas McErlane were murdered by UVF terrorists.

John was a 29-year-old, Roman Catholic and a civilian, married with one child (Seaneen) and his brother Thomas McErlean was a 19-year-old Roman Catholic civilian and single. Both men were butchers.

John was from Archdale Park, Glengormley and his brother Thomas was from Thompson Street in the Short Strand area of east Belfast.

The brothers were playing cards with their Protestant workmates. They were shot in the head. They were in a flat in the loyalist Mount Vernon area of the Shore Road.

The brothers came every Friday night to play cards. The gunmen threatened the other players and stole money from the card game before they left.

The Protestant Action Force (cover for the UVF) claimed responsibility for the murders.

A 22-year-old man from Rathcoole had already been serving an 11-year sentence for a number of armed robberies and in February 1978 he was sentenced to two life sentences for the killings of John and Thomas.

The judge said: "you played a necessary and important part in the execution of two cold-blooded murders".

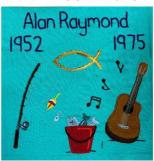
Faith mattered a great deal to the brothers and this is represented within their patch

ALAN RAYMOND

CIVILIAN

3RD SEPTEMBER 1952 - 22ND JUNE 1975





Alan Raymond was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Alan was a 23-year-old Protestant civilian, he was single and was murdered alongside his friend Thomas Irvine who was a 21-year-old Protestant civilian. Both men were from Westland Road. Belfast.

Alan and Thomas were standing on the corner of Westland Road when a car came up alongside. Two men got out and walked up behind Thomas and Raymond and shot them firing up to ten shots at them.

Both men died a short time later in the Mater Hospital. A 15-year-old boy was standing on the opposite side of the street and was shot in the face but was not seriously injured.

Witnesses said that the killers could not have been more than 16 and 17 years old. Both men had just returned from a day out fishing.

Neighbours said the men were good living and kept to themselves. A 17-year-old was charged four days later in Belfast Magistrate's Court for the murders.

Alan and Thomas were murdered as a result of sectarian motivated hatred.

Alan's interests included fishing, he was also into rock music and had a solid Christian faith.

CONSTABLE JOHN ROBERT MCPHERSON

SERVICE NUMBER: 9460

20TH AUGUST 1949 - 26TH JULY 1975





Robert joined the RUC in January 1968 when he was 19 years old. Robert was stationed in Castlederg, Donemana, Cookstown and Dungiven.

Robert met Rosemary and they married in 1973.

On the day he was murdered, Robert and his colleague had visited Robert's home and Rosemary had just made them a fry for breakfast. They got called away to the Post Office in Dungiven to investigate reports of a suspect car and a few minutes later as Rosemary went outside to feed the scraps to their dog, she heard the shots being fired. Rosemary knew right away that Robert had been murdered. She says she just knew. Rosemary phoned the shop opposite the Post Office and asked the owner if Robert was alive or dead. The shop owner said "he's not moving, I think he's dead." Rosemary said she was blacking out due to the shock of the news that her beloved husband had been shot dead.

The report of a suspect car was a hoax and was a guise to lure the officers to the area. Robert was shot once and his colleague was shot seven times but survived.

Robert's own car was at the police station and the local Minister brought it back to Rosemary and as he drove it down the lane approaching their family home, their dog ran up to the car with its tail wagging. Rosemary says the dog died the very next day.

Rosemary said that, "God never made anyone as good as Robert." Robert is described as fun, kind, loving and generous. Rosemary has lived without Robert for 50 years and still feels the pain of his loss deeply.

As Robert lay fatally wounded, the gunman stole his gun. A member of INLA from Belfast received a 20-year sentence when he admitted attempted murder and manslaughter.

On 12th June 2024 three arrests were made in connection with the murder of Robert McPherson and the attempted murder of a second officer. Extradition proceedings were instigated against two of those arrested.

LINDA BOYLE

CIVILIAN

29TH SEPTEMBER 1957 - 20TH AUGUST 1975





Linda was a 17-year-old Protestant civilian, a single girl who died in hospital a week after she was seriously injured in a gun and bomb attack on the Bayardo Bar on 13th August 1975 on the Shankill Road.

Three Provisional IRA gunmen carried out the attack. They first sprayed people on the road with gun fire from an Armalite rifle. They then threw a duffle bag containing the bomb through the door of the pub.

Linda was a member of the Girl Guides, she enjoyed fashion which in that era included flare trousers and platform shoes. She also liked music especially rock bands like T-Rex and Mudd.

Other victims of the atrocity:

William John Gracey (aged 63) Samuel Gunning (aged 55) Joanne McDowell (aged 29)

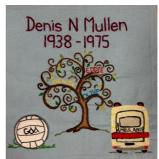
And Hugh Alexander Harris (aged 21) who was a member of the UVF but murdered whilst in civilian form.

DENIS NICHOLAS MULLEN

CIVILIAN

31ST DECEMBER 1938 - 1ST SEPTEMBER 1975





Denis Mullen was a quiet gentleman, a family man and a friend to many. Denis was married to Olive and they had two children, a daughter called Denise and a son called Eddie.

Denis worked as an Ambulance Controller in South Tyrone hospital, a job he loved. His hobbies and interests included family, politics and football.

He was a keen supporter of his local GAA club, Collegelands and his County team, Armagh. He was also a political activist for the SDLP.

On 1st September 1975 Denis was murdered by the UVF.

JOHN JOHNSTON

CIVILIAN (AGED 80 YEARS OLD)

DATE OF MURDER/DEATH: 1ST SEPTEMBER 1975





John Johnston was aged 80 years and a bachelor who was a retired farmer and from the Cloghoge area of south Armagh (between Creggan and Cullyhanna)

John was murdered alongside four others in the Tullyvallen Orange Hall massacre.

John was a faithful member of the Lodge and was the Chaplain at the point of the attack. He was found with the Holy Bible next to him.

John was a quiet man but was well liked and respected across the community.

He was a cousin of the Granny of SEFF's Director, Kenny Donaldson (Edith Donaldson, nee Johnston)

John is buried in Freeduff Presbyterian Church graveyard, near Cullyhanna.

TULLYVALLEN MASSACRE

1ST SEPTEMBER 1975





On September 1st 1975, Provisional IRA gunmen stormed Tullyvallen Orange Hall (situated in the heart of rural south Armagh) during a lodge meeting, indiscriminately murdering four Orangemen. A fifth member subsequently died later as a result of the injuries sustained.

The Orangemen murdered in the republican terror attack, all members of Tullyvallen Guiding Star Temperance LOL 630, were father and son, James (73) and Ronnie McKee (40), lodge secretary Nevin McConnell (48), chaplain John Johnston (80) and William Herron (68). Mr McKee Snr was worshipful master of the lodge.

Up to six others were injured in the atrocity.

The fatal shootings occurred during a routine monthly lodge meeting. The hall door burst open and two masked men appeared armed with machine guns. They immediately sprayed the hall with bullets while another gunman standing outside fired through a window.

An off-duty member of the security forces, who was attending the meeting, fired his personal-issue weapon and believed he hit one of the gunmen before they fled.

Once the shooting was over survivors raised the alarm. A container containing explosive was also discovered outside the hall on the arrival of the emergency services.

Tullyvallen Guiding Star Temperance LOL 630 had two other lodge members, William Meaklim (28) and Joseph McCullough (56), murdered by the Provisional IRA in 1975 and 1976 respectively.

The attack on Tullyvallen Orange Hall was motivated by sectarian and ethnic hatred and but for the actions of an off-duty member of the security forces the terrorists may well have succeeded in their callous objective, of wiping out all who were present that evening.

JOHN (JOHNNY) BELL

SERVICE NUMBER: 24199432

20TH DECEMBER 1917 – 6TH NOVEMBER 1975





David John Bell, known as Johnny was born on 20th December 1917 in County Armagh.

He had five brothers and two sisters, his last surviving brother Harry just passed away in his 90th year in October 2022.

Johnny lived in Ballymoyer just above Whitecross and worked in the family building contractors business. He was a hardworking man and helped everyone in the community. He was very much a family man and was a favourite uncle to all of his nephews and nieces.

Johnny had a great interest in his German Shepherd dogs. He served in the Ulster Special Constabulary until it was stood down in 1970, he then joined the Ulster Defence Regiment.

Johnny was brutally murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists on 6th November 1975. He was driving home from work and turning into his laneway where the terrorists were waiting and they opened fire riddling his car with bullets, causing it to crash into a drain.

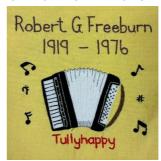
He lived his life supporting law and order and did so to his last breath unlike those who heinously massacred him under the cover of darkness at his most vulnerable.

ROBERT GEORGE FREEBURN

CIVILIAN

19TH OCTOBER 1919 - 5TH JANUARY 1976





Robert was married with two children, Alan and Sandra, he worked in Glenanne Mill and played the accordion in Tullyhappy Accordion Band.

He was the worshipful master of Tullyhappy LOL 59 at the time of his murder and a member of Tullyhappy RPB1167.

Robert was a textile worker and on 5th January 1976 he and his colleagues were travelling in a minibus when they were stopped at what they thought was an army checkpoint. They were asked their religion and then murdered.

The ten workmen were aged from 19 to 58 years old were murdered by the Provisional IRA gang that stopped them on the road near Kingsmills, County Armagh.

This atrocity is amongst the most blatant sectarian atrocities of 'The Troubles.'

Who were the victims?

All of the men were textile workers.

- John Bryans, 46, was a widower and a loom overseer. His son said the death left his children without a mother or father and they were taken in by an elderly aunt and uncle.
- Robert Chambers, 19, was still living with his parents as an apprentice fitter. The inquest heard from his brother, who said he was a happy lad with everything going for him, and recalled his friendship with Alan Black. He said the attack did not succeed in turning people in the area against each other. Alan Black, who survived the attack, recalled him calling for his mother after he was shot.
- Walter Chapman, 23, the younger brother of Reginald Chapman, who also died, was unmarried and a factory labourer. The inquest said it was "moved by his humanity" when the men were asked by the perpetrators to identify who was a Catholic, he squeezed Richard Hughes' hand the sole Catholic who had been on the minibus in solidarity.
- Robert Freeburn was a married father of two whose nephew gave evidence to the inquest.

