

Name: **John Joseph Brennan**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 16595F
Station: Ballymore Eustace, Co. Kildare
Years of Service: 16

Background:

John Brennan, born on 20th June, 1945, came from Kilmichael, Hollyfort, Gorey, Co. Wexford. He joined An Garda Síochána on 15th June, 1966 having previously worked as an insurance agent. Promoted Sergeant on 24th March, 1978 he also served at Naas, Corrinshigagh and Robertstown. Sergeant Brennan was a married man with four children, three of whom joined An Garda Síochána. His spare-time activities included Gaelic football, hurling and golf.

Circumstances:

On 4th August, 1982 Sergeant Brennan was travelling in his private car from Ballymore Eustace towards Naas. At a series of dangerous bends at Broadfield, Naas Sergeant Brennan's vehicle and an articulated lorry travelling in the opposite direction were in a collision. As a result of the collision Sergeant Brennan was seriously injured and removed to Naas Hospital by ambulance. He died a short time later from severe internal injuries.

Name: **Henry Gerard Byrne**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No.: 18300H
Station: Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
Years of Service: 8

Background:

Henry Gerard Byrne, born on 24th March, 1951, came from Wingfield, Knock, Claremorris, Co. Mayo. He joined An Garda Síochána on 8th March, 1972. He served at Mullingar, Multyfarnham, Granard and Carlow. A married man with three children, Garda Henry Byrne, was posthumously awarded the Scott Gold Medal on 16th September, 1982.

Circumstances:

On the afternoon of 7th July, 1980 the Bank of Ireland, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon was robbed of £41,000 by two armed and masked men. Having made their escape the raiders, (three of them in all), burned their getaway car and transferred to another a short distance away and headed towards Castlerea. Garda Henry Byrne with colleagues Sergeant Michael O'Malley, D/Garda John Morley and Garda Derek O'Kelly intercepted the raiders at Aghaderry, Shannon's Cross, some five miles from Ballaghaderreen, where the raiders' vehicle collided with the patrol car. One of the raiders shot at the windscreen of the patrol car. The other two raiders then opened fire on the patrol car killing Garda Byrne. Having pursued the raiders Detective Garda Morley was shot dead a short distance away.

Name: **Andrew John Callanan**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 22477D
Station: Tallaght, Co. Dublin
Years of Service: 17

Background:

Andrew John Callanan (AJ) (Andy), born on 8th January, 1963, came from Cathedral Street, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. On 13th April, 1982 he joined An Garda Síochána. On completion of training he was assigned to Tallaght. He was promoted Sergeant on 6th January, 1992 and served at Portlaw for a short time. A married man with three children, Sergeant Andrew Callanan was posthumously awarded the Scott Gold Medal on 6th July, 2000.

Circumstances:

In the early hours of the morning of 21st July, 1999 a man entered the entrance hall of Tallaght Garda Station and poured petrol over himself. Sergeant Callanan made an attempt to disarm the man. The man then aimed the petrol at Sergeant Callanan, setting it alight, as a result of which Sergeant Callanan died from the injuries received.

Name: **Nathy Cawley**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 16262M
Station: Monaghan
Years of Service: 16

Background:

Nathy Cawley, born on 10th June, 1944, came from Fetherneen, Ballinacarrow, Ballymote, Co. Sligo. Having previously worked as a carpenter, he joined An Garda Síochána on 16th June, 1965. Garda Cawley served at Clontibret Garda Station prior to his transfer to the Divisional Traffic Corps, based at Monaghan. He was a prominent GAA footballer as well as an active referee. Garda Cawley was a married man with five children.

Circumstances:

On 24th February, 1982 Garda Cawley, with Garda Patrick Rutledge, was on explosives escort duty in a Garda patrol car when the vehicle was involved in a collision with an Army truck at Brackagh, Broomfield, Co. Monaghan. Garda Cawley died instantly.

Name: **Michael Augustine Clerkin**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 18189G
Station: Portarlinton, Co. Laois
Years of Service: 4

Background:

Michael Clerkin was born in Monaghan on 23rd May, 1952. Son of Patrick and Mary Clerkin of 3 Hill Street, Monaghan, he joined An Garda Síochána on 23rd February, 1972. Garda Clerkin also served at Portlaoise Garda Station.

Circumstances:

On 16th October, 1976 Garda Clerkin, with colleagues Sergeant Jim Cannon, Detective Garda Tom Peters, Detective Garda Ben Thornton and Garda Gerry Bohan, responded to a call that suspicious activity was taking place at a derelict house at Garryhinch, Portarlinton, Co. Laois. On arrival at the premises the Gardai began to conduct a search of the premises when a booby-trap bomb exploded killing Garda Clerkin and seriously wounding his colleagues.

Name: **Richard Cody**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No. 1315
Station: Tullow, Co. Carlow
Years of Service: 29

Background:

Richard Cody, born on 14th December, 1897, came from Crougtabeg, Windgap, Co. Kilkenny. Having worked previously as a clerk, he joined An Garda Síochána on 23rd May, 1922. Prior to joining An Garda Síochána he served in the Volunteers for three years. Sergeant Cody, a married man with two children, also served at Birr, Carbury, Mountbolus, Ferbane and Rathdowney.

Circumstances:

On 8th April, 1952 Sergeant Cody was on duty at Dublin Road, Tullow when a close friend, and local businessman in the town, pulled up in his hackney car to talk to the Sergeant. The hackney car being driven was one on which the doors opened towards the front of the vehicle. When the car arrived beside Sergeant Cody the driver opened the door quickly and caused the handle to catch in the baton belt being worn by the Sergeant, dragging him to the ground where he banged his head very sharply resulting in the injuries that caused his death.

Name: **Paul Colleran**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 26973E
Station: Galway
Years of Service: 5

Background:

Paul Colleran, born on 25th April, 1975, came from Quarry Park, Moylough, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. He joined An Garda Síochána as a Trainee on 29th October, 1996. He was previously employed as a site technician, having been awarded a Diploma in Construction Studies and a National Certificate in Civil Engineering. Garda Colleran also served at Fitzgibbon Street, Dublin and Navan.

Circumstances:

At 4.30 pm. on Wednesday, 5th March, 2003 Garda Colleran was on duty, driving his private car, returning from the District Court at Navan to his permanent station at Loughrea. At Rattin, Kinnegad, Co. Westmeath, Garda Colleran's car was involved in a collision with an articulated lorry. Garda Colleran suffered severe head injuries from which he died on 7th March, 2003.

Name: **Denis Alphonsus Connolly**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 20676H
Station: Waterford
Years of Service: 5

Background:

Denis Connolly, born on 31st July, 1957, came from Moyneard, Moyne, Thurles, Co. Tipperary. He joined An Garda Síochána on 3rd August, 1977. Garda Connolly was married. His spare-time activities included Gaelic football and hurling. He was associated with St. Paul's Juvenile GAA Club, Lisduggan/Larchville, Waterford, Mount Sion and Garda hurling teams.

Circumstances:

On Monday, 11th July, 1983, Garda Connolly, with Sergeant Joseph Hurley, was on patrol in the Traffic Corps car from Waterford Garda Station along the Dungarvan/Waterford road, at Leamybrien. The patrol car and an articulated lorry, travelling in the opposite direction, collided. As a result of the collision the door of the patrol car was pushed against Garda Connolly, resulting in him receiving serious injuries. A passing ambulance conveyed Garda Connolly to hospital where he died from his injuries.

Name: **Noel Martin Conroy**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 19207D
Station: Tuam
Years of Service: 15

Background:

Noel Conroy, born on 30th November, 1951, came from 55, Dublin Road, Renmore, Co. Galway. He joined An Garda Síochána on 11th April, 1973. He served for a period in the F.C.A. before becoming a Garda. A married man with three children he also served in Monaghan and Ballintubber. His spare-times activities included fishing and motor-sport.

Circumstances:

At 12.20 pm on Friday 28th October, 1988, Garda Conroy was undergoing an official motor-cycle training course at the Garda Training Centre, Templemore, Co. Tipperary. While travelling from Tullamore to Birr Garda Conroy's motor-cycle went out of control at Glenmony Glebe, Birr, Co. Offaly causing him to fall into the path of an oncoming car. Garda Conroy died from injuries sustained in the accident.

Name: **John David Curtin**
Rank: Superintendent
Reg. No: 783
Station: Tipperary
Years of Service: 9

Background:

John (Sean) Curtin, born on 10th October, 1902, came from Meengorman, Newmarket, Co. Cork. The son of a farmer he was identified as active in Ireland's fight for independence. He joined An Garda Síochána on 15th April, 1922. He was promoted Sergeant in October, 1922 serving in Donegal. Promotion to Inspector followed in June 1923, followed by a period attached to the Depot, Phoenix Park. He was promoted Superintendent on 1st July, 1926 and served at Manorhamilton, Granard and Killarney. On marriage he was transferred to Tipperary. His transfer was made the occasion for special recommendation by the Urban District Council on his good police work in Killarney, involving the investigation of a bank robbery in Killarney (1927), the investigation of threatening letters and the enforcement of the Fishery Laws. Superintendent Curtin was married. He had no children.

Circumstances:

In March 1931 Superintendent Curtin arrested members of a subversive organisation on firearms charges and gave evidence in subsequent court proceedings. On 21st March, 1931, on returning from carrying out late night inspections, he stopped his car at the entrance to his home to open the gates when he was ambushed and shot dead.

