

March 2, 1968. This was the first of many photos of Mr and Mrs Phoenix looking fondly into each other's eyes.



Ian's paternal grandfather (nearest camera) meeting the Queen. A veteran of the Boer War, he inspired Ian to embark on a military career.

Ian's parents, Maggie and Willie Phoenix, in Granville 1970. Ian's birthplace in Granville, near Dungannon, County Tyrone.









Libya airfield 1968. Ian and his friend waiting for the flight home.

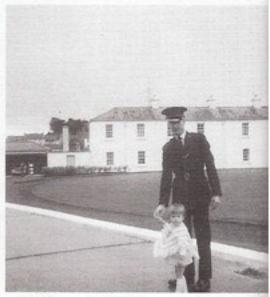
Ian and friends from D Company 3 Para in the jungle in 1967. This was one of his favourite environments. Ian and Susan with baby daughter arriving at LUQA airport, Malta in December 1968. Families travelled together. Baby Phoenix had just escaped 'near death' as the plane landed.

Below Ian and Susan and baby daughter in Malta 1969, where they were stationed for 18 months.

Below right 'Cap and Boots'. Newly recruited Constable Phoenix at RUC depot Enniskillen with his daughter, there to watch the passing out parade.









The first and last full military funeral in Belfast. Sgt Michael Willetts was killed by an IRA bomb as he started duty with his colleague from the RUC – Constable Ian Phoenix. Ian is standing directly above the end of the coffin. Springfield Road Police Barracks, 1971.

Mug-shots used by the RUC in B Division Belfast in the 1970s to spot potential troublemakers when on duty.



Joseph Cahill



Gerald Adams (Snr.)



Gerald Adams (Jnr.)



Ian on duty after the Oxford Road Bus Station explosion in 1972. He was helping to pick up debris of bodies.



Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Chinwell and Constable John Phoenix.

Friends turn back the clock

By Joe Oliver

An Army chief and a young police constable shook hands yesterday and turned the clock back five years. For ill look the troubles in Uniter to near a warm fricocloid between Constable John Photesis and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Chiercell.

Front page of the Belfast Newsletter.





Ian with new sergeant's stripes outside his house in Glengormley.

The young Sgt. Phoenix having a tea break in the Belfast sunshine.

Belfast Telegraph, Tuesday, December 18, 1973

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BID TO KILL RUC MAN: 3 ACCUSED

By Belfast Telegraph

men appeared at the Magistrate's Court today charged with the attempted murder of an RUC sergeant

yesterday. Francis Gerard Goodall (21), unemployed, of Car-lisle Road; Francis Joseph Collins (18), unemployed, of North Queen Street, and Michael Joseph Reeves (17), van boy, of Artillery House, all refused to recog-

By Belfast Telegraph
Reporter
THREE YOUNG Belfast the Duncairn Gardens area. H

A detective said that each of the accused made written voluntary statements.

In reply to the charge.
Reeves said: "No:" Collins:
"I wasn't there," and
Goodall: "I second that. He
wasn't there."

They were remanded in custody until December 21.

At the same court a 27-year-old Belfastman ap-peared, accused of the attempted murder of nise the court.

They are jointly charged Gerard Ignatius McCann on

Crumlin Road, son December 12.

He is Arthur James Bettice, unemployed, of Ol-dpark Road, and he is charged with trying to murder the man with another person as murder the man with another person as yet unknown.

A detective told the court that Bettice refused to make a written statement,

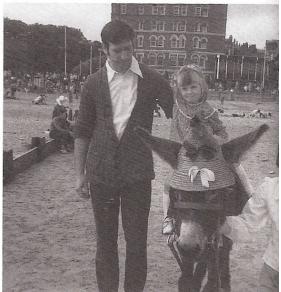
but made verbal statements.
When charged Betrice
replied: "No. Just ' not guilty." He was

remanded in custody until December 31.



Ian and his children returning from a fishing trip in their old ferry boat.

Ian with his toddler daughter on the beach in Douglas on the Isle of Man, 1972.