- Reginald Chapman, 25, was a married man and a Sunday school teacher who played football for Newry Town.
- Joseph Lemmon, 46, was a joiner. His daughter gave evidence, saying he was "everything to her and a gentle giant". At the time they were preparing for her wedding.
- John McConville, 20, was a cloth finisher. His sister Karen said she remembers him with admiration and love. She said he was full of fun, with lots of friends and he became a Christian at aged 16 and planned to attend Bible college and work as a missionary. He had been studying while working at the mill. The family learned the details of his death by the press, not from official agencies.
- James McWhirter, 58, was a married man and a cloth finisher. His grandson, who was 11 when his grandfather died, said he was a tough man, a hard worker, great fun and kind and generous. He told the inquest it was an extraordinarily traumatic episode for the family.
- Robert Walker, 46, was married and lived in Glenanne, the only victim not to be from Bessbrook. His sister told the inquest her brother was known as Buddy and was always working for the benefit of other people. He had started a go kart club in Glenanne. He was a churchgoer and member of the Orange Order. His family was heartbroken, and his own father died within a year of the death.
- Kenneth Worton, 24, was married and a machinist. His mother Beatrice gave evidence. She said he was a "lovely boy who did well at school and Sunday School". He had a six-year-old and a three-year-old daughter and it had a terrible impact on their welfare. There were two survivors who had travelled on the minibus that evening, a Roman Catholic civilian and Alan Black (who was shot 18 times)



MATTHEW (MATTIE) CAMPBELL

CIVILIAN

1ST AUGUST 1953 - 27TH APRIL 1976





Matthew Campbell was murdered by UVF terrorists. He was from Ballydesland Road, Burren, Warrenpoint.

Matthew was a 22-year-old Roman Catholic civilian, single and was a plasterer who was badly injured at the Ulster Bar in Warrenpoint on 24th April 1976 when a bomb exploded at the premises.

A no warning bomb was planted by the UVF at the door of the bar and was electronically detonated. Matthew died in a Belfast hospital from those injuries. He was a youth leader and a well-known sports enthusiast.

On the evening of his death (three days after the bombing), Matthew's football team was to have played a match but cancelled the match.

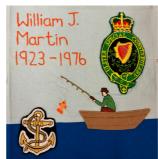
Matthew was also a committee member of the South Down darts league.

WILLIAM (BILLY) JOHN MARTIN

CIVILIAN

6TH FEBRUARY 1923 - 17TH MAY 1976





William John Martin (known as Billy) signed up to join the Royal Navy in 1938 when he was only 15 years old, he lied about his age to 'see the world' and make a career. The age to enlist was 16 but no proof of identification was asked for. Within one month of joining he was called up but within a further few months World War II was declared and as a young child he found himself fighting the Germans.

During ship repairs in a dock in Glasgow he met his wife to be, Martha Hutton and they started to correspond. His ship the 'Norfolk' took part in 'tailing' the then world's best and largest German destroyer 'Bismark'. The 'Norfolk' took a direct hit and William was left badly burned and spent many months in hospital.

He married his Glasgow sweetheart and along came a son, Bill in 1947. The family of 3 moved back to Belfast to seek work in 1949 and a second son, John was born in 1950.

Billy got a job as a bus conductor and also did other part time evening jobs to provide for his family, he was a hard working and dedicated family man.

He took up fishing as a hobby and took his son Bill, with him, they would head off on a wee motorbike he had bought to all the various rivers around Northern Ireland, his son loved it and the two really bonded while enjoying the hobby together.

The Martins were the first family in Ardoyne to have a small motor car and the first to have a television. Every Friday night the family would allow all the children from the area to come into their home to watch this new miracle thing called a television. They all watched 'The Lone Ranger and the Cisco Kid' there was standing room only, about 50 kids packed in to the living room.

Billy always remembered that he had nothing as a child, he was from a poor family growing up. Once a month the family of 4 were treated to a night at the cinema.

Billy joined and served with the 'B Specials'.

The youngest son John was killed in a motorbike accident in 1969 when he was only 18 years old, this changed life for everyone and was then followed by Billy's murder on 17th May

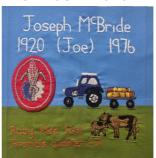
1976. Billy was volunteering in a Community Centre running a weekly bingo session along with his wife when members of the Provisional IRA burst in and opened fire.

JOSEPH (JOE) MCBRIDE

CIVILIAN

7TH JANUARY 1920 - 25TH JUNE 1976





Joseph McBride was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists. Joseph was 56-years-old and a Protestant civilian. The Provisional IRA mounted the attack on the Walker Bar, Templepatrick on 25th June 1976.

The murderers fired into the bar & shouted "To hell with youse" as 1 threw an explosive device into the crowded bar. BBC reported it was full of customers attending a cabaret show

Joseph was a senior salesman at a car showroom and was from Boghill Road, Mallusk. Joseph was also the security quard for the Walker Bar, owned by his cousin.

In the same attack, Ruby Kidd and Francis James Walker were also murdered.

Ruby was aged 28-years-old, a Protestant civilian. Francis was aged just 17-years-old and also a Protestant civilian.

Francis and Ruby were brother and sister and Joseph was their cousin. Ruby was the pub owner's daughter, she was from Oakview, Mallusk and was the mother of three children all aged less than ten years of age.

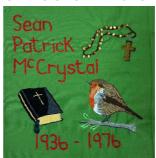
Meanwhile Francis was from Templepatrick, the bar was a Protestant owned bar.

SEAN PATRICK MCCRYSTAL

CIVILIAN

9TH OCTOBER 1936 - 10TH OCTOBER 1976





Sean McCrystal was murdered by UVF terrorists.

Sean was a 40-year-old Roman Catholic civilian, single and lived with his mother at Brooke Park in Antrim.

Sean's body was found burning on waste ground close to North Street in Ballymena, 60 yards from the shop where Yvonne Dunlop died earlier that day.

Two Ballymena men were convicted in 1977 in connection with Sean's killing. One of the men was 21 at the time and the judge recommended that he should serve no less than 25 years in prison.

The judge told him: "Mr McCrystal met a terrible and ugly death at your hands. It is difficult to imagine that sane people could perpetuate an act of savagery".

The court heard that Sean's body was found around 1am in an entry and suffered lacerations and fractures. His death, however, was caused by the fire.

At his funeral, Sean was poignantly described as "everyone's friend". That was sadly not fully accurate because sectarian hate from other so-called human beings stole away his life.

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE NOEL MICHAEL MCCABE QGM

SERVICE NUMBER: 11018

14TH MAY 1951 - 2ND NOVEMBER 1976





Noel McCabe was 26 years old, married and from Cloverdale Crescent in Lambeg, outside Lisburn.

Noel joined the RUC in 1972 and became a detective in 1974. Two years before his murder he received the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

On 2nd November 1976 Noel was shot by the Provisional IRA while driving along the Falls Road in west Belfast, he died before reaching hospital.

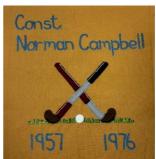
Noel had captained the RUC rugby team who donated a trophy in his memory.

CONSTABLE NORMAN WINDSOR HANNA CAMPBELL

SERVICE NUMBER: 12203

6TH JANUARY 1957 - 15TH DECEMBER 1976





Norman was a 19-year-old Protestant, single, and was an RUC GC police officer who was closing a traffic barrier with a reserve constable at High Street, Portadown when he was shot by the Provisional IRA.

Norman died instantly after being shot in the head. The gunman fired more than 30 shots with an automatic weapon from a Ford Cortina. His colleague escaped injury.

Norman was due to be married in a few weeks' time. He was a member of the RUC hockey team and also represented Ulster. He was a keen footballer playing for Kilkeel and Annalong - an all-round sportsman.

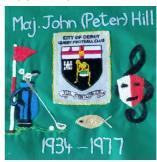
A colleague said: "he was one of our up-and-coming athletes".

Norman was from Knockchree Avenue, Kilkeel, he attended Kilkeel High School and firstly joined the UDR before signing up to the RUC. He was buried with full police honours. His colleagues acted as pallbearers and the RUC band led procession from his family home.

MAJOR JOHN (PETER) HILL

SERVICE NUMBER: 436889 21ST JANUARY 1934 – 1977





The question on everyone's lips on that dark 23rd day of February in 1977, as Peter Hill returned to his home in the late afternoon from a meeting at Edenballymore Lodge, was "Why?"

Having just parked his car in the drive of his home in Daphne Gardens, Londonderry, he was shot in the back several times and then a single bullet to his front. He didn't stand a chance as his murderers of the Provisional IRA slithered back into the darkness having robbed the city of yet another decent business and family man.

Peter gave freely of his time on the committee of Edenballymore Lodge, which gave a home and care to many of our elderly citizens.

A former pupil of Foyle College, Peter joined the family business, known as Hills of Derry, in 1950 and when his father died in 1972, he became Managing Director of the furniture, toy and nursery stores of Hills of Derry in the Strand Road and John Street and along with his brother Donald, ran the clothing outlet in Spencer Road.

For Peter, his family was the joy of his life and his murder had a devastating effect on his wife Ruby, and three children, Caroline 14, Michael 13, and Richard only 7. Their lives were never the same again and the ripples from this senseless murder continued with his son Michael taking his own life in 1999.

These ripples carry on to this very day for his four grandchildren who never knew their grandpa and the love that he would have given them.

Although murdered at the age of only 43, Peter had packed a tremendous amount into his short life, being an Officer in the North Irish Horse and the UDR, a frequent attender at First Derry Presbyterian Church and a member of the Church Choir, a member of City of Derry Rugby Club, where he played for a number of years for the first fifteen at the position of hooker, an excellent member of the Londonderry Musical Society both performing principal parts and the offstage duties of the Society. Added to this was his membership of both City of Derry and Castlerock Golf Clubs.

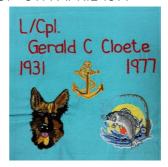
The City of Derry has been the poorer for the loss of such good men and women throughout those war-torn years and SEFF's thoughts and prayers are with the Hill family today and every day.

LANCE CORPORAL GERALD CORNELIUS CLOETE

SERVICE NUMBER: 24345867

20TH JANUARY 1931 - 6TH APRIL 1977





Gerald Cloete was 46 years old and a married father of five children. He was a factory worker and a part time member of the UDR CGC.

Gerald was originally from Gillingham, Kent and first came to Northern Ireland through his service with the Royal Navy. While he was stationed here, he met his wife to be, Mary and they settled in Londonderry.

On 6th April 1977 he was murdered by the Provisional IRA when a car crashed into him while he was on his way to work the evening shift in a factory in Londonderry. The gunmen shot the off duty UDR CGC member as he tried to get away.

PRIVATE MARGARET (ANN) HEARST

SERVICE NUMBER: 448108 1954 - 8TH OCTOBER 1977





Ann Hearst was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists on 8th October 1977.

Ann was a 24-year-old Protestant, single, and was the mother of a 3-year-old child (Crystal) and a part-time member of the UDR CGC.

Ann was from Doolgarry, Tynan, near Middletown in County Armagh.

Ann was one of four female UDR CGC soldiers to be murdered by the Provisional IRA.

Ann was at her parents' home when Provisional IRA gunmen burst into the property and shot her. The gunmen held her grandmother and young brothers at gunpoint while they waited for her to arrive.