Name: **Desmond John Dixon**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 23363C
Station: 'C' Branch, Garda H.Q.
Years of Service: 18

Background:

Desmond Dixon, born on 22nd December, 1960, came from Howth Road, Raheny, Dublin, 5. He joined An Garda Síochána on 2nd March, 1983, having previously worked as a bus conductor. Prior to becoming a Garda he served for a period in the F.C.A. He had a keen interest in academic study, obtaining a Degree through part-time education. Detective Garda Dixon, a married man with three children, also served at Store Street, Clontarf and Howth. His spare-time activities included golf and music.

Circumstances:

At 7.25 p.m. on the evening of 15th November, 2001, Detective Garda Des Dixon was on duty driving an official unmarked Garda car at Southern Link Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth. The patrol car was struck by an oncoming vehicle travelling on the wrong side of the dual carriageway. Detective Garda Dixon was removed from the scene and taken to the Louth County Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Name: **Samuel Donegan**
Rank: Inspector
Reg. No: 8586
Station: Cavan
Years of Service: 37

Background:

Samuel Donegan, born on 20th November, 1911, was a native of Ballintampen, Ballymacormack, Co. Longford. He joined An Garda Síochána on 4th September, 1934, and was promoted Sergeant in 1952 and Inspector in 1967. Inspector Donegan, a married man with six children, served in Co. Mayo and Co. Sligo before being transferred to Cavan in 1967.

Circumstances:

On 8th June, 1972, Inspector Donegan was one of a party of Garda and Army personnel conducting searches on the Cavan/Fermanagh border when he was killed by a booby-trap bomb on a country lane at Drumboghanagh, Newtownbutler, Co. Fermanagh.

Name: **James Doody**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 16116M
Station: Barrack Street, Cork City
Years of Service: 8

Background:

James Doody was born on 26th June, 1944 in Coolgarrive, Killarney, Co. Kerry. He joined An Garda Síochána on 10th February, 1965 and was allocated to Bridewell Station, Cork City, on completion of his training. He was married to Mary, they had four children, the youngest of whom was just 11 weeks old at the time of her father's death.

Circumstances:

On 7th January, 1973, Garda Doody was on duty as observer in the official patrol car. The members were on route to an incident and at the junction of Glasheen road and Wilton road a vehicle collided with the official car resulting in Garda Doody being killed outright and injuring his colleague.

Name: **David Brian Dowd**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 22762E
Station: Raheny, Dublin
Years of Service: 6

Background:

David Dowd, born on 7th April, 1962, came from Aughavadden, Newtowncashel, Co. Longford. A student, he joined An Garda Síochána on 5th July, 1982. On completion of training he was allocated to Raheny Garda Station. His spare-time activities included Gaelic football, soccer, rugby, basketball and fishing.

Circumstances:

At 10.30 pm on 18th February, 1989 two youths were observed on a garage roof at 337, Sutton Park, Dublin 13. On being informed of the incident a number of Garda patrol cars went to the scene. Garda David Dowd was one of a number of Gardai who responded to the intruder call and took up a position along the DART line at the rear of the house. A DART train approached from behind Garda Dowd and three colleagues who accompanied him. One of the colleagues saw the train and shouted at him to get out of the way – the train almost simultaneously hit Garda Dowd. He was conveyed from the scene by ambulance to the Mater Hospital arriving at 11.10pm. He was subsequently transferred to Beaumont Hospital where he died from his injuries at 2.00 am on 19th February, 1989.

Name: **James Gerard Downey**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 20018B
Station: Henry Street, Limerick
Years of Service: 7

Background:

James Downey, born on 7th December, 1955, came from 10, Ardmanning Avenue, Togher Road, Cork. A student, he joined An Garda Síochána on 8th January, 1975. Garda Downey, a married man, also served at Kilrush and William Street. His spare-time activities included hurling, Gaelic football with St. Finbarr's GAA Club, soccer and handball.

Circumstances:

On 12th February, 1982, Garda Downey was on secondment duty to Harcourt Square, Dublin as part of a training course when the official vehicle he was travelling in was in a collision at Rock Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Garda Downey was killed instantly.

Name: **John Nicholas Eiffe**
Rank: Detective Sergeant
Reg. No: 22294A
Station: 'C' Branch, Garda H.Q.
Years of Service: 20

Background:

John Eiffe, born on 18th January, 1961, came from Rackenstown, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath. He joined An Garda Síochána on 31st December, 1980, and was promoted to Detective Sergeant on 12th July, 1996. He served at Finglas, Harcourt Square, Cahir, Bridewell Dublin., and was a qualified Scenes of Crime Examiner. He was married with four children. His spare-time activities included Gaelic football, hurling, swimming and athletics.

Circumstances:

While on duty on 7th December, 2001, Detective Sergeant Eiffe was accidentally killed during a foiled bank raid at the Allied Irish Bank, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois.

Name: **Richard Christopher Fallon**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No. 9936
Station: Mountjoy, Dublin
Years of Service: 22

Background:

Richard (Dick) Fallon, born on 18th December, 1926, at Moneen, Kilroosky, Co. Roscommon, left farming for a career in An Garda Síochána on 5th November, 1947. Richard Fallon came from a policing background; four of his brothers served in An Garda Síochána and his grandfather served in the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC). The father of five children, Garda Fallon was awarded posthumously the Scott Gold Medal on 14th June, 1972, at a special awards ceremony held in conjunction with An Garda Síochána 50th Anniversary Celebrations.

Circumstances:

On the morning of 3rd April, 1970, three armed men robbed the Royal Bank of Ireland, Arran Quay, Dublin. On arrival at the scene Garda Fallon, with two colleagues, Garda Paul Firth and Garda Patrick Hunter, were confronted by the raiders. As the Gardai moved towards them all three of the raiders fired repeatedly at the Gardai. Garda Fallon attempted to arrest the gunman nearest to him when he was shot by one of the other raiders and was fatally wounded.

Name: **Eoin Peter Fitzgerald**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 26158M
Station: Blackrock, Dublin
Years of Service: 3

Background:

Eoin Fitzgerald, born on 19th June, 1972, was a native of 13, Clonard Road, Dundrum, Dublin 16. He obtained a B.A. Degree in Economics & French in 1994. Following in the footsteps of his father he joined An Garda Síochána as a Trainee on 25th July, 1994. Garda Fitzgerald also served at Fitzgibbon Street, Dublin. He was single.

Circumstances:

At 10.50 am on the morning of 26th January, 1998, while on duty, Garda Fitzgerald was driving the official patrol car from Blackrock Garda Station. The patrol car and another vehicle collided near the junction of The Rise and Greenfield Road, Mount Merrion. Garda Fitzgerald was fatally injured as a result of the collision.

Name: **James Fitzsimons**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 2566
Station: St. Luke's, Cork
Years of Service: 4

Background:

James Fitzsimons, born on 23rd May, 1903, came from Strangford, Co. Down. He joined An Garda Síochána on 23rd November, 1922, having previously worked as an electrician. He served in the 3rd Northern Division of the Irish Volunteers for a period of 18 months prior to becoming a Garda. Sergeant Fitzsimons was a single man.

Circumstances:

On 14th November, 1926 concerted attacks were carried out on twelve Garda stations throughout the country. One of those stations was St. Luke's in Cork city when a group of armed men attacked the station and attempted to gain entry by forcing the front door of the building. Sergeant Fitzsimons, in an attempt to barricade the front door was confronted by the raiders in the hallway and shot dead.

Name: **John Michael Fitzsimons**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 10543M
Station: Monasterevin, Co. Kildare
Years of Service: 9

Background:

John Fitzsimons, born on 8th August, 1929, came from Drumbran, Cloverhill, Redhills, Co. Cavan. Having previously worked as a signaller on the Great Northern Railway he joined An Garda Síochána on 12th November, 1953. He served in the FCA (1946-1953). Promoted Sergeant on 4th February, 1959, he also served at Kildare, Naas, Celbridge, Ballon and Glenfarne. Sergeant Fitzsimons was married with two children.

Circumstances:

At 8.50 pm. on 15th March, 1963, Sergeant Fitzsimons was investigating a road traffic accident at Hybla, Monasterevin when he was knocked down by a passing vehicle, sustaining serious injuries. He was removed to Naas County Hospital where he died from his injuries at 11.30 pm on 16th March, 1963.

Name: **John Flynn**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 10445M
Station: Dundalk, Co. Louth
Years of Service: 8

Background:

John Flynn, born on 12th November, 1929, came from Renadaunpaun, Ballymacarbry, Co. Waterford. Having previously worked as a clerk he joined An Garda Síochána on 11th November, 1953. He formerly served in the FCA (1949-1953). Appointed to Detective Branch on 17th July, 1961, he also served at Trim and Hackballscross. He was single.

Circumstances:

On 16th November, 1961, Detective Garda Flynn was on duty escorting a juvenile to a detention centre at Daingain, Co. Offaly. While in transit the vehicle in which they were travelling was involved in a traffic accident. Detective Garda Flynn died as a result of the injuries he received.

Name: **Ambrose Fogarty**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 26178E
Station: Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford
Years of Service: 5

Background:

Ambrose Fogarty, born on 24th August, 1972, came from Shannon View, Terryglass, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. A student, he joined An Garda Síochána as a Trainee on 25th July, 1994. Garda Fogarty was single and took a keen interest in various sporting activities.

