



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-01523

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Deaths of RUC Officers During the Troubles

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

I am working on a project about the British Army in Northern Ireland. I am trying to provide some perspective on the threat facing RUC officers during the early years of the troubles and am trying to work out who was the last RUC officer killed by terrorists prior to the August 1970 deaths of Constables Millar and Donaldson in Crossmaglen.

Answer

The serving RUC officer whose death is attributable to Terrorism prior to the deaths of Constables' Millar and Donaldson is Constable Victor Arbuckle who died on 11th October 1969.

Question 2

On the RUC roll of honour, it is unclear whether or not the death of Constable John Brown on 6 December 1963 was an accident - are you able to confirm?

Answer

The inquest returned an open verdict and therefore the PSNI are unable to provide any confirmation.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

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