Ann had been a member of the UDR for four years and worked as a civilian clerk at the UDR headquarters in Armagh.

The Orange Order, the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association and Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich all condemned Margaret's murder.

At the time of the shooting, Ann's daughter was in the next room cuddling a toy frog when a bullet passed through it.

A Middletown teenager was sentenced on 16th May 1979 and detained indefinitely because of his age at the time of the killing.

He was 16-years-old at the time of the murder and admitted he fired the fatal shots.

Her father Ross Hearst was then murdered just three years later in 1980, again by Provisional IRA terrorists. The Hearst family suffered significantly as a consequence of terrorism/'The Troubles.'

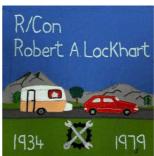
The murder of Ann was depraved and but for the Grace of God her daughter Crystal would also have perished.

RESERVE CONSTABLE ROBERT ARCHIBALD LOCKHART

SERVICE NUMBER: R3422

14TH NOVEMBER 1934 - 17TH APRIL 1979





On the 17th of April 1979 a van was hijacked in Crossmaglen, just a few hours later outside Bessbrook a RUC landrover was passing the same van when a massive bomb inside it was detonated. A scene of tremendous destruction was also a scene of slaughter.

Four RUC men were immediately killed. Wreckage and the remains of those innocent men were found as far as a quarter of a mile from the carnage.

Among the men murdered was full time Reserve Constable and former Ulster Special Constabulary Constable Robert Archibald Lockhart of Lisnalea Park, Mountnorris. Aged 44, Robert was married to Evelyn and together they had three children, Derek (aged 19), Thelma (13) and Hillary (9) – all of whom are pictured above.

Robert was a member of Belleek Bible & Crown Defenders L.O.L. 528 Markethill District No 10.

Robert had worked previously for U.T.A (Ulster Transport Authority) which then became Ulsterbus and T.W. Johnston in Mountnorris.

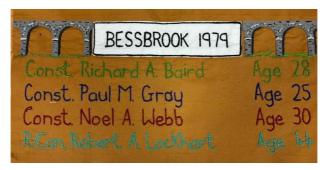
Amongst Robert's hobbies and interests were caravanning and working on cars and anything mechanical.

At his funeral in Kingsmills Presbyterian Church, the Rev David McIlwrath said of Robert, 'Robert Lockhart displayed the courage and devotedness of so many people in South Armagh who had pressed on with daily living in the most difficult of circumstance... They deeply mourned his passing... of a human being made in the image of God, a husband, a father, a son, a brother, a colleague and a neighbour and a friend whom, other human beings loved and needed."

The others who lost their lives were Noel Alexander Webb, Paul Moore Gray and Richard Allen Baird.

BESSBROOK BOMB ATTACK

17TH APRIL 1979



Paul Gray (25), Robert Lockhart (44), Richard Baird (28) and Noel Webb (30), members of the RUC GC were murdered by a Provisional IRA remote-controlled bomb hidden in a parked van, and detonated when their mobile patrol drove past, Bessbrook village.

A Ford Transit van full of cheese was undertaking a delivery journey from Dundalk to Castleblaney, when it was hijacked by the Provisional IRA as it passed along the border at circa 9am in the morning.

It was packed with 1,000lbs of explosives (believed to be the largest bomb used by the Provisional IRA up to that date) and parked 12 miles away from where it was hijacked on Millvale Road, near Bessbrook, South Armagh, overlooked by houses.

A Provisional IRA terrorist unit was hiding in bushes on a hillside watching for the RUC Land Rover to pass the parked van.

The RUC unit had left Bessbrook Mill Barracks and was en route to Camlough Road. At 11.35am, the bomb within the parked transit van was detonated as the RUC unit drove past. All four of the officers inside were murdered and eleven other people, including several children, also travelling along the road were injured.

The armour of the Land Rover was destroyed and the vehicle was destroyed beyond recognition. Another RUC vehicle 200 yards away had its windscreen blown in and several nearby houses were damaged by the blast. For the RUC it was the "worst single loss of life" it had experienced, and there were little remains left of the four officers, who were so brutally murdered.

The youngest was 25-year-old Paul Gray, from Armagh, who was due to get married two months later. He had only joined the RUC eight months before.

The eldest of the officers, Robert Lockhart (44), also from Armagh, was an even newer recruit, having joined in the previous November.

Father of three Noel Webb (30), had joined the RUC 13 months earlier, and was a member of Belleek Bible and Crown Defenders Orange Lodge.

28-year-old Richard Baird, a father of two, had been serving for three years.

The 1979 bombing marked a period of heightened Provisional IRA activity in the broad South Armagh/South Down area and beyond, including the brutal murders of 18 soldiers at Narrow Water and the murder of Lord Mountbatten and three other fellow civilians in the August of that year.

In January 1981, Patrick Joseph Traynor (27) from Crossmaglen was found guilty of the four murders and a range of other charges. He was jailed for life on each of the four murder charges and was sentenced to 12 years for the related crimes.

Of course, alike others he was released under the terms of The Belfast Agreement.

The four Officers were men committed to service, to supporting the principles of freedom, and the upholding of the law. Their lives will not be forgotten, and their positive legacy will live on.

FREDERICK (ERIC) JOHN LUTTON

EX RUCR

24TH AUGUST 1939 - 1ST MAY 1979





Eric Lutton was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Eric was 40 years old, married with one child (Nigel) and was from Derrycoose Road, Annaghmore. Eric was a former member of the RUC reserve and was locking the gates of the National Trust's Argory House around 5pm when he was shot by the Provisional IRA.

Eric was shot at close range when two men who were wearing stocking masks pulled up in a car. He was shot in the stomach and legs and was taken to South Tyrone Hospital where he died a few minutes later.

He had resigned from the RUC reserve months earlier. Eric worked at Argory House for 15 years and when the house became National Trust property less than a year before his death, Eric stayed on.

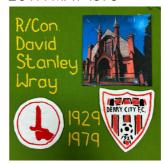
Eric was a family man first and foremost and his untimely murder and death had a devastating impact upon those left behind.

RESERVE CONSTABLE DAVID (STANLEY) WRAY

SERVICE NUMBER: R3312

13TH APRIL 1929 - 20TH MAY 1979





David Stanley Wray, (known as Stanley) was 50 years old, he was married with two children, Lucinda and John. He joined the RUC reserve after having served on the UDR. He also worked at Du Point as a Fibre Operator.

On 20th May 1979 Stanley was shot by the Provisional IRA as he got out of his car on his way to Claremont Presbyterian Church on the Northland Road, Londonderry. His teenage daughter and son witnessed the murder. He survived an earlier attempt on his life 3 years previous.

Stanley's biggest interest was football, he supported Derry City Football Club and also Charlton Athletic.

This is why those emblems were chosen for his patch on the Memorial quilt along with an image of Claremont Presbyterian Church where the RUC reservist was murdered while he was off duty on a Sunday morning when bringing his children to church.

ROSS HEARST

CIVILIAN 1928 - 4TH SEPTEMBER 1980





Ross Hearst was murdered on 4th September 1980.

Ross was a 52-year-old Protestant civilian, married with five children and was from Tynan, Co. Armagh.

The Provisional IRA shot him and left his body on the roadside near his burnt out Vauxhall car. He was shot near the border at Middletown.

Ross was abducted by four armed men as he was visiting a friend who he would attend a religious service with on the other side of the border.

After the service they went to a bar they normally went to before going back to the friend's house. Upon returning to the friend's home, they were approached by the gunmen who took Ross away and shot him four times. He was a member of Glaslough Royal Black Preceptory 332.

A chef from Monaghan was in 1983 given a life sentence in Dublin for the murder. This case was the 2nd case under the 1976 Criminal Law Jurisdiction Act that allowed suspects who committed murder in Northern Ireland to be tried in the Irish Republic.

His daughter Ann Hearst (a UDR Greenfinch) was murdered just three years previously, again by The Provisional IRA.

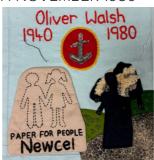
In his spare time Ross enjoyed playing darts, he also enjoyed attending the various meetings of the lodges and associations in which he was a member of.

OLIVER WALSH

CIVILIAN

6TH APRIL 1940 - 12TH NOVEMBER 1980





Oliver Walsh, husband of Patricia and father of six children, was born in 1940 on a small holding (Kinnego) on the shores of Lough Neagh. He was the second youngest of six and received an excellent education in Lurgan Tech, then Belfast Tech.

Oliver joined the Merchant Navy in 1961 and left in 1969 owing to his mother's death. Oliver was instrumental in setting up a paper converting factory (Newcel) in 1974 located in Crossmaglen, south Armagh. He was highly regarded as a respected businessman and employer in the local area.

On his way to work there on 12th November 1980, he was killed in an explosion meant for the security forces. One of the tributes paid at the time referred to him as 'very resourceful young man'.

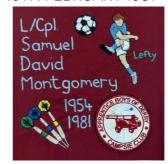
He was a man of few words and held no rancour towards anyone. He held his family and faith dear and was generous with his time and talent

LANCE CORPORAL SAMUEL (DAVID) MONTGOMERY

SERVICE NUMBER: 24345842

21ST JANUARY 1954 - 10TH FEBRUARY 1981





Samuel David Montgomery served part time in 5th Company Ulster Defence Regiment alongside his day job in Robert Keys Timber Yard in Londonderry where he had taken up employment once he left school.

David was only 27 years old when he was murdered by two Provisional IRA gunmen who entered his place of work at Robert Keys & Co Strand Road Londonderry on 10th February 1981 at around 4pm.

David was shot in the back and neck and unfortunately had passed away by the time he arrived at Altnagelvin Hospital.

David was single and loved playing darts and football. He was a member of Campsie Parent Club Apprentice Boys of Derry, and a memorial plaque was erected in his memory by Club members in the Memorial Hall.

LANCE CORPORAL RICHARD WILLIAM JAMES MCKEE

SERVICE NUMBER: 24285516

13TH MARCH 1954 - 28TH APRIL 1981





Richard was a 27-year-old Protestant, single and a member of the UDR holding the rank of Lance-Corporal and was from Clermont Gardens in Warrenpoint.

Richard was in a van carrying three members of the UDR when it was attacked by the Provisional IRA murdering Richard and seriously injuring another soldier. The ambush took place as they were travelling along the Rathfriland to Castlewellan road. Richard died almost immediately.

The March 1982 inquest was told by the van driver: "I felt myself being hit on the right hand and then I was hit in the stomach. I started to lose control and then decided to ditch the van. I drove towards the right-hand ditch to find cover and hit a large boulder which threw the van over on its side. I managed to get out of the back with my other colleague. The sergeant stopped a Cortina and asked the driver to go for help. I then stopped a cattle lorry and the driver took me to the police station".

The injured soldier was taken to the Down Hospital and then transferred to Musgrave Park Hospital.