Circumstances:

At 1.20 am on Sunday, 26th September, 1999, Garda Fogarty and Garda Richard Nolan were the crew of the Enniscorthy patrol car that responded to a call to assist Gardai from Gorey in dealing with a serious row outside a night club in the village of Camolin, Co. Wexford. When the patrol car was at Bishopswell, Enniscorthy it was involved in a collision. Garda Fogarty sustained very serious injuries and died later in hospital.

Name: **Patrick Foley**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 8786
Station: Ardnacrusha, Co. Clare
Years of Service: 18

Background:

Patrick Foley, born on 15th July, 1897, came from Fern Hill, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare. Having previously worked in farming he joined An Garda Síochána on 22nd March, 1935. He had previous military service in the 5th Battalion, Mid Clare Brigade (1917-1921). Garda Foley was married with four children.

Circumstances:

At 9.45 pm on Wednesday 11th November, 1953, Garda Foley, with a colleague, was on foot patrol walking along the Killaloe/Limerick road at Rosmadda near Connor's Cross and facing in the Limerick direction. A lorry travelling along the road in the same direction collided with Garda Foley. He was removed to hospital and died from his injuries on 13th November, 1953.

Name: **Patrick Forde**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 5802
Station: Maam, Co. Galway
Years of Service: 9

Background:

Patrick Forde, born on 19th January, 1904, came from Nutgrove, Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway. Having previously worked in farming he joined An Garda Síochána on 27th June, 1924. He served in the Volunteers (1919-1921). Promoted on 1st March, 1927, Sergeant Forde, married with two children, also served at Ballymote, Mohill, Fivemilebourne & Barnaderg.

Circumstances:

On 18th January, 1934, Sergeant Forde, with Garda Michael Kennelly, were returning to Maam Garda Station after escorting a female patient to Ballinasloe Mental Hospital. On driving through Galway the hackney car in which they were travelling approached the Woodquay area. It was a dark wet night. The vehicle left the roadway and entered the River Corrib at Woodquay. Sergeant Forde was drowned.

Name: **Sean Gantly**
Rank: Chief Superintendent
Reg. No. 4804
Station: Dublin Castle
Years of Service: 24

Background:

Sean (John) Gantly, born on 6th October, 1899, came from Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. Having previously worked in administration he joined An Garda Síochána on 27th June, 1923. A member of the Gaelic League he also saw military service in 'B' Coy, 2nd Dublin Battalion. He was promoted Sergeant (1924), Superintendent (1925) and Chief Superintendent (1941). He was married with six children and also served in Kells, Donegal and Killarney.

Circumstances:

On 21st January, 1948, Chief Superintendent Gantly was leading a party of Gardai from the Detective Branch, Dublin Castle in a search for escaped prisoners at the Hammond Lane Foundry, Dublin when he was accidentally shot.

Name: **Conor Oliver Griffin**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No. 27489E
Station: Finglas
Years of Service: 2

Background:

Conor Griffin, born on 4th January, 1975, came from 45, Roselawn, Lucan, Co. Dublin. The son of a Garda Inspector, he previously worked as a P.T. Instructor. He joined An Garda Síochána as a Trainee on 26th January, 1998. Garda Griffin, who was single, was a member of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club. His other interests included hurling, swimming, water-polo and reading.

Circumstances:

In the early hours of the morning of 15th May, 2000, Garda Griffin, with Garda Garreth Harmon, was on duty in an unmarked patrol car patrolling the Finglas sub-district. The members were responding to a call when their patrol car collided with a pole at the junction of Glasanon Road and Griffith Road. Garda Griffin died from his injuries.

Name: Thomas Griffin
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 814
Station: Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary
Years of Service: 2

Background:

Thomas Griffin, born on 12th April, 1899, came from 2, St. Patrick's Terrace, Greenmount, Cork city. Formerly a mechanical engineer, he joined An Garda Síochána on 26th April, 1922. He saw military service as N.C.O., I/C Engineers, 'C' Coy, 2nd Battalion, 1st Cork Brigade. Promoted Sergeant on 16th October, 1922, Sergeant Griffin, who was single also served in Kilkenny.

Circumstances:

On 6th May, 1924, Sergeant Griffin, with his colleague Garda John Murrin, were investigating a shooting incident which had occurred the previous day. Having identified the suspects for the crime, both Sergeant Griffin and Garda Murrin proceeded to a house at nearby Kilonerry, Co. Kilkenny. On arrival and without warning, both Gardai were shot and seriously injured. Sergeant Griffin died from his injuries on 7th May, 1924.

Name: **Frank Hand**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 20594L
Station: CDU, Harcourt Square
Years of Service: 7

Background:

Frank Hand, born on 29th August, 1957, came from Ardmullen, Curraghboy, Athlone, Co. Roscommon. He joined An Garda Síochána on 20th July, 1977. On completion of training he was allocated to Donnybrook Garda Station, Dublin. Appointment to the Central Detective Unit followed on 16th April, 1982. Detective Garda Hand was married and is survived by his wife and one daughter. Detective Garda Hand was posthumously awarded the Scott Gold Medal on 4th December, 1986.

Circumstances:

On the morning of 10th August, 1984, Detective Garda Hand and a colleague, Detective Garda Michael Dowd, were on duty in an unmarked patrol car acting as armed escort to a post office mail van. As both vehicles pulled up outside Drumree Post Office, Co. Meath, to make the delivery, they were confronted by an armed unit of the Provisional I.R.A. There was an exchange of gunfire between the raiders and the Gardai injuring Detective Gardai Hand and Dowd. Detective Garda Hand's injuries proved fatal.

Name: **Garreth Noel Harmon**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 26650G
Station: Finglas, Dublin
Years of Service: 4

Background:

Garreth Harmon, born on 27th January, 1972, came from 55, Oaklands Avenue, Swords, Co. Dublin. He joined An Garda Síochána on 29th January, 1996. He was single. Garda Harmon took a keen interest in weightlifting and kickboxing.

Circumstances:

In the early hours of 15th May, 2000, Garda Harmon, with Garda Conor Griffin, was on duty in an unmarked patrol car patrolling the Finglas Sub-district. The members were responding to a call when their patrol car collided with a pole at the junction of Glasanon Road and Griffith Road. Garda Harmon died from his injuries.

Name: **Denis Harrington**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 4034
Station: Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Years of Service: 21

Background:

Denis Harrington, born on 27th March, 1900, came from Meenalla, Castleisland, Co. Kerry. He joined An Garda Síochána on 12th April, 1923. He served in the Volunteers (1916-1922). Garda Harrington, married with four children, also served at Tournafulla, Athea, Ballyneety and Mullinahone.

Circumstances:

At 10.25 am on 17th April, 1944, Garda Harrington was on duty in Nenagh Garda Station when he was approached by another Garda of the station party who then produced a revolver and shot Garda Harrington dead and then shot himself dead.

Name: **Walter James Hennelly**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 18137D
Station: Edward Street, Limerick
Years of Service: 2

Background:

Walter Hennelly, son of Patrick and Nellie Hennelly, was born on 30th June, 1951. He came from Greeve, Breaffy, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Formerly a trainee manager he joined An Garda Síochána on 23rd February, 1972. On completion of training he was allocated to Omeath. He was allocated to Edward Street Garda Station, Limerick on 30th June, 1972. Garda Hennelly was single. His spare-time activities included Gaelic football, rugby and basketball.

Circumstances:

On 13th May, 1974, Garda Hennelly was on checkpoint duty at Mulgrave Street, Limerick, at the junction of the Tipperary and Bruff road, when he was struck by a passing car. Garda Hennelly was taken to Barrington's Hospital where he died from his injuries.

Name: **Cyril Patrick Hickey**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 24131H
Station: Fitzgibbon Street, Dublin
Years of Service: 3

Background:

Cyril Hickey, born on 30th September, 1963, came from Newtownshandrum, Rathluirc, Co. Cork. He joined An Garda Síochána on 12th December, 1984. On completion of training he was allocated to Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station, Dublin. Garda Hickey was single.

Circumstances:

On 8th December, 1988, Garda Hickey was driving the official motor-cycle attached to Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station. At 12 noon on that date Garda Hickey while driving along the South Quays, was involved in a collision at the junction of Victoria Quay and Watling Street. Garda Hickey was removed by Ambulance to the Mater Hospital where he died from his injuries at 1.50 p.m.

Name: **Richard Hyland**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 8333
Station: Dublin Castle
Years of Service: 7

Background:

Richard Hyland, born on 26th October, 1903, in Manulla, Co. Mayo. He grew up in Maynooth, Co. Kildare, and later resided in Dublin. He joined An Garda Síochána on 9th September, 1933. Prior to joining An Garda Síochána he served as Quartermaster of 'E' Coy, 3rd Battalion, Dublin Brigade during the War of Independence. He served on the Republican side during the Civil War and was a member of the bodyguard of Mr. Eamonn de Valera when he escaped from the old Hamman Hotel in Dublin during that period. Detective Garda Hyland was a married man with two children.

Circumstances:

Shortly after 8 a.m. on 16th August, 1940 a group of at least 5 Detectives from Dublin Castle, under Detective Sergeant Patrick McKeown, carried out a search in Rathgar Road, Dublin under the provisions of the Offences against the State Act, 1939. After gaining entry to the premises, the members were surprised by a burst of gunfire from behind a partition wall. Detective Garda Hyland was killed instantly. Detective Sergeant McKeown died from his wounds on 17th August, 1940. Another member, Detective Garda Brady was seriously wounded.

