Roll of honour

In the second of a two-part series, *Police Review* continues its commemoration of women officers who have been killed while on duty. Anthony Rae reports

he Police Roll of Honour Trust has 38 women officers on their records. Of the 38, there have been 22 deaths in road accidents, three deaths by drowning, one by enemy action and one collapse during training. Eleven women officers have been unlawfully killed: six RUC officers by terrorist acts, and in mainland Britain two have been killed by vehicles and one each by stabbing, shooting and terrorist bomb explosion.

Joanna M. Cochran

police constable Thames Valley Police Died - March 29 1984, aged 20

She was fatally injured while the observer in a patrol car. The car swerved to avoid an obstruction in the road and the vehicle overturned during an early morning vehicle pursuit in Oxford.

Yvonne Joyce Fletcher

police constable Metropolitan Police Died - April 17 1984, aged 25

While policing a political demonstration outside a foreign embassy in St James's Square, central London, she was shot in the back and fatally wounded when automatic weapons were fired at the crowd from inside the embassy building.

Ivy Winifred Kelly detective constable aged 29 Royal Ulster Constabulary



Rosemary Elizabeth McGookin

police constable aged 27 Royal Ulster Constabulary

Both officers died February 28 1985

Both officers were killed, together with seven other officers, by the explosion of a mortar bomb when Newry RUC station came under heavy mortar attack by terrorists. The canteen was destroyed by a direct hit.



Killed together with three colleagues in a police patrol car by the explosion of a terrorist bomb placed in a trailer near the road where they were escorting a security vehicle at Killeen, Newry.

Deborah Leat police constable Avon and Somerset Constabulary Died - November 27 1986, aged 20



Killed when her police patrol car went out of control on a bend and crashed into a tree while she was pursuing a vehicle which had failed to stop in the early hours at Speedwell.

Jacqueline Ann Brown

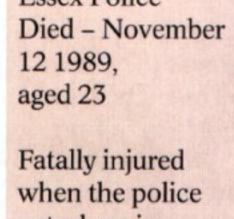
police constable Hertfordshire Constabulary Died - June 7 1989, aged 23

Died from serious injuries sustained in the early hours when she lost

control of her patrol car, which crashed on a bend in wet weather, while she was carrying a prisoner and escort at Harpenden.

Jo-Ann Jennings police constable **Essex Police** 12 1989,

patrol car in which she was the observer left the road and collided with a tree near Brentwood, while responding to a disturbance during the early hours.



Colleen Linda McMurray

constable Royal Ulster Constabulary Died - March 28 1992, aged 34

While on mobile patrol late at night in Newry, County Down, she was

caught in a terrorist attack, receiving injuries from a horizontally fired mortar bomb which struck her police vehicle. She died the following day.

Gina Rutherford police constable South Yorkshire Police Died - February 7 1994, aged 25

She drowned when the patrol





car, in which she was the observer, skidded off an icy road in the early hours and plunged into the river at Wath-upon-Dearne, near Barnsley, trapping her inside.

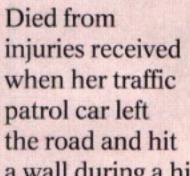
Gail Doreen Pirnie

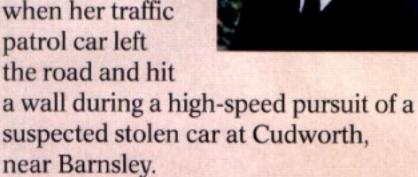
police constable Metropolitan Police Died - October 26 1994, aged 42

Collapsed and died from a heart attack, having just completed an exercise while undergoing a baton training course at the Peel Centre, Hendon.

Sandra Jane Edwards

police constable South Yorkshire Police Died - May 10 1995, aged 28





Melanie Igoe police constable Strathclyde Police Died - May 30 1995, aged 28

Fatally injured in a road traffic accident while undergoing instruction on a traffic motorcycle training course. She lost control of her machine on a bend near Largs.

Philippa Jane Parish police constable Hampshire

Constabulary Died - March 13 1996, aged 29

Killed while the observer in a police car responding to an alarm call in the early hours of the morning. The vehicle collided with a brick wall at Winchester.

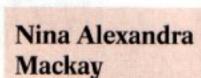


Vanessa Rosemary Carroll

inspector West Midlands Police Died - April 28 1996, aged 35

Killed in a road accident while on secondment with the British police contingent in

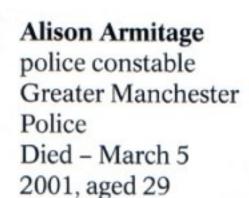
Bosnia. She was forced to swerve to avoid an oncoming car and was thrown from her vehicle.



police constable Metropolitan Police Died - October 24 1997, aged 25

As a member of the **Territorial Support** Group, she forced

entry to a flat at Stratford, in order to arrest a violent and deranged wanted man, whereupon she was stabbed in the chest and fatally wounded.



While keeping observation on a stolen car in

Oldham, a suspect returned to the vehicle and, in attempting to stop him driving away, she went to the rear of the car. The car reversed and knocked her down before running over her, causing multiple injuries from which she later died.

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