Richard previously served with the Inniskilling Dragoon Guards for six years.

Tragically in 2011 Richard's nephew Stephen McKee aged just 27 years and a Royal Irish Regiment soldier was killed in Afghanistan. L/Cpl McKee was taking part in an operation in Helmand province when his vehicle struck a roadside bomb.

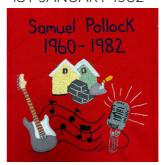
Stephen's brothers, father-in-law and cousin had all served with the Royal Irish Regiment.

The McKee family have a proud and courageous tradition of Service within the Army and in serving our Nation.

SAMUEL POLLOCK

CIVILIAN 16TH JANUARY 1960 – 1ST JANUARY 1982





Samuel was born on 16th January 1960 in Australia his Mum and Dad having immigrated there in 1958 from Northern Ireland they returned in 1962, settling in Dunmurry, Belfast. Samuel was the eldest in a family of six boys, he was an adventurous and lively young man with many friends.

In 1969 the 'Troubles' started and sectarian hatred forced many families to flee to safer areas and the Pollock family were one of them. The family went to live in Newcastle, County Down in the Summer of 1973 but in less than 3 months tragedy struck. Samuel was with his mum when she was killed by a drunk driver who crashed into a telegraph pole, it fell across the road and killed Mrs Pollock instantly, Samuel escaped physical injury but he was left traumatised.

For a short time afterwards the boys were separated but were eventually reunited in Dromore, County Down living with their Dad, Aunt and Grandad.

Samuel seen out High School in Dromore and it was there that he found his interest in Rock n Roll music after starring in the school production of 'Grease' in 5th year.

In 1978 he returned to the house in Newcastle and begun work as a bricklayer. Samuel had many friends, some of them boys and girls, both Protestant and Catholic, some from Belfast Rock n Roll club where he was a member.

In 1980 Samuel was best man when his Father remarried, the family then went from just six boys to seven boys and three girls.

In November 1981 Samuel's uncle Ronald Pollock lost his legs in a Provisional IRA booby trap car explosion outside his home in Banbridge. Then on 1st January 1982 Samuel had left the house in Newcastle that evening with a UDR friend, David Brady, they left in his car to pick up a Catholic friend and go visit Samuel's girlfriend who was a waitress in a local Hotel. Upon leaving the Hotel, the three got into the car in Donald Car Park, David reversed the car and it was then that a booby trap bomb exploded killing Samuel and badly injuring David, he survived along with the other passenger.

Samuel's funeral was attended by hundreds of mourners including many young friends, a Protestant and Catholic from the Rock n Roll Society even laid a wreath. The Reverend lan Paisley also spoke at the graveside.

Samuel was an energetic, fun loving and caring young man who was brutally murdered by the Provisional IRA when he was in the prime of his life.

The family circle miss him deeply and they have yet to see justice for Samuel and Ronald's attack.

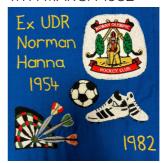
The Troubles has left a Legacy of the terrorists who are attempting to rewrite history and forget the victims.

NORMAN HANNA

EX UDR

13TH AUGUST 1954 - 11TH MARCH 1982





Norman was 28 years old and married to Sandra, they had one child called Gail. He worked as a civil servant and was also a Private on the UDR up until 6 years before he was murdered.

On 11th March 1982 Norman was shot in front of his wife and daughter as he arrived for work at Newry PSV centre.

He played darts, football and was a keen hockey player. He played for Newry Olympic and was picked for the Ulster hockey team.

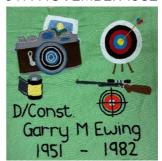
Norman was also a member of the Orange Lodge - Crieve Purple Star LOL 252 on which a picture of Norman is painted as an everlasting tribute to him on the lodge banner. He was also a member of Newry Masonic.

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE GARRY MERVYN EWING

SERVICE NUMBER: 9779

3RD SEPTEMBER 1951 – 9TH NOVEMBER 1982





Garry was from Enniskillen, he was born on 3rd September 1951 and had two brothers and one sister. He joined the RUC and was a Special Branch Detective Constable stationed in Enniskillen. He was 31 years old, married and a father of two young daughters, he was a loving father, a good husband and a supportive brother.

He was a keen Archer and was taking an Archery class at the Lakeland Forum, Enniskillen on the night he was murdered. When the class was over he returned to his car along with Helen Woodhouse who had also attended the class and was a family friend and babysitter, he was giving her a lift home. As they drove away from the Lakeland Forum a bomb exploded under the car killing them both.

When Garry's father died and his brother's moved away he assumed the role of head of the household and provided for his mother and sister.

Garry's other interests were photography, shooting and fishing.

RESERVE CONSTABLE JOHN MARTIN

EX RUC RESERVE

16TH AUGUST 1947 - 27TH NOVEMBER 1982





John was born on 16th August 1947, he was married to June and together they had two sons, Alan and Iain.

John worked as a Civil Servant Reserve policeman, in the family business of lawnmower sales and service with his Father George Martin and he owned his own Petrol Station on Mall West, Armagh.

Amongst John's hobbies and interests were playing squash, fishing (as he was from Benburb with the River Black Water), cricket and he was also a member of the Masonic.

John was killed by the Provisional IRA in front of his 10-year-old son Alan as they worked behind the counter at his filling station on the Mall West, Armagh on Saturday 27th November 1982.

RESERVE CONSTABLE JOHN ROBINSON OLPHERT

SERVICE NUMBER: R1814

6TH SEPTEMBER 1943 - 18TH JANUARY 1983





John Olphert was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists on 18th January 1983 in Londonderry. He was aged 39 years old. He had survived three murder attempts on his life prior to that point so had understood that he was a target.

John was married to Madeline, they married on 1st April 1967 so at the time of his murder they had been married for nearly 16 years. They had 2 children, Peter and Mark.

John was a boilerman by trade, he worked for different companies in Londonderry and Limavady but of course he was also a proud member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary since the inception of the Part time Reserve in 1972.

In July 1982 he realised his dream and lifetime ambition and opened a MACE Supermarket in the Nelson Drive area of the City of Londonderry. In November of 1982 he also became the Sub Postmaster for the Nelson Drive area. The Post Office opened in the same building as the supermarket. This however was short lived as the shop was also the scene of his murder on 18th January 1983.

As far as hobbies were concerned, John was a very active member of all the Loyal Orders. A past Master of his own Orange Lodge, Churchill LOL 871 and a Past District Master of the City of Londonderry No4 District Loyal Orange Lodge. He was Treasurer of the Murray Parent Club of the Apprentice Boys of Derry and Chaplain of Royal Black Preceptory 331 in the City of Londonderry.

SERGEANT GORDON WILSON

SERVICE NUMBER: 14155

22ND FEBRUARY 1953 - 21ST FEBRUARY 1983





Gordon was a 29-year-old Protestant, married with 1 child who was only 6 weeks old.

Gordon joined the Ministry of Defence Police and was based at RAF Aldergrove, but he always wanted to serve in the RUC, so he joined up in 1974. Gordon was murdered as the result of a Provisional IRA bomb that had been hidden behind the door of a derelict bar near Armagh city centre.

The 50lb bomb was detonated by remote control while Gordon was standing outside the Albert Bar. He was attached to an RUC mobile support unit that was based at Gough barracks and was in charge of an armoured patrol car.

Gordon was born in Warrenpoint but had recently moved into a new house in Jubilee Park, Armagh.

Gordon was a member of LOL 120 and RBP 27, in his spare time he enjoyed shooting and fishing.

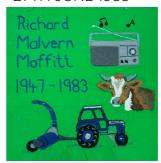
The life of a decent young man and fine Police Officer was extinguished by those led by hate.

RICHARD MALVERN MOFFITT

CIVILIAN

8TH JANUARY 1947 - 27TH JUNE 1983





Malvern Moffitt was born on a cold January morning in 1947 at Arvalee, Omagh. He was the eldest of four children born to Richard and Eva Moffitt. His grandfather and three motherless children had to flee their farm in Co Cavan in the 1920's as they had been threatened by republicans.

Malvern attended Deverney Primary school, on leaving he worked the family farm. When he had saved enough, he bought some agricultural machinery and was a contractor employing men from both sides of the community. He met and married Iris and they had four children.

Malvern was very sociable and outgoing and always enjoyed 'the craic'. He spent many hours visiting and chatting to neighbours and friends and was widely known in the Omagh and Beragh areas. He was often seen with his children on the farm while baling hay or moving cattle.

He was very musical and although he didn't have the opportunity to play an instrument he enjoyed listening to the latest hits of the 1960s and 70s.

He was a regular attender of Edenderry Parish Church. He was always on hand to help when someone got into difficulty. On the morning that he was murdered he had helped a neighbour calve a cow that had got into difficulties. He was shot by Provisional IRA gun men on an isolated road at Striffe, Drumnakilly while cutting hedges.

RESERVE CONSTABLE JAMES FERGUSON

SERVICE NUMBER: R2434

14TH FEBRUARY 1930 - 6TH OCTOBER 1983





James Ferguson (known as Jimmy) worked full time as Head Gardener at the Downe Hospital, Downpatrick and was also a part time Reserve Constable in the RUC reserve.

Jimmy and his colleague, William Finlay were fatally shot by the Provisional IRA while they were on foot patrol in the Meadowlands Estate in Downpatrick on the evening of 6th October 1983. Jimmy's children were at choir practice in Down Cathedral at the time of the attack.

Jimmy was married and devoted to his wife Anne, a Primary School teacher, they had three children together, Elaine, Sharon and Roy, they were 16, 14 and 12 years old at the time of his death.

A dedicated family man Jimmy was always encouraging his children to work hard in life and to make the most of their education.

He had a great love of all animals, but he had a real passion for horses, he bred six foals from his lovely and loyal thoroughbred mare, Fugacity and took great satisfaction from seeing them thrive. A little grey pony called Misty too, brought many years of joy to the Ferguson children.

Jimmy also enjoyed growing a variety of fruit and veg in the family's garden and his children loved nothing more than eating the peas straight from the pods and raspberries directly off the canes.

He also enjoyed sport and in particular cricket. He was a sociable man, a friend to many and was very well respected both in his work lives and in the local community.

It's a real shame he never got to watch his children grow up and get married nor to see and love any of his grandchildren.

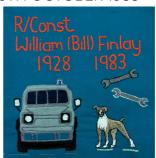
Gone, but never forgotten.

RESERVE CONSTABLE WILLIAM (BILL) FINLAY

SERVICE NUMBER: 2819

12TH AUGUST 1928 - 6TH OCTOBER 1983





William Finlay, (known as Bill) was born in 1928, he was married with three daughters and worked as a mechanic / maintenance in Downpatrick Police Station as well as being a serving officer.