Name: **Michael Joyce**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 6587
Station: Ballylinan, Co. Laois
Years of Service: 42

Background:

Michael Joyce, born on 26th November, 1905, came from Knockillaree, Oughterard, Co. Galway. He joined An Garda Síochána on 19th February, 1925. Promoted Sergeant on 27th March, 1939, he also served at Leighlinbridge, College, Kevin Street, Roscarberry, Lorrha, Beaufort, and Rossport. Sergeant Joyce was married with one child, who predeceased him.

Circumstances:

On 21st December, 1967, Sergeant Joyce and a colleague were travelling in an official patrol car to the customs post at Carrickamon, Co. Louth to take charge of a prisoner who was the subject of extradition proceedings. Near Balrothery, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin their patrol car was involved in a collision with another vehicle. Sergeant Joyce died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

Name: **Brian Kelleher**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 23037E
Station: Croom, Co. Limerick
Years of Service: 24

Background:

Brian (Joseph) Kelleher, born on 12th November, 1960, came from Upper Quarters town, Mallow, Co. Cork. He joined An Garda Síochána on 6th October, 1982. He was married with three children. Garda Kelleher also served at Edward Street, Roxboro Road, Limerick. Garda Kelleher's spare-time activities included Gaelic football and Golf.

Circumstances:

On 25th February, 2007, shortly after 4 a.m., Garda Kelleher was assisting the investigation of a road traffic accident at Barrigone, Foynes, Co. Limerick. The local Fire Service from Foynes also attended the scene. Garda Kelleher in the company of Fireman Michael Liston, was directing traffic away from the damaged vehicle when a car approached and hit Garda Kelleher and Fireman Liston, killing them both instantly.

Name: **Michael Joseph Kennelly**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 1408
Station: Maam, Co. Galway
Years of Service: 11

Background:

Michael Kennelly, born on 26th January, 1896, came from Ahannanagha, Newtownsandes, Co. Kerry. He joined An Garda Síochána 30th May, 1922. Garda Kennelly served from 1916-1922 in the 8th Battalion, Kerry No. 1 Brigade. He was married with two children. Garda Kennelly also served in Galway, Monivea, Derrybrien, Letterfrack, Leenane, Clifden and Killimor.

Circumstances:

On 18th January, 1934, Garda Michael Kennelly, with Sergeant Forde, were returning to Maam Garda Station after escorting a female patient to Ballinasloe Mental Hospital. On driving through Galway the hackney car in which they were travelling approached the Woodquay area. It was a dark wet night. The vehicle left the roadway and entered the River Corrib at Woodquay. Garda Kennelly was drowned.

Name: **John Martin Lally**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 17992B
Station: Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan
Years of Service: 1

Background:

John Lally, born on 30th October, 1951, came from American Street, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. He joined An Garda Síochána on 8th September, 1971. On completion of training he was allocated to Carrickmacross Garda Station, Co. Monaghan on 24th March, 1972. Garda Lally was single and included among his spare-time activities were handball, football, dancing and cinema.

Circumstances:

On 5th May, 1973, Garda Lally was on checkpoint duty at Ardee Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, when he was knocked down by a passing vehicle. He died from his injuries.

Name: **Michael Joseph Lawless**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 17751B
Station: Bundoran.
Years of Service: 22

Background:

Michael Lawless, born on 6th May, 1951, came from Carrowkeel, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway. Prior to joining An Garda Síochána on 2nd September, 1970, he served in the F.C.A. He was married with nine children. Garda Lawless took an active role in the Garda Representative Association (GRA) and was a member of the Central Executive Committee for Donegal since 1984. Garda Lawless served at Bundoran prior to his death, but during his career also served at Cobh, Castlefin, Ballybofey, Letterkenny and Ballyshannon.

Circumstances:

On 20th January, 1993, Garda Lawless was travelling from his home in Ballyshannon to Dublin for a meeting of the Central Executive Committee of the Garda Representative Association. On the outskirts of Cliffoney, Co. Sligo, his vehicle was involved in a collision with an oncoming vehicle and he died at the scene.

Name: **Thomas J. A. Lawn**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 21096L
Station: STF, Harcourt Square
Years of Service: 5

Background:

Thomas Lawn, son of Edward and Marie Lawn, was born on 9th March, 1956, in Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. He joined An Garda Síochána on 15th February, 1978. On completion of training he was allocated to Westport Garda Station, Co. Mayo on 21st July, 1978. Appointed to the Detective Branch on 16th April, 1982, he also served at Killeshandra and Dublin Castle. Detective Garda Lawn was single. He took a keen interest in GAA, Badminton, Soccer and Athletics.

Circumstances:

On 27th April, 1983, Detective Garda Lawn was on duty, as an observer, in an official unmarked patrol car which was involved in a collision at Griffith Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin. Detective Garda Lawn was fatally injured.

Name: **John Edward Linehan**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 24015L
Station: Dundrum, Dublin
Years of Service: 8

Background:

John (Sean) Linehan, born on 24th March, 1963, came from 20, Clifton Avenue, Montenotte Park, Cork City. He joined An Garda Síochána on 30th May, 1984, having previously worked as an office clerk. On completion of training he was allocated to Dundrum Garda Station on 2nd November, 1984. Garda Linehan was married. He had no children. He was involved in outdoor games but his main interest was playing his guitar.

Circumstances:

On 9th June, 1992, Garda Linehan was undergoing an official motor-cycle training course. At Concon, Tullamore, Co. Offaly, Garda Linehan's motor-cyclist was involved in a collision. He was removed to the General Hospital, Tullamore, where he died as a result of his injuries.

Name: **Brian (Barney) A. MacNeill**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 12689F
Station: Charlestown
Years of Service: 17

Background:

Brian MacNeill, born on 31st March, 1930, came from 2, Millbrook, Clones, Co. Monaghan. Having previously worked with Phillips Hamilton Ltd., Glasgow, he joined An Garda Síochána on 11th May, 1955. He also served at Boyle, Kilconly and Ballinrobe. Garda MacNeill was married with seven children.

Circumstances:

At 12.20 a.m. on 23rd October, 1972, while Garda MacNeill, and Sergeant Michael Honeyman, were performing a checkpoint at Barrack Street, Charlestown, Co. Mayo, a car approached at speed and collided with Garda MacNeill. He died later that morning from serious head injuries.

Name: **Sean (John) Masterson**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No. 14676E
Station: Dublin Castle (Traffic)
Years of Service: 8

Background:

Sean (John) Masterson, born on 2nd September, 1941, came from Streamstown, Co. Westmeath. He served in the F.C.A. from 1957 to 1961 and joined An Garda Síochána on 19th April, 1961. Garda Masterson also served at Sundrive Road and Crumlin Stations. He was married and was survived by his wife, daughters and only son, who was six weeks old when his father died.

Circumstances:

On 26th January, 1970, Garda Masterson was on duty as an official motor cyclist. He was involved in a road traffic collision at the Naas Road, Dublin. He later died from injuries sustained in the collision.

Name: **Jeremiah Desmond McCabe**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 15860G
Station: Henry Street, Limerick
Years of Service: 31

Background:

Jeremiah (Jerry) McCabe, born on 22nd November, 1943, came from Bridge Street, Ballylongford, Co. Kerry. Having worked previously as a mechanic he joined An Garda Síochána on 9th September, 1964. On 21st May, 1973, he was appointed to the Detective Branch. He was married with five children. He also served at two other Limerick stations (O'Curry Street; William Street) and at Dundrum, Co. Tipperary. Detective Garda McCabe was posthumously awarded the Scott Gold Medal on 6th July, 2000.

Circumstances:

On the morning of 7th June, 1996, Detective Garda McCabe and a colleague, Detective Garda Ben O'Sullivan, were on duty escorting a post office truck on its cash delivery at Adare, Co. Limerick. Both Gardai were armed. Just before 7 a.m. the truck stopped at Adare and the patrol car pulled up close by. As the truck driver prepared to unload the mail, a Provisional I.R.A. Unit crashed a jeep at full speed into the rear of the detective's unmarked patrol car. Within seconds five additional gang members, in another vehicle, arrived at the scene and opened fire on the Garda car, killing Detective Garda McCabe and seriously wounding Detective Garda O'Sullivan.

Name: **Robert McCallion**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 31285A
Station: Letterkenny
Years of Service: 4

Background:

Robert McCallion, born on 9th August, 1979, came from Park Road, Swinford, Co. Mayo. The son of a Garda he worked with Corrib Oil before joining An Garda Síochána on 7th February, 2005, thus following a family tradition as his brother, uncles and cousin also served in An Garda Síochána. Robert took a particular interest in his local GAA club in Swinford. He played underage Gaelic football with Mayo and made an appearance for the senior team. He was single.

Circumstances:

On the morning of 26th March, 2009, Garda Robert McCallion and two other colleagues, while on duty, responded to a call at Tara Court, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. While dealing with the situation the Gardai observed a car approaching at speed. Garda McCallion was struck by the vehicle and sustained serious injuries. He was conveyed to Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, where, on 7th April, 2009, he died from his injuries.