In 1978 Const. Finlay was awarded the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct after an incident in Ardglass when he persuaded a man with a shotgun to put his weapon down.

Bill was murdered alongside his colleague James Ferguson on 6th October 1983 while the pair were on foot patrol in the Meadowlands Estate in Downpatrick.

The two officers had just left a sweet shop where they had spent some time chatting to customers. They were walking about 15 yards apart when 2 Provisional IRA gunmen stepped from trees on the side of the road. They fired around 9 shots at the victims. They were hit in the neck and shoulders before the gunmen ran off.

Bill is lovingly remembered by his family.

RESERVE CONSTABLE WILLIAM FITZPATRICK

SERVICE NUMBER: R6868

5TH SEPTEMBER 1936 - 10TH NOVEMBER 1983





William (Willie) Fitzpatrick was a security man at the Silent Valley Reservoir, he joined the RUC in 1976 as a Reserve Constable and lived along with his mother.

On 10th November 1983 he was shot by the Provisional IRA through the window of his remote home near Annalong and the Silent Valley. He is believed to have been renovating his home at the time which was an old schoolhouse.

Willie enjoyed football and was a qualified referee. He also enjoyed walking and completed the Mourne Wall walk many times.

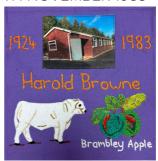
His funeral took place in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Ballymartin village.

WILLIAM HAROLD (HARRY) BROWNE

CIVILIAN

13TH MARCH 1924 - 20TH NOVEMBER 1983





Harold (known as Harry) was born in Cullyhanna, South Armagh on 13th March 1924. He was married to Lizzie, and they had three sons, William, Ronald and David.

Harry bred Charlois cattle on his farm at Corkley, Keady, County Armagh, he also ran an Apple House where apples were prepared for the Cannery (to make tinned apples for export).

He was a Christian man who attended Mountain Lodge Pentecostal Church in Darkley every Sunday.

In fact it was on Sunday 20th November 1983 at $6.30 \, \mathrm{pm}$ while Harry and two other elders were welcoming the congregation into the church that they were brutally murdered by the INI A.

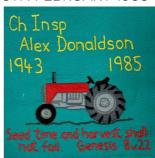
None of the three Christian elders stood a chance against the evil perpetrators. The three men were fatally wounded, Harold Browne (59), Victor Cunningham (39) and David Wilson (44). The gunmen then stood outside the building and sprayed it with bullets wounding a further seven innocent people.

CHIEF INSPECTOR ALEXANDER DONALDSON

SERVICE NUMBER: 9240

7TH OCTOBER 1943 - 28TH FEBRUARY 1985





Alexander (Alec) was 41 years old and married with three children. He was a Chief Inspector in the RUC and was based at Geogh Barracks, Armagh.

Amongst Alec's hobbies and interests were animals, gardening and being a member of his local lodge.

Alec was killed along with 8 other RUC colleagues during a Provisional IRA mortar attack on Newry Police Station on 28th February 1985.

The attack saw the greatest single loss of life of RUC members over the period of the terrorist campaign.

The mortar contained about 40lbs of explosives and hit the mobile canteen. Chief Inspector Donaldson (Alec) was the highest-ranking officer to die in the incident and came from Hillsborough. The attack took place around 6:35pm while the victims were either eating or playing pool in a room close by.

Chief Inspector Donaldson's brother, Samuel also died on the 12th August 1970 after being fatally injured by a Provisional IRA booby-trap bomb that exploded near Crossmaglen.

NEWRY POLICE STATION (MORTAR BOMB ATTACK)

28TH FEBRUARY 1985



Nine RUC Officers were mercilessly murdered by The Provisional IRA in an attack which saw the greatest single loss of life of RUC members over the period of the terrorist campaign.

- 1. Alexander Donaldson, 41-year-old, married with 3 children an RUC police officer.
- 2. Geoffrey K. Campbell, 24-year-old, married and an RUCR police officer.
- 3. John Thomas Dowd, 31-year-old, married and an RUC police officer.
- 4. Denis Anthony Price, 22-year-old, single and an RUCR police officer.
- 5. Rosemary Elizabeth McGookin, 27-year-old, married and an RUC police officer.
- 6. Sean Brian McHenry, 19-years-old, single and an RUCR police officer.
- 7. David Peter Topping, 22-year-old, single and an RUC police officer.
- 8. Paul Hillery McFerran, 33-year-old, single and an RUCR police officer.
- 9. Ivy Winifred Kelly, 29-year-old, married and an RUC police officer.

All the above victims were police officers who were murdered as the result of a Provisional IRA mortar attack on the Newry RUC police station.

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Newry Mortor Bomb 1985

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R/Coh, Rosemary E. McGookin, 27
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The mortar contained about 40lbs of explosives and hit the mobile canteen. Chief Inspector Donaldson (Alex) was the highest-ranking officer to die in the incident and came from Hillsborough. The attack took place around 6:35pm while the victims were either at their eating or playing pool in a room close by.

Reserve Const. Geoffrey Campbell was from Dromara and had only joined the RUC a month earlier.

Detective Sergeant John Dowd joined the RUC in 1974 and had previously served with the Thames Valley Constabulary. His wife was also a policewoman.

Constable Denis Price was from Glengormley and joined the RUC reserve in August 1983.

Const. Rosemary McGookin was from Lisburn and had previously worked in the RUC's information centre. She died shortly after the explosion in hospital.

Res Constable Sean McHenry was from Newtownards and joined the RUC reserve the previous September.

Constable David Topping was from Lurgan and joined the RUC the previous May.

Res Constable Paul McFerran was from Belfast and had joined the RUC in October 1983.

Const. Ivy Kelly was married to a serving police officer. She had been a member of the RUC ladies' hockey team.

This was a callous attack on not only innocent Police personnel but also upon our system of law and order. The lack of accountability around this atrocity also causes additional pain for those left behind.

RESERVE CONSTABLE JOHN WILLIAM JOSEPH BELL

SERVICE NUMBER: R1193

9TH MAY 1949 - 29TH MARCH 1985





John was 34 years old, a married father of two and a garage owner, he lived on the site of the garage.

On 29th March 1985 he was shot in the back and head, at point blank range while talking to a customer at 11am, at his garage in Rathfriland Square, Co Down.

The off duty RUCR's wife ran into the garage on hearing the shots. Mrs Bell rushed to his side and waited for an ambulance. John died later that day after medical staff at Craigavon Hospital and later the Royal Victoria Hospital tried for more than five hours to save his life.

The street was packed in a hushed silence as the funeral cortege made its way to the Presbyterian Church, on Newry Street, Rathfriland, for the funeral service.

John had survived a previous attempt on his life three years earlier.

John was a keen fisherman and enjoyed a game of table-tennis.

WOMAN CONSTABLE TRACY ELLEN DOAK

SERVICE NUMBER: PW 1177

17TH APRIL 1964 - 20TH MAY 1985





Tracy Ellen Doak was born on 17th April 1964, she joined the RUC and was stationed in Newry.

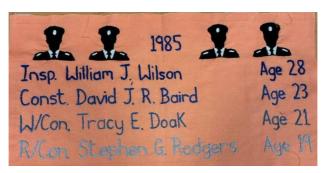
She had many interests in life but enjoyed music, singing and working at tapestries. Tracy was very enthusiastic about everything she did but in particular her tapestry work which she did to a high standard, she left behind many momentos of her work for her family to share.

Tracy was murdered along with three colleagues on on 20th May 1985 at Killeen Border, their duty was to escort a Brinksmart Van from the Republic of Ireland when a 1000lb bomb was exploded by the Provisional IRA.

Tracy will never be forgotten by many people but most of all those who loved her.

KILLEEN ATTACK

20TH MAY 1985



Stephen Rodgers (19) Tracey Doak (21) David Baird (22) and William Wilson (28) were murdered on 20th May 1985 in The Killeen Landmine attack carried out by the Provisional IRA.

The attack occurred just three months after nine RUC officers were murdered and 37 injured in the 1985 Newry mortar bomb attack on the Police Station.

The Provisional IRA detonated the bomb by remote control while the RUC officers patrol car was stopped under the hidden bomb, they were waiting to escort a security van which was carrying money across the Irish border along the main Dublin - Belfast road.

The bomb exploded under the patrol car. Three male officers and one female officer were killed instantly. Bomb experts believed the bomb was estimated to have contained 1,000 lbs (450 kg) worth of explosives. The vehicle was completely destroyed in the blast. The Bomb exploded just seconds after a bus carrying school children passed and about 200 yards away from the border.

In Toby Harnden's book Bandit Country, the RUC put the blame on the lucrative figure they called 'The Surgeon' who later rose to become the IRA's commander of the South Armagh's - (North Louth / Dromintee unit)

At the Inquest into the murders it was found that the bomb had been detonated in the Republic of Ireland, something initially claimed to be false by the Garda.

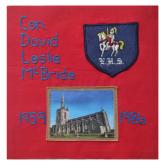
There continues to be many unanswered questions concerning these murders, no-one has yet been brought to justice.

CONSTABLE DAVID LESLIE MCBRIDE

SERVICE NUMBER: 15933

9TH MARCH 1959 - 22ND MAY 1986





David had been stationed at Crossmaglen having previously served at Oldpark, North Belfast. He had joined the RUC in early 1983 following study at Jordanstown University.

David was a very sociable person who made friends easily. He was popular among his peers and loved being in the company of others. He enjoyed reading in his down time and watching a range of sports and other programmes on television.

David was on a patrol with other police and military personnel outside the town of Crossmaglen when he was caught up in an explosion as he and others were crossing a ditch. Another Police Officer Constable William Smyth and Major Andrew French MBE, Royal Anglian Regiment also lost their lives.

David was from the town of Enniskillen, and this is reflected on the memorial quilt. The Enniskillen High School emblem represents the school David attended and where he was very popular among his school friends and teaching staff.

The emblem of St Macartin's Cathedral is also chosen as this was David's local church where he was baptised & confirmed and continued to attend into adulthood.

CORPORAL DAVID (BRIAN) BROWN QGM

SERVICE NUMBER: 24273709

11TH FEBRUARY 1949 - 28TH MAY 1986





Brian was born in the Spa, County Down on 11th February 1949, he had three brothers. He joined the UDR part time and then decided to go full time. He was a dog handler and was involved in major searches where items were retrieved that in turn saved lives.

When Brian wasn't on duty, he had a farm which kept him busy. He was a member of Spa Wells Loyal Orange Lodge - after his death the lodge put a picture of Brian and his Labrador dog Oliver on their banner, this is something his family are very proud of. Every year Brian would clear the Orange field to ensure it was safe for the upcoming celebrations.

Brian was murdered in Kilkeel on 28th May 1986 when a Provisional IRA bomb detonated, his beloved dog was also killed. No one has ever been brought to justice for his murder.

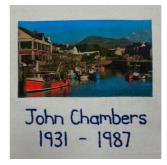
Brian was posthumously awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal.

At the time of his murder Brian was only 37 years old, he was married with four children.

JOHN CHAMBERS

CIVILIAN 15TH JUNE 1931 - 13TH MARCH 1987





John Chambers was a 56-year-old Protestant civilian, married to Elizabeth (Betty) and together they had two children (Joy & Hazel). John was a lorry driver from Annalong, he was employed by J. Graham & Sons.

John was shot outside Rostrevor by the Provisional IRA who said they intended to kill a UDR member. The Provisional IRA said in a statement that John was a member of the UDR and claimed responsibility for John's murder.

The allegations of John being in the UDR were not true. The fact is that John was off work on sick leave and agreed to drive as a favour to a colleague who hurt his hand. John's colleague was the regular lorry driver and was a part-time member of the UDR. One of John's neighbours said: "that was the type of him. He was just doing a good turn for that 1 day".

John was described at his funeral service as "a typical genuine and civil Mourne man of great kindness and generosity".

Before John became a lorry driver, he was a fisherman for many years, he enjoyed watching fishing boats coming in and out of the Harbour at Annalong hence why this image was chosen for his patch on the Memorial Quilt.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR LESLIE JARVIS

CIVILIAN INSTRUCTOR IN HMP MAGILLIGAN

DATE OF MURDER: 23RD MARCH 1987





Leslie Jarvis was a 61-year-old Protestant, married with one child. Leslie was from Dennet Gardens in Londonderry's Waterside area and was a Prison Lecturer at Magilligan prison. Leslie was attending night classes at Magee College in Londonderry and was sitting in his car just before 9pm when he was shot in the head by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Three masked gunmen approached Leslie's Skoda car where he was parked outside the front door. The gunmen used a low velocity rifle and fired up to six shots through the windscreen of Leslie's car.

Leslie was killed instantly. The gunmen were seen casually walking away after the shooting.

Lost Lives quotes the Irish Times as saying of Leslie Jarvis: "Late in life he experienced the same fate as many of his fellow citizens - unemployment. He had worked as a mechanic in the shirt industry and then in a shoe factory which closed down. He decided to get a job as a leatherwork instructor in Magilligan prison. He was in the third year of a five year part time degree course in psychology".

The Provisional IRA said they murdered Leslie because the regime in Magilligan was "violent and inhumane". They really needed look no further than a mirror to see a vision of violence and inhumanity.

Just under an hour later students were leaving the college when a boobytrap bomb on the back seat of the car exploded, resulting in the murders of RUC officers Austin Wilson and John Bennison.

Austin was a 35-year-old Protestant, married with two children and was from Castle Park, Limavady.

John was a 41-year-old Protestant, married with one child and was originally from Bristol. John and his wife had just bought a new home in Limavady where they intended to settle with their 15-year-old daughter.

Det. Insp. Wilson was due to give evidence at the inquest of Mr. Mervyn Bell who had

been shot by the Provisional IRA in Londonderry. He had served with the RUC for 17 years and had been commended and highly commended 30 times. Det. Sgt. Bennison was a former Grenadier Guardsman and had been awarded the United Nations Medal.

Det. Sgt. Bennison had been with the Avon and Somerset Constabulary and was transferred to the RUC six years earlier. On four occasions he was highly commended four times by the RUC for his police work.

Commenting on the murders Roman Catholic Bishop Edward Daly said: "To use the body of a person who has been murdered as a lure to murder police officers, or anyone else, demonstrates a degree of lack of respect for both the living and the dead which is hard to comprehend".

RESERVE CONSTABLE GEORGE IAN GREY SHAW

SERVICE NUMBER: R9559

16TH APRIL 1936 - 3RD APRIL 1987





George Shaw joined the police in the 1950s, he went to Enniskillen for his training and was then stationed in Strabane, he travelled up and down to Strabane on a motorbike. After a few years he inherited the family farm outside Castlewellan and so he decided to leave the police. In the meantime he took on a number of different driving jobs but then made the decision to join the full time RUC reserve as he wanted to do his bit for the community.

Farming was a big part of George's life, the farm at Castlewellan has been in the Shaw family for generations, since the 1700s, this is why a tractor and a sheaf of corn were chosen for the quilt patch, to represent George's love of farming and the significance of the family farm.

The Shaw family were also into racing pigeons in fact George's son Robert is still involved in this sport today and the last conversation he had with his father on the evening of his murder was about the pigeons amongst other things.

George was shot along with a colleague who suffered injury in the attack when they were leaving Ballynahinch Station that fateful night at approximately 11.20pm.

Constable Shaw was driving his car through the gates which were being opened by a colleague when the cowards struck, opening fire when the RUC Officers were at their most vulnerable.

There was shock and revulsion across the community when Constable Shaw was murdered, he was a viewed as a decent, happy go lucky person.

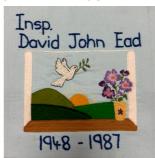
Constable Shaw was buried in Drumcree Cemetery. Sadly he is one of almost 80 innocents to be murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists across the South Down area.

INSPECTOR DAVID JOHN EAD

SERVICE NUMBER: 10315

3RD MAY 1948 - 20TH APRIL 1987





At the time of David's death, (known as Dave) he was married with two daughters aged eight and ten. Dave left school to join the Army. One of his postings whilst serving was to Northern Ireland.

At this time Dave wanted to join the Police but unfortunately his home force the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary was not recruiting. Dave liked the people in Northern Ireland and decided to join the RUC.

He served as a Police Constable and a Police Sergeant in Londonderry. On promotion to Inspector Dave was transferred to Newcastle. Co Down.

He was a very fit young man and loved all sports but excelled at swimming. As a young boy his frequent birthday present from his parents was a season's ticket to swim at Plymouth Hoe.

Dave loved music and had a piano at home which he frequently played and encouraged the girls to play.

He loved animals and as a boy he always had a pet his favourite being his black Labrador. At home we had a stray cat that he had rescued and brought home.

Dave had had different attempts on his life. He had survived the Polytechnic bomb where three of his colleagues lost their lives.

Dave lost his life on Easter Monday 1987. This was his, rest day, but because Newcastle is very busy on Easter Monday with visitors coming to enjoy the Seaside atmosphere, Dave was required to work.

The three symbols chosen for the Memorial Quilt were, The White Dove, Flowers and the Sun.

The White Dove is a Universal Symbol of Peace. Dave was a very peace-loving person. He had grown up in England and had absolutely no political bias. Dave treated everyone with respect.

The flowers were chosen because Dave loved his garden. Long before it became a common practice for people to have fresh flowers in their homes each week Dave requested that the family kept fresh cut flowers.

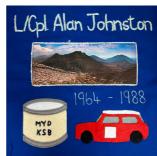
The sun was chosen because it is warm, bright and makes us feel happy. These are all characteristics that Dave had. Dave had a wonderful temperament, always kind and caring.

LANCE CORPORAL ALAN THOMAS JOHNSTON

SERVICE NUMBER: 24635587

25TH AUGUST 1964 - 15TH FEBRUARY 1988





Alan was a joiner, working for Graham's builders, Kilkeel and was also a Part Time member of 3 UDR. He had a love of sport, especially motorsport and football, he supported Liverpool Football Club.

Alan was walking into Graham's Joinery Works in Kilkeel at 8am on 15th February 1988 to start work, when he was shot five times by the Provisional IRA from behind, so he was unable to try and defend himself or find a safe place to shelter from the gunman. He was taken to a local cottage hospital where he died a short time later. He was 23 years old and was a part time member of 3 UDR and the family believe this was why he was targeted for murder.

Alan's mother didn't want him to join the UDR as she was very concerned for his safety, but he told her that if he could save even one life, wouldn't it be worth it, so she let him join.

Alan was a great drummer, and was a member of two bands, Kilkeel Silver Band and Mourne Young Defenders, he played the side drum in both bands, he had been in Kilkeel Silver Band from an early age.

His love of motorsport led him to buy a rally prepared mini. He had gone to watch the circuit of Ireland rally in his mini, when one of the stewards signalled for him to join the race, which he obviously didn't do, but found it very funny.

The mountains are also on the quilt as this is where Alan was born, raised and died, under the shadow of the beautiful Mourne Mountains.

CORPORAL WILLIAM THOMAS BURLEIGH

SERVICE NUMBER: 23680077

1ST OCTOBER 1936 - 6TH APRIL 1988





William Thomas Burleigh (Willie) was a Part-time member of B Coy, 4th Battalion Ulster Defence Regiment. He was also a farmer at his family home at Florencecourt. He was married to Selina and they had five children, Stephen, Catherine, George, David and Christopher.

On the 6th April 1988, whilst Willie was attending a machinery auction near Derrylin, a device exploded underneath his car killing him. He was 51 years old at the time of his murder by Provisional IRA terrorists.

Willie was a hard working man, providing for his family whilst also serving his community. He enjoyed farming and worked closely with his farming neighbours. He attended St John's Church of Ireland, Florencecourt, where he is buried. Still 36 years on, he is loved and missed by his family.

Worthy of everlasting remembrance.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT HENRY (HARRY) ALEXANDER BREEN

SERVICE NUMBER: 7702

30TH JUNE 1937 - 20TH MARCH 1989





Henry Alexander Breen, known as Harry Breen was 51 years old and married to June, together they had two children, Gillian and David.

Harry was a Chief Superintendent within the RUC, he spent the majority of his service in Armagh, Newry and Bessbrook districts.

Amongst Harry's hobbies and interests were gardening, a lot of his time was spent in the garden after work. The front and back gardens, complete with shrubs and plants, were carefully manicured. The bottom of the back garden was set aside for growing vegetables.

When not working, Harry's time was spent at the family home in Banbridge, regularly keeping in touch with his extended family in Fermanagh.

Harry also had a great faith and belief in God.

Chief Superintendent Breen and his colleague, Superintendent Bob Buchanan, were ambushed and murdered on the Edenappa Road outside Jonesborough. Both men were returning from a meeting with the Gardai in Dundalk. They were both unarmed at the time. Nobody has ever been charged with their murder.

Questions remain around the actions of Gardai attached to Dundalk Garda station.

FRANCIS CHARLES GALBRAITH

CIVILIAN

23RD FFBRUARY 1960 - 19TH APRIL 1989





Francis, known to his family and friends as Frankie, was a 29-year-old civilian who lived for his wife and five children- twin girls Janine & Leanne, Frankie, Jolene and Louise. Frankie had been walking to his local GP surgery via a pathway in Victoria Park, Sydenham, Belfast when gunmen who had been laying in wait opened fire and shot Frankie 4 times. Frankie was pronounced dead at the scene.