Name: **Eugene McCarthy**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 7912
Station: Union Quay, Cork
Years of Service: 2

Background:

Eugene McCarthy, born on 15th August, 1908, came from Durrus, Bantry, Co. Cork. He worked as a shoemaker before joining An Garda Síochána on 6th March, 1930. He also served at Glenbower, Co. Tipperary and Passage West, Cork. He was one of two brothers who served in An Garda Síochána. Garda McCarthy was single.

Circumstances:

On 8th January, 1933, a man fell into the river along George's Quay, Cork. Garda McCarthy together with two local men were the first persons to arrive at the scene in a small rowing boat. In the course of the rescue Garda McCarthy and two local men succeeded in recovering the person onto the boat. However in the process of transferring the casualty onto a larger motor launch, the boat overturned in the strong current and all four occupants were thrown into the water. With the help of others present lifebuoys were dispatched and all except Garda McCarthy, who was a strong swimmer, were successfully rescued. His body was recovered a short time later.

Name: **Patrick McGeehan**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 7794
Station: Sligo
Years of Service: 3

Background:

Patrick McGeehan, born on 11th February, 1904, came from Millside, Fintown, Co. Donegal. He served in the National Army (1922-1928). He joined An Garda Síochána on 17th May, 1928. He was single. Detective Garda McGeehan also served at Clashmore and Kilakee.

Circumstances:

On 14th February, 1932, Detective Garda McGeehan was on protection duty with Mr. Patrick Reynolds, T.D. of Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim. On arrival at his home that day Mr. Reynolds was confronted by a gunman who fired at him from close range. Detective Garda McGeehan engaged the assailant to prevent injury to Mr. Reynolds and was shot dead by the gunman.

Name: **James Brendan McIntyre**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 26361C
Station: Watercourse Road, Cork
Years of Service: 6

Background:

James (Seamus) McIntyre, born on 19th June, 1971, came from Gortamullen, Kenmare, Co. Kerry. The son of a Garda, and having previously worked as a financial consultant, he joined An Garda Síochána as a Trainee on 23rd January, 1995. Garda McIntyre was single. He also served in Galway and Loughrea. He was a keen GAA player in both hurling and football.

Circumstances:

At 5 a.m. on Sunday, 22nd April, 2001, Garda McIntyre, with his colleague, Garda Brendan Rice, was on mobile patrol on the North Ring Road, Cork, near Ballyvolane, when their patrol car was involved in a collision. Garda McIntyre died from injuries sustained in the accident.

Name: **Patrick McKeown**
Rank: Detective Sergeant
Reg. No: 11919 (DMP)
Station: Dublin Castle
Years of Service: 17

Background:

Patrick McKeown, born on 9th April, 1901, came from Clea, Keady, Co. Armagh. He joined An Garda Síochána on 13th July, 1923. He was appointed to Detective Branch on 22nd September, 1933, and promoted to Detective Sergeant on 25th September, 1939. He was single. Detective Sergeant McKeown also served at Blackrock and Dun Laoghaire.

Circumstances:

Shortly after 8 a.m. on 16th August, 1940, a group of at least 5 Detectives from Dublin Castle, under Detective Sergeant Patrick McKeown, carried out a search in Rathgar Road, Dublin, under the provisions of the Offences against the State Act, 1939. After gaining entry to the premises, the members were surprised by a burst of gunfire from behind a partition wall. Detective Sergeant McKeown died from his wounds on 17th August, 1940. Detective Garda Hyland was killed instantly. Another member, Detective Garda Brady was seriously wounded.

Name: **Gary McLoughlin**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 31917A
Station: Buncrana
Years of Service: 4 years

Background:

Gary McLoughlin, son of Una and Noel McLoughlin was born on 26th July, 1985. He was a native of Fenagh, Co. Leitrim. Gary joined An Garda Síochána on 1st August, 2005. He served at Monaghan Garda Station during his training and on completion of same was allocated to Buncrana Garda Station, Co. Donegal in 2006. Garda McLoughlin was single.

Circumstances:

On the night of Saturday, 12th December, 2009 Garda McLoughlin was on duty as the driver of the patrol car, accompanied by Garda Bernard McLoughlin. In the early hours of Sunday morning, 13th December, 2009, they responded to a call that a motor vehicle was acting suspiciously. During the course of their patrol the suspect vehicle crashed into the Patrol Car seriously injuring Garda Gary McLoughlin. He was removed to Letterkenny General Hospital where he died on Monday, 14th December, 2009.

Name: **Patrick Noel McLoughlin**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 14679L
Station: Dunboyne
Years of Service: 21 years

Background:

Patrick McLoughlin, born on 9th December, 1941, came from 'The Bungalow', Patrick Street, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. He joined An Garda Síochána on 19th April, 1961. His first posting was to Belturbet, Co. Cavan. He also served at Clane, Oldcastle and Trim Garda Stations. Promoted Sergeant in 1975 he moved to Omeath, Co. Louth and transferred to Dunboyne in 1977. Sergeant McLoughlin was married with four children.

Circumstances:

On 11th April, 1983, Sergeant McLoughlin was asleep in bed when he heard a knock on the door of Dunboyne Garda Station. Sergeant McLoughlin's house formed part of the station building. Sergeant McLoughlin opened the upstairs window of his house to see who was knocking at the door. As he did so a man fired a shot hitting Sergeant McLoughlin. He later died from his wounds.

Name: **John McMahon**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 15062B
Station: Carlow
Years of Service: 27

Background:

John McMahon, born on 19th April, 1942, came from Ballinagoul, Glin, Co. Limerick. He joined An Garda Síochána on 3rd October, 1962. He served at Athy, Ballon, Myshall and Castledermot. Garda McMahon was married with one child. He took a keen interest in the affairs of the Garda Representative Association (GRA), holding the position of Chairman of local Divisional Committee.

Circumstances:

At 12.10 am on Saturday, 27th January, 1990, Garda McMahon, with another colleague, was investigating criminal damage to a window at the Carlow Lodge Hotel. At Morterstown, Kilkenny Road, Carlow, the two Gardai got out of the patrol car and were on the hard shoulder of the roadway speaking with three people in relation to the incident. A vehicle, coming from the Kilkenny direction, struck members of the group. Garda McMahon suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene.

Name: **George Mordaunt**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 6712
Station: Dublin Castle
Years of Service: 17

Background:

George Mordaunt, born on 24th September, 1897, came from 23, St. John's Street, Blackpitts, Dublin. Formerly a railway guard he joined An Garda Síochána on 26th March, 1925. He served in the Volunteers (1919-1922) and served in 'D' Company, 2nd Battalion of the Dublin Brigade. Subsequently, he served as a quartermaster-sergeant in the National Army (1922-1925) before becoming a Garda. A married man with two children, Detective Garda Mordant also served at Blackrock, Pearse Street, Sneem and Clontarf.

Circumstances:

On 24th October, 1942, as part of ongoing investigations into major criminal activity, Detective Garda Mordaunt was one of a number of Gardai who went to Holly Road, Donnycarney, Dublin, to arrest a group of wanted men. Just prior to the arrival of the Gardai the men escaped from the house and during the course of a search for them Detective Garda Mordant became separated from his comrades. It was a short time later that he was missed, and on a search being made for him, his body was discovered in the garden of a house in an adjoining street. Garda Mordaunt had been fatally wounded by a firearm.

Name: **John F. Morley**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 15543H
Station: Castlerea, Co. Roscommon
Years of Service: 18

Background:

John Morley, born on 6th October, 1942, came from Faughill, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo. He joined An Garda Síochána on 31st March, 1964. On 27th May, 1979, he was appointed to Detective Branch, based at Castlerea Garda Station. He previously served at Ballaghaderreen. He was a renowned Gaelic footballer who captained his native Mayo team and played with Connaught in the Inter-provincial series. He was married with three children, Detective Garda John Morley was posthumously awarded the Scott Gold Medal on 16th September, 1982.

Circumstances:

On the afternoon of 7th July, 1980, the Bank of Ireland, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon was robbed of £41,000 by two armed and masked men. Having made their escape the raiders (three of them in all) burned their getaway car and transferred to another a short distance away and headed towards Castlerea. D/Garda John Morley with colleagues Sergeant Michael O'Malley, Garda Henry Byrne and Garda Derek O'Kelly intercepted the raiders at Aghaderry, Shannon's Cross, some five miles from Ballaghaderreen, where the raiders' vehicle collided with the patrol car. One of the raiders shot at the windscreen of the patrol car. The other two raiders then opened fire on the patrol car killing Garda Byrne. Having pursued the raiders Detective Garda Morley was shot dead a short distance away.

Name: **Patrick J. Morrissey**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 14545K
Station: Collon, Co. Louth
Years of Service: 24 years

Background:

Patrick Morrissey, born on 7th March, 1936, came from 14, Barrack Hill, Belturbet, Co. Cavan. He joined An Garda Síochána on 14th December, 1960. He served in the National Army from 1953 to 1960. Promoted to Sergeant on 24th October, 1974, he also served at Tramore, Adelphi Quay, Drogheda, Dundrum, Stepside, Fitzgibbon Street, Whitehall, Omeath, Bridewell and H.Q. An experienced life-saver, his allocation to Headquarters saw him play a major role in the development of the Garda Sub-Aqua Unit. He was married with four children. Sergeant Morrissey was posthumously awarded the Scott Gold Medal on 4th December, 1986.