Frankie's wife Kathleen recalls that on the day her husband was murdered she was at home with baby Louise who was only four months old. She was waiting for her husband to return to the house when family members arrived to tell her that Frankie had been shot dead on the path. Kathleen says that on that day, she also feels like she died too. "I idolised my husband, I still do, I think everyone who loved him did too. When I think about Frankie's murder, I also think about the person I was before it happened. I changed on that day and have never gotten over the loss of Frankie. I used to watch him walk down the road until I couldn't see him anymore. I looked forward to him coming home every day. From that day, Frankie never returned, and I was left a widow with 5 young children. I am so grateful for the children as they gave me a reason to live".

Frankie and Kathleen were married by Rev. Kenny in St Clements Church, Belfast on 29th Sept 1979. Kathleen says they had such a happy marriage and were overjoyed when they found out they were expecting twins. They went on to have three more children in the years that followed.

Kathleen recalls how everyone liked Frankie, he was very well known in the community, and he spent time with people from all religious backgrounds. "When Frankie was murdered, people from both sides of the community came to pay their respects and that shows the kind of person Frankie was."

At 6ft 3", Frankie towered over Kathleen, but she remembers how loving he was and how much he adored his children. "Frankie would always have a child out with him, he was proud to push the pram. Our children lost a loving father and role model on that day. Every Sunday night he would walk to the local garage and buy them treats and biscuits and the children looked forward to that every week."

Frankie's hobbies included dogs, training pigeons and fishing. Frankie had a pigeon shed at their home and loved spending time there. The year before his murder, Kathleen, Frankie and their five children had their one and only family holiday to Spain.

Frankie is described by his wife as having a wardrobe full of smart clothes, but he always loved to wear blue jeans, chelsea boots, a blue chunky zipped cardigan, maroon bodywarmer and hat.

Kathleen says that she and her family still talk about Frankie "into the wee hours" when they get together and she wants him to always be remembered for the fun, loving family man that he was. Kathleen lives by the following words;

"If I had my life to live all over again, I would find you sooner so I could love you longer" No one was ever charged for Frankie's murder.

Always loved and missed and forever in my heart.

SUPERINTENDENT ALWYN HARRIS

SERVICE NUMBER: 7686 1938 - 8TH OCTOBER 1989





Alwyn Harris was murdered by Provisional IRA terrorists on 8th October 1989.

Alwyn was a 51-year-old Protestant, married with two children, and who was an RUC police officer from Dalboyne Gardens, Lisburn.

Alwyn was a Superintendent at the point he was murdered when a 2lb IRA bomb exploded under his car near his home.

The explosion occurred at 11:00am when he and his wife were on their way to church for a Harvest Thanksqiving service.

Mrs Harris escaped with minor injuries. Alwyn had served in Belfast, Armagh and Londonderry and was a sub divisional commander in Newcastle at the time of his death. He had a serious heart condition and was on sick leave at the time he was murdered.

Alwyn was responsible for having six members of the Royal Marines removed from duty in Kilkeel after receiving complaints they had been harassing a local Roman Catholic mother of three young children.

Father Denis Faul had passed on the complaints. He said that: "Supt. Harris was exactly the kind of officer on whom a trustworthy police force could be built". He was the third senior officer murdered in 1989 by the Provisional IRA.

Alwyn Harris stood for what was right and just unlike the terrorists who extinguished his life.

Alwyn's son Drew followed in his Dad's footsteps in joining the Police and progressed to the upper echelons of the PSNI, he is now the Commissioner of An Garda Siochana.

PRIVATE JOHN BIRCH

SERVICE NUMBER: 24469635 15TH APRIL 1961 - 9TH APRIL 1990





John was 28 years old and married with two little boys and another little baby boy on the way. He was a member of 3 UDR D Company and was based at Ballykinler Camp.

John was murdered by the Provisional IRA on 9th April 1990 on the Ballydugan Road, Downpatrick along with three comrades. A 1000lb bomb was placed in a culvert under the road and was detonated as their landrover passed over it.

John had previous service in the Irish Guards. His third child was born four months after his death.

His hobbies included reading, music, history, nature and his band, Ballyhalbert Followers of Rangers Flute Band. The bass drum was chosen for John's patch as he followed in his fathers and grandfather's footsteps in playing the bass drum in the band and it's even more significant now as one of John's sons is continuing the family legacy and playing the bass drum in the present day.

The four soldiers who lost their lives in the Downpatrick Landmine attack on 9th April 1990 were:

Private Michael David Adams (23)

Private John Birch (28)

Lance Corporal John Bradley (25)

Private Steven Samuel Smart (23)

PRIVATE STEVEN SMART

SERVICE NUMBER: 24683371
16TH DECEMBER 1966 - 9TH APRIL 1990





Steven Samuel Smart was born on 16th December 1966 in Newtownards, he was the oldest of two children

When Steven left school he joined The Royal Artillery as a private, when he came out he then joined 3 UDR Ballykilner as a full time soldier.

Steven's hobbies were fishing and he also supported Liverpool Football Club.

On 9th April 1990 the Provisional IRA set a bomb on Ballydugan Road and waited on two UDR landrovers they let the first one through and blew up the second.

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PRIVATE HUBERT (BERTIE) GILMORE

EX UDR

30TH DECEMBER 1940 - 1ST DECEMBER 1990





Bertie Gilmore was shot and killed by Provisional IRA terrorists on 1st December 1990. He was aged 49 years old. Bertie was murdered at the site of the new bungalow he and his wife Annie were building. His wife Annie was almost killed in the same incident.

Bertie and Annie had three daughters, Roberta, Sharon and Valerie. Bertie was a great family man and just loved taking his little grandson Jason out with him on his JCB digger.

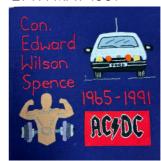
Bertie also loved gardening, bee keeping and his beloved Grey Ferguson T20 tractor. He was also in the Orange and Black Institutes and his favourite day of the year was the 12th of July.

CONSTABLE EDWARD WILSON SPENCE

SERVICE NUMBER: 17566

21ST APRIL 1965 - 27TH MAY 1991





Edward Spence was 26 years old and married with two children aged one and four. He joined the RUC and was stationed at Donegal Pass. He loved his fitness, he was into body building, he was also an avid swimmer, runner and enjoyed cycling.

Edward also loved music, his favourites were ACDC, Bruce Springsteen and Iron Maiden. He loved watching horror movies too.

On 24th May 1991 Edward was on foot patrol on the Lower Crescent, Belfast. He was talking to the doorman of the Fly nightclub as he was getting bodybuilding tickets from him. The other two police men on the other side had walked round the corner when Edward and a female reserve officer were ambushed by Provisional IRA men waiting in the church grounds. At the time females didn't carry guns. He did try to pull his weapon out, but he was shot in the carotid artery and five times in the body. Edward sadly died in hospital on 27th May 1991.

No one has ever been convicted of his murder and his family have received no justice.

The Ford badge was chosen for Edward's patch as he loved cars, and he always drove a Ford. His favourite band was ACDC, he saw them twice with Bon Scott in Scotland. The weights signify how he loved the gym and keeping fit in general.

RANGER ROBERT DUNSEATH

ROYAL IRISH RANGERS

15TH SEPTEMBER 1966 - 17TH JANUARY 1992





John Robert Dunseath was a member of the 4th Battalion, Royal Irish Rangers, he was 25 years old and from Magherafelt in County Londonderry.

A part-time member of the regiment, he was one of eight construction workmen killed by a Provisional IRA landmine at Teebane crossroads near Cookstown in County Tyrone on 17th January 1992.

After leaving the Lisanelly army base in Omagh, where they had been working, they were travelling home in a Ford Transit van towards Cookstown at around 5:30pm.

As they reached the crossroads, the landmine was detonated from one hundred yards away, and it was reported that the blast could be heard for ten miles. Seven of the fourteen workmen were instantly killed, one would die four days later, and six would survive their serious injuries.

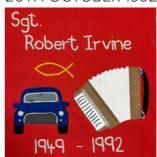
Robert was a member of Dunamoney Flute Band where he played the flute.

SERGEANT ROBERT JAMES IRVINE

SERVICE NUMBER: 24456821

17TH SEPTEMBER 1949 - 20TH OCTOBER 1992





Sergeant Robert James Irvine was married with two children, he served on the Ulster Defence Regiment/Royal Irish Regiment full time from January 1978 - 20th October 1992 having previously served in the RUC and prior to that the USC.

On 20th October 1992 while renovating his home, Robert and his family were living in temporary accommodation when he was gunned down by two Provisional IRA gunmen, he was killed instantly.

Robert's passion for driving qualified him as a driving instructor (HGV) and also a testing officer.

During the Summer months and his hectic schedule, he found limited time for peat cutting in the moss to prepare for cold Winter months, a job he loved.

Robert was saved by the grace of God in November 1970, aged 21. He devoted his life to serving God and spending time where possible increasing the wisdom and knowledge of God through Bible study and prayer and his precious library of study books.

Whatever situation he found himself in he used it to God's glory by speaking of his Saviour or telling others of the love of Christ. He was a lay preacher and was quite frequently asked to speak in local mission halls. His testimony among his colleagues, friends and family left a lasting impact in the hearts of many that still lives on today.

His wife, Margaret rests in the assurance that they will be reunited one day in their heavenly home for all eternity.

His memory will never be forgotten.

'Absent from the body, present with the Lord.'

PRISON OFFICE JAMES (JIM) PEACOCK

HER MAJESTY'S PRISON SERVICE: CRUMLIN ROAD JAIL

28TH MAY 1949 - 1ST SEPTEMBER 1993





James Peacock, known as Jim was a Prison Officer at Crumlin Road Jail, he was extremely proud and dedicated his life to being a Prison Officer. Jim was married and they had five children. He also has six surviving siblings.

His family, home life and his devoted dog Sam was everything to him.

Jim was affectionately known by everyone who knew him as Big Bird as he was over 6ft tall.

Jim's beloved dog was a Black Staffy called Sam, he was devoted to Jim as much as Jim was devoted to Sam. Unfortunately, the trauma and violence of that night meant that Sam had to be put to sleep.

On 1st September 1993 Jim was at home with his wife and youngest daughter, he was in the kitchen when armed gunmen violently burst into his home and shot him in the chest. He died in hospital later that night. It was later confirmed that UVF terrorists claimed responsibility for his death. His killers were never caught, and his murder remains unsolved.

The photograph chosen by Jim's family is of a happy memory rather than a sad one. It is of Jim and his mum at his sister's wedding the year before he was murdered.

CORPORAL TRELFORD WITHERS

SERVICE NUMBER: 24244828

11TH MARCH 1948 - 8TH AUGUST 1994





Trelford Withers was aged 46 years old and married with five children. He owned his own Butcher's shop and played the organ at Kilmore Presbyterian church. Trelford loved music and his family.

Trelford was shot by the Provisional IRA as he worked in his butcher's shop in Downpatrick Street, Crossgar. A nurse in the shop tried to resuscitate him but he died a few minutes later.