Circumstances:

On 27th June, 1985, Gardai Peter Long and Brendan Flynn were on mobile patrol at Ardee, Co. Louth. As they approached the town's Labour Exchange they came upon a robbery in progress. Two armed men had ambushed the manager and stolen £25,000 in cash. When the raiders saw the patrol car they fled the scene in the manager's car, discharging their firearms at the two Gardai. Following in pursuit, the patrol car picked up Sergeant Morrissey along the way. The chase ended abruptly at Rathbrist Cross, when the raiders, now on a motor-cycle, crashed into an approaching car, injuring the occupants of the car. Gardai Flynn and Long stayed with the injured persons while Sergeant Morrissey, alone and on foot, pursued the raiders. As he caught up with them a shot was fired and he fell to the ground grievously wounded. One of the gunmen stood over him and at point blank range shot the Sergeant dead.

Name: **John Alphonsus Murrin**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 3919
Station: Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary
Years of Service: 1

Background:

John Murrin, born on 23rd March, 1898, came from Brucklass, Co. Donegal. He joined An Garda Síochána on 4th April, 1923, having previously worked as a merchant. Garda Murrin, previous to joining An Garda Síochána, served in the Irish Volunteers (1918-1922) and the National Army (1922-1923).

Circumstances:

On 6th May, 1924, Garda John Murrin, with his colleague Sergeant Thomas Griffin, were investigating a shooting incident which had occurred the previous day. Having identified the suspects for the crime, both Sergeant Griffin and Garda Murrin proceeded to a house at nearby Killonerry, Co. Kilkenny. On arrival and without warning, both Gardai were shot and seriously injured. Garda Murrin died from his injuries on 19th October, 1924.

Name: **Richard Joseph Nolan**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 21244L
Station: Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford
Years of Service: 22

Background:

Richard Nolan, born on 24th January, 1957, came from Carrigslaney, Kilbride, Co. Carlow. Having previously worked as a sales representative he joined An Garda Síochána on 7th June, 1978. He was married with three children, one of whom is a Garda. Garda Nolan also served at Newtownmountkennedy, Howth and Duncannon. His pastimes included Gaelic football, hurling and growing Christmas trees.

Circumstances:

At 1.20 am on Sunday, 26th September, 1999, Garda Richard Nolan and Garda Ambrose Fogarty were the crew of the Enniscorthy patrol car that responded to a call to assist Gardai from Gorey in dealing with a serious row outside a night club in the village of Camolin, Co. Wexford. When the patrol car was at Bishopswell, Enniscorthy it was involved in a collision. Garda Nolan was killed instantly.

Name: **William Nolan**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 11369 (DMP)
Station: Blackrock
Years of Service: 11 (including DMP Service)

Background:

William Nolan, born on 5th April, 1895, came from Knockmajor, Coolcullen, Co. Kilkenny. He joined the Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) on 25th September, 1916, and became a member of An Garda Síochána on the amalgamation of both Forces in 1925. Garda Nolan was married with four children. He also served at College Street and Kill-O-Grange. He was one of five brothers who served in An Garda Síochána.

Circumstances:

On Sunday, 19th August, 1928, Garda Nolan was on point duty in Stillorgan village, Co. Dublin, in connection with Leopardstown Races, when he was knocked down by a passing car. He later died from his injuries.

Name: **Denis O' Brien**
Rank: Detective Sergeant
Reg. No: 8288
Station: Dublin Castle
Years of Service: 9

Background:

Denis O'Brien, born on 17th June, 1899, at 8 Pim Street, Dublin 8 and was educated at James St. Christian Brothers School. As a youth of 17 years, he fought in the 1916 Rising with the Marrowbone Lane Garrison. After a short term of imprisonment in Richmond Barracks, Dublin he was released as being under age. In 1917 he rejoined 'C' Company 4th Battalion, Dublin Brigade and succeeded his brother Patrick as the O/C of that Company. He led his Company through the whole period up to the Treaty. After the Treaty he and his brothers took the Republican side and fought in the Four Courts. Denis was captured and interned in Newbridge, Co. Kildare until 1924. He served as an Accountancy Clerk with the E.S.B. until he joined An Garda Síochána on 9th August, 1933. He was allocated to the Detective Branch and became a member of the section known as the "Broth Harriers". Promoted to Detective Sergeant on 15th October, 1937. He was survived by his wife, Anne, and two daughters, Fiona and Eitne.

Circumstances:

On 9th September, 1942, Detective Sergeant O'Brien was leaving his home at Ballyboden, Co. Dublin when he was ambushed and shot dead by a group of armed men.

Name: **Declan Francis O' Connor**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 21517A
Station: Ballymun, Dublin
Years of Service: 4

Background:

Declan O' Connor, born on 3rd April, 1959, came from Arus Mhuire, Balheary, Swords, Co. Dublin. Formerly a member of the Irish Army before joining An Garda Síochána on 29th November, 1978, he also served in the F.C.A. He was single. Garda O'Connor served previously at Carrickmacross Garda Station. His pastimes included Gaelic football and reading.

Circumstances:

On Tuesday, 17th May, 1983, Garda Declan O'Connor was on motor-cycle duty travelling with a dispatch from Ballymun Garda Station to Garda Headquarters, Phoenix Park. At 1.15 pm, as he was travelling along Ballygall Road East, his motor-cycle skidded and he was thrown to the ground. He sustained serious injuries. Garda O'Connor died on Friday 10th June, 1983.

Name: **John Gerald O'Donnell**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 6481
Station: Kanturk, Co. Cork
Years of Service: 15

Background:

John O'Donnell, born on 10th June, 1905, came from Burtonport, Co. Donegal. He joined An Garda Síochána on 29th January, 1925. His first allocation was to Crusheen Garda Station, Co. Clare and he also served at Ballynacargy and Glassan both in Co. Westmeath. Garda O'Donnell was married with three children.

Circumstances:

On 19th July, 1940, Garda O'Donnell was bathing at Ballyunion beach, Co. Kerry when he observed two girls in difficulty in the water and went to their assistance. After bringing both girls to safety Garda O'Donnell was drowned when he was overcome by a huge wave and swept out to sea.

Name: **Thomas Michael O'Driscoll**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 10698
Station: Cavan
Years of Service: 3

Background:

Thomas O'Driscoll, born on 24th August, 1931, came from 5, Catherine Place, Limerick. Having previously worked as a railway porter with C.I.E. and successfully underwent a Garage & workshop Procedures Course at Limerick vocational School. He joined An Garda Síochána on 25th May, 1954, and was allocated to Kilkenny Garda Station. He also served at Ballyduff and Thomastown. He was single. Garda O'Driscoll took a keen interest in soccer.

Circumstances:

On the morning of Wednesday, 22nd January, 1958, Garda O'Driscoll was driver of the official Garda car from Cavan Garda Station with another Garda as his observer. The Garda car was travelling northwards on the main road to the border crossing at Leggykelly, Co. Cavan. The members were engaged on border patrol duty manning random checkpoints to counteract IRA hostilities. At 10.30 am the patrol car was approaching the townland of Carrarod, at a location known as Gannon's Cross, Redhills when a cattle lorry collided with the official car. Garda O'Driscoll died at the scene from the injuries he sustained.

Name: **Patrick O'Halloran**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 651
Station: Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow
Years of Service: 2

Background:

Patrick O'Halloran, born on 15th May, 1896, came from George's Street, Gort, Co. Galway. Having previously worked as a signalman on the Great Southern and Western Railway he joined An Garda Síochána on 31st March, 1922. He served with the local brigade of the Volunteers (1920-1922). He was first stationed at Swords and Skerries, both in Co. Dublin prior to moving on transfer to Baltinglass. On 13th January, 1923, Garda O'Halloran was one of four Gardai who defied a group of fifty men who attacked Baltinglass Garda Station armed with crowbars and sledgehammers. Garda Patrick O'Halloran was a single man.

Circumstances:

On 29th January, 1924, Garda O'Halloran was passing the National Bank in Baltinglass when he heard sounds of a struggle. He rushed to the door of the bank to give assistance and found the door bolted against him. He sounded his whistle to call his comrades; the raiders heard the whistle; they left the building and were pursued by Garda O'Halloran. In pursuit he was gaining ground on the raiders when one of them turned and fired point blank at Garda O'Halloran, killing him instantly.

Name: **Timothy O'Sullivan**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 6670
Station: Kilrush, Co. Clare
Years of Service: 4

Background: Timothy O'Sullivan, born on 27th November, 1896, came from 98 Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork. He joined An Garda Síochána on 20th March, 1925. He served in the Volunteers (1917/1922), holding the rank of Captain of 'A' Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd Cork Brigade. In 1921 he took part in the Rosscarbary battle and for a time acted as Magistrate in the Parish Court in his home town and in addition acted as supervisor to the West Cork Board of Health. He relinquished both of these positions in 1922 and entered the National Army with the rank of Captain. Garda O' Sullivan, a single man, also served at Tralee and Kilgarvan.

Circumstances: On 11th June, 1929, a note was delivered to Knock Garda Station, Co. Clare addressed to Detective Garda O'Sullivan setting out that a box of ammunition and papers had been found in a field at nearby Tullycrine. Detective Garda O'Sullivan cycled to the area and in the corner of a field found the box described in the note. From the contents of the note received Detective Garda O'Sullivan was of the view that the box could be opened with safety. He went up to it and pulled at the hasp whereupon there was an explosion. Detective Garda O'Sullivan received very serious injuries, from which he died.

Name: **Michael John Padden**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 27477A
Station: Donnybrook, Dublin
Years of Service: 4

Background:

Michael Padden, born on 8th July, 1974, came from Shanahee, Belmullet, Co. Mayo. He joined An Garda Síochána as a Trainee on 26th January, 1998, and appointed on 31st March, 1999. On completion of training Garda Padden was allocated to Donnybrook Garda Station on 1st April, 1999. He was single. His spare-time activities included Gaelic football, soccer, basketball and music.

Circumstances:

At 6.21a.m. on 14th February, 2002, a 999 call was received at Command & Control, Harcourt Square to the effect that there was a burglary taking place at an apartment at Bailey View, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. A black Mazda was observed leaving the scene. Garda Michael Padden and Garda Tony Tighe, took up a stationary position at the junction of The Rise, Mount Merrion and Stillorgan Road in an effort to intercept the vehicle. Shortly afterwards the vehicle approached and collided with the official vehicle. Both Gardai were removed to St. Vincent's Hospital where they were pronounced dead on arrival.

Name: **Henry Phelan**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 1347
Station: Callan, Co. Tipperary
Years of Service: 6 months

Background:

Henry (Harry) Phelan, born on 25th December, 1900, came from Rushin, Mountrath, Co. Laois, and joined An Garda Síochána on 27th May, 1922. Prior to joining An Garda Síochána he served in the Volunteers. He took a keen interest in sporting activities in the Callan area and had a particular love for hurling. He was single. Garda Phelan was the first member of the newly formed Garda Síochána to be killed.

Circumstances:

On 14th November, 1922 Garda Phelan went to a shop in Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary to purchase hurleys for a team he, and colleagues, were starting in Callan. While he was in the shop two armed men entered and, without warning, shot Garda Phelan dead.

Name: **Seamus Quaid**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 13497G
Station: Wexford
Years of Service: 22

Background:

Seamus Quaid came from Ballinakill, Castlemahon, Co. Limerick; born on 16th November, 1937. He joined An Garda Síochána on 22nd May, 1958. On 27th May, 1979, he was appointed to the Detective Branch. A prominent hurler who played with Faythe Harriers, he won an All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal with Wexford in 1960. He was married with four children. Detective Garda Quaid was posthumously awarded the Scott Gold Medal on 16th December, 1982.

Circumstances:

On 13th October, 1980, a day when two armed bank raids took place at Callan, Co. Kilkenny Detective Garda Quaid, and a colleague, Detective Garda Donal Lyttleton, were undertaking enquiries in the Wexford area, where both men were stationed, in connection with the robberies. Late in the evening they stopped a van at Ballyconnick Quarry near Cleariestown, which was driven by a member of the Provisional IRA who was known to Detective Garda Quaid. He was living in the local area and a native of Belfast. When the Gardai went to search the van, which was subsequently found to contain explosives, the driver suddenly drew a gun. He demanded the two Gardai should let him go, firing a shot over their heads. Detective Garda Quaid drew his gun. Shots were exchanged. The gunman was injured in the left leg in an attempt to disable him. The gunman shot Detective Garda Quaid who subsequently died from the injuries he sustained.

Name: **Paul Michael Reid**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 20655E
Station: Burnfoot, Co. Donegal
Years of Service: 17

Background:

Paul Reid was born on 5th January, 1956 and came from 17, Barton Road East, Dundrum, Dublin, 14. He joined An Garda Síochána on 3rd August, 1977. He was allocated to Letterkenny on the 6th January, 1978. He was appointed to the Detective Branch on 28th February, 1982 and promoted to Sergeant on the 20th June, 1990. He was married to Rosemarie and has 3 children, Aoife, Connor and Eoghan who joined An Garda Síochána. Sergeant Reid also served at Carrigans, Milford, Buncrana, Burnfoot and Monaghan. While on secondment duty with the United Nations peacekeeping force UNPROFPR in Sarajevo in 1995 he was appointed Administrator for that area.

Circumstances:

On the 18th May, 1995, Sergeant Paul Reid and his colleague Garda Phillip Carr were returning to base from their peace monitoring duties at Sarajevo Airport. As they travelled through Snipers Alley in the city, their official vehicle was struck by a snipers bullet which caused it to go out of control and crash, injuring Garda Phillip Carr and fatally injuring Sergeant Paul Reid.

Name: **Michael Joseph Reynolds**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 17673G
Station: Clontarf, Dublin
Years of Service: 5

Background:

Michael Reynolds, born on 9th February, 1945, came from Cloonigney, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. He joined An Garda Síochána on 4th March, 1970. On completion of training he was allocated to Kilmainham Garda Station, Dublin. He was married with a 2 year old daughter who subsequently died aged 24 years. Garda Reynolds was posthumously awarded the Scott Gold Medal at the Garda Training Centre, Templemore on 16th July, 1976.

Circumstances:

On the afternoon of 11th September, 1975, three armed raiders robbed the Killester branch of the Bank of Ireland on Dublin's Howth Road. The raiders had made their escape, having taken more than £7,000 from the bank. As they sped away they narrowly avoided colliding with a car driven by off-duty Garda Michael Reynolds. Garda Reynolds went in pursuit, accompanied by his wife, Vera, and daughter, Emer. The chase eventually reached St. Anne's Park in Raheny where the raiders abandoned their car. Garda Reynolds, who was unarmed, pursued them on foot, caught and dragged to the ground one of the raiders. One of the other raiders then called on Garda Reynolds to release their accomplice, when he did not do so the raider shot the member in the head.

Name: **Patrick Gerald Reynolds**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 21281D
Station: Tallaght, Co. Dublin
Years of Service: 3

Background:

Patrick Gerard Reynolds, born on 16th December, 1958, came from Barroe, Ballinadon, Co. Sligo. In his native Sligo he was known to everybody as Gerard. He attended Cloonagh National School and St. Mary's College, Boyle. Patrick Gerard joined An Garda Síochána on 21st June, 1978. Garda Reynolds was awarded posthumously the Scott Gold Medal on 29th September, 1983.

Circumstances:

In the early hours of 20th February, 1982, Garda Patrick Reynolds, with four other colleagues, arrived at a semi-derelict block of flats in Dublin's Tallaght area. All were in uniform and were responding to an anonymous phone tip-off that three suspicious-looking men were carrying bags into a flat at Avonbeg Gardens. Garda Reynolds and his Sergeant checked the rear of the block. The remaining Gardai made their way to the flat identified by the anonymous caller. On entering the flat the Gardai found a gang of six heavily armed men and women counting the proceeds of a bank robbery which had taken place in Askeaton, Co. Limerick a couple of days previously. The gang members began to panic and attempted to flee from the scene. On hearing the commotion Garda Reynolds ran towards the flat itself when he was confronted by one of the gunmen, who fired at him twice, fatally wounding him.

Name: **George Brendan Rice**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 22336M
Station: Watercourse Road, Cork
Years of Service: 19

Background:

George Rice, born on 15th May, 1956, came from Knockeens, Kilgarvan, Co. Kerry. He joined An Garda Síochána on 10th June, 1981. On completion of training he was allocated to Store Street Garda Station on 13th November, 1981, and also served at Union Quay and Mallow Road. Garda Rice was married with three children. His spare-time activities included hurling, football and tug-o-war.

Circumstances:

At 5 a.m. on Sunday, 22nd April, 2001, Garda Brendan Rice, with his colleague, Garda James McIntyre, were on mobile patrol on the North Ring Road, Cork, near Ballyvolane, when their patrol car was involved in a collision. Garda Rice died from injuries sustained in the accident.

Name: **John Roche**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 4905
Station: Union Quay, Cork
Years of Service: 17

Background:

John Roche, born on 11th June, 1905, came from Ballybehy South, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick. Having worked in farming he joined An Garda Síochána on 11th July, 1923. He was a keen Gaelic Footballer. He served at Kinnegad, Dungourney, Watercourse Road and McCurtain Street where he served as Food & Drugs Inspector, Clerk and in plain clothes before moving to the Detective Branch at Union Quay in 1937. Detective Garda Roche was married.

Circumstances:

On 3rd January, 1940, Detective Garda Roche was on duty at Patrick Street, Cork with a number of colleagues. The Gardai approached a man whom they wanted to question about criminal activities. The man produced a revolver and shot Detective Garda Roche. Detective Garda Roche was taken to the North Infirmary Hospital where he died from his wounds on 4th January, 1940.

Name: **William Anthony Roche**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 21738G
Station: Newbridge, Co. Kildare
Years of Service: 12

Background:

William Roche, born on 15th June, 1959, came from Shannon Street, Mountrath, Co. Laois. Having previously worked as a barman he joined An Garda Síochána on 5th December, 1979. On completion of training he was allocated to Kill-O-Grange Garda Station, Dublin on 9th May, 1980 and also served in Carlow, Leighlinbridge, Kildare and Robertstown. Garda Roche, was single. He took a keen interest in Gaelic football and hurling.

Circumstances:

On 1st August, 1992, Garda Roche was investigating a road traffic accident at Morrinstown Upper, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, when he was hit by another vehicle. He died from his injuries.

Name: **Declan Roe**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 23595D
Station: Waterford
Years of Service: 8

Background:

Declan Roe, born on 23rd August, 1962, came from Killaderry, Daingain, Co. Offaly. He joined An Garda Síochána on 7th September, 1983, and on completion of training was allocated to Carrickmacross Garda Station, Co. Monaghan on 10th February, 1984. He also served at Kingscourt and Monaghan. Garda Roe was married. He took a keen interest in football.