His wife who was fighting cancer had gone to visit their eldest daughter in Scotland that day and saw a television report on the shooting. She telephoned the shop where the call was answered by a policeman who broke the news.

Trelford was killed 23 days before the Provisional IRA announced a 'complete cessation of military operations' and was the last member of the security forces to be killed by the Provisional IRA before the 1994 ceasefire.

Mrs Withers lost her battle with cancer two years later. His daughter joined the Regiment after her father's murder.

BERNADETTE MARTIN

CIVILIAN (AGED 18 YEARS)

DATE OF MURDER: 15TH JULY 1997





Bernadette Martin was murdered by LVF terrorists.

Bernadette was an 18-year-old Roman Catholic civilian, single and a factory worker and was from Pinebank Estate, Craigavon.

She was shot four times in the head by an LVF gunman while she slept at the family home of her Protestant boyfriend on Soldierstown Road in the village of Aghalee.

Shortly before 4am, Bernadette and her boyfriend arrived home from a night out with friends and the attack occurred at 4am

That afternoon at 4pm, Bernadette died at the Royal Victoria Hospital with the parents of both families at her bedside. The gunmen singled her out as she slept in a bedroom with her boyfriend and his sister.

By 8am the families were told that there was no chance of survival because of the brain damage.

Her father said: "this must be how being in shock feels. We are numb. We stayed with Bernadette until she died. They just kept her alive on the ventilator, then she just died".

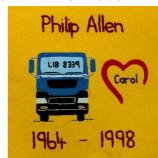
This was a particularly vile and sectarian motivated murder of a young woman with her whole life ahead of her

PHILIP ALLEN

CIVILIAN

15TH JUNE 1964 - 3RD MARCH 1998





Philip Allen was 33 years old, he was from Poyntzpass, he drove a tipper lorry for Stanley Emerson & Sons Ltd in Lurgan. Philip was best friends with Damien Trainor, the two friends were murdered together by LVF terrorist gunmen.

Philip was a Protestant and Damien was a Roman Catholic both ordinary young men who struck up a strong friendship.

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The dying and injured victims were being comforted by the survivors while waiting for help to arrive. The parents of both men arrived almost immediately on the scene and were able to talk to their sons before they slipped into unconsciousness.

Philip and Damien both died around 10pm in Newry's Daisy Hill Hospital.

Philip is pictured above with his beloved tipper lorry, registration LIB 8339.

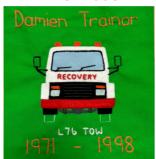
At the time of his death Philip was engaged to be married to his long term girlfriend, Carol. Damien was to be his best man.

DAMIEN TRAINOR

CIVILIAN

29TH APRIL 1971 - 3RD MARCH 1998





Damien Trainor was a 25 year old Roman Catholic from Poyntzpass, his best friend was Philip Allen a 33 year old Protestant also from Poyntzpass.

Damien was a motor mechanic, he had his own 24 hour breakdown recovery lorry which had a white cab and a red bumper, it also had his name painted on the side (he was very proud of this), it aptly beared the registration L76 TOW.

His recovery vehicle was parked outside the Railway Bar in Poyntzpass on the day he and Philip were murdered by loyalist gunmen.

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The murders of Damien and Philip were heinous and harrowing at a time when there was a real hope that murder and slaughter might be coming to an end. Sadly, many others went on to die post the murders of Philip and Damien.

Damien's funeral mass was held at St. Joseph's Parish Church. Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Sean Brady asked: "Are we going to set our sights on and turn towards the road that leads to a genuine peace: a peace built, like the friendship of Damien and Philip, on sure foundations of respect and equality, truth and the freedom to be different?".

At the time of the murders Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party David Trimble and Deputy Leader of the SDLP, the late Seamus Mallon visited the Trainor and Allen family homes together and walked through Poyntzpass village from house to the other in a show of unity.

JASON, MARK & RICHARD QUINN (THE QUINN BROTHERS)

CIVILIANS (AGED 9, 10 AND 11 YEARS OLD)

DATE OF MURDER: 12TH JULY 1998





Jason, aged 9, Mark, aged 10, and Richard Quinn, aged 11 were murdered on 12th July 1998 by UVF terrorists.

The three brothers were murdered via a firebomb attack on their home in Ballymoney, County Antrim.

The attack occurred at around half past four in the morning as the inhabitants of the house slept. A car containing members of the UVF arrived at the house and threw a petrol bomb through a window at the rear of the house.

The petrol bomb was made from a whiskey bottle. The sounds of the boys' shouting had woken their mother, who found her bedroom full of smoke. Chrissie Quinn, Raymond Craig and a family friend Christina Archibald escaped the resulting fire with minor injuries.

Chrissie had thought the boys had escaped the fire as she couldn't locate them in the dense smoke before she jumped to safety from a first-floor window.

Two of the brother's bodies were found in their mother's bedroom and the other in another bedroom. Chrissie was taken to hospital and released the next day after receiving minor injuries and shock in the attack.

Only one of the family's children was not in the house at the time of the attack. Lee, aged 12, the eldest boy, was staying with his grandmother in Rasharkin, a few miles away.

In April 1999 the former home of the boys in Carnany Park was demolished and replaced with a children's play park as a memorial.

At the brothers' Requiem Mass, the bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Down and Connor, Dr. Walsh observed that: "For all too long the airwaves and the printed page have been saturated with noises - strident, harsh, discordant noises - carrying words of hatred, of incitement, of recrimination, words not found in the vocabulary of Christianity. But the time for words is over. It's now time for silence, a silence in which we will hear the voice of God".

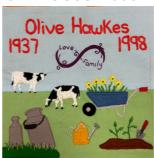
As each Twelfth of July is marked, let none of us ever forget the heinous murder of three little brothers with their lives ahead of them.

OLIVE HAWKES

CIVILIAN

22ND AUGUST 1937 - 15TH AUGUST 1998





Olive was one of the 29 murdered in the Omagh bomb on the 15th August 1998, a bomb which also claimed the lives of unborn twins

Olive was 60 years of age, she was originally from Monaghan and moved to the Omagh area in 1946, she was a loving wife to Percy and mother to Mandy and Mark.

She loved baking, cooking and gardening, she was a real homemaker, the 'glue' that made the family so close, herself and Percy created a warm and welcoming home where neighbours from all denominations were welcome and regularly called, their 40th wedding anniversary would have been the following week after the bomb.

Olive was also the treasurer of the Mayne Methodist Church. She was a hands-on farmers wife, who would not hesitate to get her hands dirty on the farm, yet in the next instant she would be dressed to the 'nines,' looking very glamorous as she headed into town.

On the morning of the bomb Mark a long-distance lorry driver at the time had just returned home from the then Czech Republic and saw his Mum off to town. Percy heard about the bomb when he was at Clogher Mart, he went into Omagh to try and find her. Mandy had been with a friend in Dublin when she heard the news of the bomb and made her way back to Omagh. The family had to wait until the next day for the awful confirmation of Olive being among the dead, the shoes she was wearing going out that day helped confirm this.

Olive was buried in Cappagh and there is memorial plaque dedicated to her in Maine Methodist Church and was described as a lovely warm woman cherished by all that knew her.

SAMANTHA MCFARLAND

CIVILIAN 13TH MAY 1981 - 15TH AUGUST 1998





Samantha was a beautiful girl. She was a loving daughter, sister and a friend to all.

She loved horse riding and had a great interest in the environment and wild life. She was studying for her A levels at Strabane Academy.

On 15th August 1998 Samantha was doing volunteer work in the Oxfam Charity shop in Omagh. Her life suddenly and brutally ended in the Omagh bomb.

LORRAINE ANN WILSON

CIVILIAN

27TH SEPTEMBER 1982 - 15TH AUGUST 1998





Lorraine was one of the 29 murdered in the Omagh bomb on the 15th August 1998, a bomb which also claimed the lives of unborn twins.

Lorraine was born on the 27th September 1982 and was just 15 years of age when she was killed. She just smiled and laughed all the time. She loved cooking and even at such a young age was a real homemaker, cooking the family meals when she got home from school, whilst her mum and dad were still out working. Lorraine attended Omagh High School, she was academically minded and had a flair for English, French, Home Economics and Geography, and would have no doubt excelled in her eventual career path.

She loved hockey and horse riding and went on skiing and peace building trips to France, a country that she loved. Her brother Colin describes her as being "very sensitive for one so young, very aware of those with disabilities, pushing them to the fore" and "very family orientated".

Lorraine was working in Oxfam on the day of the bomb alongside her friend Samantha McFarland, who was also killed. On hearing the bomb, her family went into Omagh town to try and find her, someone present said they had seen her, and that she was ok. It was some time before they heard the awful news that confirmed she was among the dead.

Lorraine was buried with a guard of honour from Omagh High School, her close friend Colleen sang 'Candle in the Wind' at her funeral. There is a plaque dedicated within Omagh High School to Lorraine and the other pupils past and present who also lost their lives in the bomb and the wider troubles and in November 2023 the school arranged a service to remember these pupils and their families.

TREVOR LOWRY

CIVILIAN (49 YEARS OLD)

DATE OF MURDER: 3RD APRIL 2001





Trevor was 49-year-old and from a Protestant background; he was also a civilian.

He was married with 2 children and was an electrician who received severe head and facial injuries 3 days earlier near the centre of Glengormley and died in hospital of those injuries.

The police said that 'loyalists' murdered Trevor believing he was a Roman Catholic. Trevor was attacked after he left a pub and was walking to his home in Hightown Rise.

Three men in a Ford Escort were seen 10 minutes before Trevor was beaten trying to abduct a man leaving the Enda's GAA club. A 16-year-old youth was charged with Trevor's murder and the attempted assault on the man leaving the GAA club.

In 2008 two men were sentenced to life imprisonment. James Harry Speers (45), and 20-year-old Ronald James Craia.

James Speers, a former UDP councillor, was sentenced to life imprisonment with a minimum tariff of 15 years.

Ronald James Craig, who was aged 16 at the time of the attack, was detained at the Secretary of State's pleasure and was sentenced to serve a minimum of 11 years.

Both had previous convictions for violence.

The judge, Mr Justice Girvan, said that Mr Lowry was either lured or intimidated into a laneway before being attacked.

Mr Justice Girvan said that Speers had shown no remorse for the killing. He described him as the senior person present during the attack, and a person of some influence in the community.

"He carries a graver responsibility for the events than Craig, who was obviously a young man of limited intelligence".

Mr Justice Girvan said he was satisfied, however, that Craig actively participated in the attack.

Upon Trevor's death his brother said that his organs were donated to 5 people in Britain and the Republic saying "it was the only positive thing to come out of this".

This final sacrifice made by the family illustrated the values that mattered to them, preserving the quality of life for others, strangers to them.

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