Circumstances:

At 3.50am on 13th July, 1992, Garda Roe was driving an official patrol car on the main Waterford/New Ross road and travelling in the direction of New Ross, when the official car was involved in a collision. Garda Roe was removed to Ardkeen Regional Hospital where he died from his injuries a short time later.

Name: **Patrick Rutledge**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 17003H
Station: Monaghan
Years of Service: 14

Background:

Pat Rutledge, born on 8th October, 1947, came from Carrowrile, Lavagh, Ballymote, Co. Sligo. He joined An Garda Síochána on 12th July, 1967. On completion of training he was allocated to Clones Garda Station on 17th November, 1967, and later transferred to the Divisional Traffic Corps based at Monaghan on 11th July, 1972. Garda Rutledge was married with one child. He was a keen GAA enthusiast and a member of Monaghan town hurling club. In 1974 he was hijacked by a Provisional I.R.A. unit, while driving his private car off duty. A 200lb bomb was placed in his car. He was ordered to drive to the village of Magheraveely, Co. Fermanagh. On route to Magheraveely he drove his car into a field and abandoned same, conscious of eliminating danger to the public. The bravery of Garda Rutledge was widely recognised in the Border area.

Circumstances:

On 24th February, 1982, Garda Rutledge, with Garda Nathy Cawley, was on explosives escort duty in a Garda patrol car from Monaghan Garda Station when it was involved in a collision with an Army truck at Broomfield, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. Garda Rutledge died instantly.

Name: **Vincent Ryan**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 10094
Station: Shankill, Co. Dublin
Years of Service: 6

Background:

Vincent Ryan, born on 14th January, 1925, came from Turla, Ballymoe, Co. Galway. Having previously worked in farming he joined An Garda Síochána on 23rd April, 1948. He served in the F.C.A. (1946-1948). He was single. Garda Ryan also served at Bandon, Caherdaniel, Killarney, Kilgarvan, Ballyduff and Mountemple.

Circumstances:

On 18th September, 1954, Garda Ryan was on duty on an official motor cycle at Killiney, Co. Dublin when he was involved in a road traffic accident. Garda Ryan died as a result of the injuries he received.

Name: **Gary Sheehan**
Rank: Recruit Garda
Reg. No: 23589L
Station: Training Centre, Templemore
Years of Service: 3 months

Background:

Gary Sheehan, born on 24th September, 1960, came from 'Barnesmore', Kingscourt Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan. Having worked previously as a technician he joined An Garda Síochána on 7th September, 1983, following a family tradition as his father and grandfather also served as Gardai. He took a keen interest in all sports and played Gaelic football with his local team, Carrick Emmets. Recruit Garda Sheehan was single.

Circumstances:

On 24th November, 1983, a prominent business man, Mr. Don Tidy, was kidnapped by the Provisional I.R.A. close to his home in South County Dublin. A nationwide search was undertaken by An Garda Síochána. In mid December, 1983 the search focused in the Ballinamore area of County Leitrim based on intelligence. Huge Garda and Army resources were drafted in for the search operation in Ballinamore. Recruit Gardai from the Garda College, which included Recruit Garda Sheehan, were deployed on the search. On the 16th December, 1983 a Garda/Army search party confronted the I.R.A. gang holding Mr. Tidy in Derrada Wood, Ballinamore. Mr. Tidy was released. Recruit Garda Gary Sheehan and Private Patrick Kelly, Custume Millitary Barracks, Athlone, were shot dead during the confrontation.

Name: **Tony Tighe**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 17644C
Station: Donnybrook, Co. Dublin
Years of Service: 32

Background:

Tony Tighe, born on 28th September, 1948, came from Ranelagh, Dublin, 6. He joined An Garda Síochána on 7th January, 1970. On completion of training he was allocated to Donnybrook Garda Station on 15th May, 1970, where he spent his entire service. Garda Tighe was married with four children, Anthony, Colum, Fiona and Paul. Both Colum and Fiona are members of An Garda Síochána. Garda Tighe was a keen DIY enthusiast.

Circumstances:

At 6.21a.m. on 14th February, 2002, a 999 call was received at Command & Control, Harcourt Square to the effect that there was a burglary taking place at an apartment at Bailey View, Bullock Harbour, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. A black Mazda was observed leaving the scene. Garda Tony Tighe and Garda Michael Padden, took up a position at the junction of The Rise, Mount Merrion and Stillorgan Road in an effort to intercept the vehicle. Shortly afterwards the vehicle approached and collided with the official vehicle. Both Gardai were removed to St. Vincent's Hospital where they were pronounced dead on arrival.

Name: **Michael Walsh**
Rank: Detective Garda
Reg. No: 6658
Station: Cavan
Years of Service: 17

Background:

Michael Walsh, born on 14th March, 1901, came from Barnfield, Ballina, Co. Mayo. Having previously worked as a groom he joined An Garda Síochána on 20th March, 1925. He had served in the Volunteers (1919-1922) and the National Army (1922-1924), where he held the rank of Lieutenant. He was appointed to Detective Branch on 16th July, 1925. A married man with two children, D/Garda Walsh also served at Tullamore, Athlone, and Redhills. He had an interest in equestrian sports.

Circumstances:

On 1st October, 1942, Detective Garda Walsh was one of a party of Gardai who went to a house at Lismancanigan, Mountnugent, Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan attempting to arrest a known criminal suspect. As the Gardai approached the suspect discharged a firearm at them, wounding Detective Garda Walsh. He subsequently died from his injuries later than day at Cavan Surgical Hospital.

Name: **Hugh Ward**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 5663
Station: Hollyford, Co. Tipperary
Years of Service: 2

Background:

Hugh Ward, born on 14th February, 1897, came from Cloughmacoo, Nobber, Co. Meath. He joined An Garda Síochána on 27th February, 1924. He served in the Volunteers (1918-1921) and did yeoman service up to the time of the Truce. He also served in the National Army (1921-1924), including the Military Police. He was single and served in Roscommon, Cork and Tipperary.

Circumstances:

On 14th November, 1926, concerted attacks were carried out on Garda stations countrywide. Garda Ward was on duty at Hollyford Station. He answered a knock on the front door of the station. A raider lifted his gun and shot Garda Ward who died from his injuries on 16th November, 1926.

Name: **Patrick Waters**
Rank: Sergeant
Reg. No: 10114
Station: Sligo
Years of Service: 23

Background:

Patrick Waters (Padraic Ó Tuairisc), born on 27th March, 1926, came from Cornarón, Invern, Co. Galway. Having worked in farming he joined An Garda Síochána on 23rd April, 1948. He served in the L.D.F. (1945-1946) and the F.C.A. (1946-1948). His younger brother also served in An Garda Síochána. Promoted Sergeant on 31st March, 1961 he also served at Carna, Ballinasloe, Roundstone, Castleisland and Carrick-on-Shannon. Sergeant Waters, married to Mary, had nine children one of whom became a member of An Garda Síochána.

Circumstances:

On 18th November, 1971, Sergeant Waters, with two other colleagues from Sligo Garda Station were responding to an emergency call at Carrickhenry, Sligo. On the way to the scene the official vehicle was in collision with another car. Sergeant Waters died as a result of the collision.

Name: **Joseph F. X. Wilkinson**
Rank: Garda
Reg. No: 13716B
Station: Garda HQ (Transport Details)
Years of Service: 31

Background:

Joseph Wilkinson, born on 26th July, 1937, came from Rooskey, Co. Roscommon. Formerly a student he joined An Garda Síochána on 13th November, 1958. On completion of training he was allocated to Store Street Garda Station, Dublin on 13th April, 1959, and also served at Pearse Street (Traffic), Dublin before moving to Garda HQ (Transport Details) on 11th October, 1968. Garda Wilkinson was also a member of the Garda Choir. Garda Wilkinson was married with six children.

Circumstances:

At 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 14th February, 1990, Garda Wilkinson was driving an official unmarked Garda car towards Cashel, Co. Tipperary, accompanied by two other colleagues from Bishopstown Garda Station, Cork. They were conveying a detained person to Cork. At Ashill, Horse & Jockey, the Garda vehicle was involved in a collision. Garda Wilkinson was killed instantly.

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| Name: | James Woods |
| Rank: | Sergeant |
| Reg. No: | 2358 |
| Station: | Scartaglen, Co. Kerry |
| Years of Service: | 1 |

Background:

James Woods, born on 25th March, 1900, came from Ballyreen, Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare. He was a trainee Teacher who, after a year left to join the Volunteers. He joined An Garda Síochána on 15th November, 1922, at Ship Street Barracks in Dublin. His first posting was Bantry Garda Station. On 1st May, 1923, he was promoted Sergeant and transferred to Scartaglen Garda Station on 30th May, 1923. Sergeant Woods had two brothers who also served in An Garda Síochána. On 26th November, 1995, a Memorial to Sergeant Woods was unveiled at Castleisland Garda Station.

Circumstances:

On Monday 3rd December, 1923, Sergeant Woods and another member were on duty in Scartaglen Garda Station, five miles from Castleisland, Co Kerry. On that night the station was attacked by a group of men, armed with rifles and shotguns, who evidently sought possession of the Garda uniforms. The raiders ordered Sergeant Woods to hand over all of his property, including his Uniform. When he resisted he was shot by one of the raiders and died instantly.