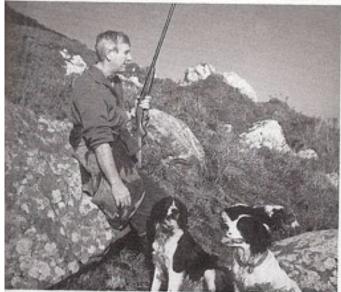




Ian and a beekeeping friend during his 'beekeeping phase'. Susan had bought a hive at an auction. Unfortunately it was full of bees and Ian applied himself to becoming a beekeeper for several years until he found he was allergic to their stings.

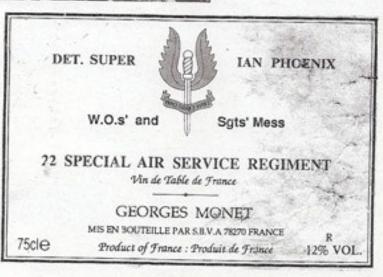
Ian arranged a parachute display for a charity garden party with the proviso that the jumpers arrived with a bottle of Black Bush in their flying suits. He promised the glasses if they safeguarded the whiskey.





At peace in the wilds with gun and dogs – resting to look over the Irish Sea to Scotland.

The wine labels which Ian treasured on the crate of personally labelled wine presented to him by his friends in the SAS. Although he couldn't help commenting 'Nice labels, rotten wine'. He often said 'Life's too short to drink bad wine'.





The devastated Loughgall police barracks after the IRA bomb had been detonated. It injured the volunteer policemen whom Ian had admired for their courage.

Dead terrorists after Loughgall.



'The Cap'n' with his colleague Bob Foster who died with him on 2 June. The hat was a farewell present from his team in TCG (South).

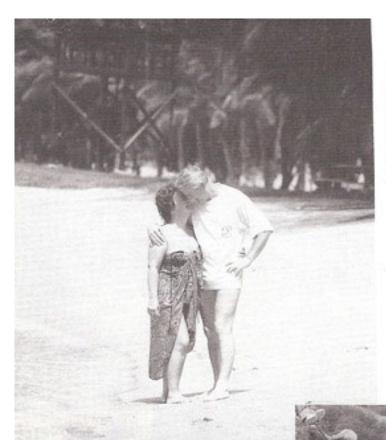




The last photograph taken of Ian by Susan. He is in the garden that he loved to tend and feeding his favourite hunting dogs, Finn and Bumbles.

The final picture of Ian and Susan with her parents. Five years after this photograph, Susan had lost all three of her loved ones.





Ian and Susan back in his favourite Malaysia. Photograph taken by their daughter on her twenty-first birthday in Singapore.

Ian opening his last good wine for those who made the trek to the beach after the final barbecue.

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TRIBUTES TO THE HEROES



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THE names of all the victims of the Chinook helicopter tragedy were released by the authorities last night — as anti-terror chiefs assessed how to-recover from the "catastrophic" blow caused by the disaster.

By PAUL CONNOLLY

Strict new travel guidelines for security chiefs are now expected in a bid to make sure entire tiers of the security services can never again by wiped out in a single incident.

As the RUC's top brass paid tribute to the Special Branch "heroes" who perished on the Mull of Kintyre, the Armed Forces and Northern Ireland Office released the names



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The Belfast Telegraph, 1 July 1994. The Campbeltown News, July 1994.

RUC widow's praise for people of Kintyre

THE WIDOW of one of the victims of the Mull of Kintyre Chinook disaster has paid a moving tribute to people of the area.

Mrs Susan Phoenix lost her husband, 51-year-old Detective Superintendent lan Phoenix - an experienced RUC officer and former paratrooper - in the crash back in June.

In an open letter, Susan Phoenix, from Larne, said she has been 'overwhelmed' with the 'love, comradeship and human concern' shown to her family since the death of her husband.

She continued: 'The people of the Mull have been a tower of strength. I have felt so guilty ariving at the lighthouse with proups of friends, but we have thways been welcomed with love and open arms by everyone there.

very special people indeed.
'The love and support offered
o us by Roddie and Jennifer



Detective Superintendent Ian Phoenix

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Tributes for the man who lived life to the full



Colleagues of Associate reportational rat Phon-

WIND and rain lashed Roselawn Crematorium on Thursday for the final farewell to a man of "courage and conviction".

Detective Superintendent Ian Phoenix was one of the security

in a nearby field to ease congretion on the roads and local people stopped to water-the



The Larne Times, 16 June 1994.

Susan being comforted after the first memorial service on the site of the Mull of Kintyre crash. With (from left to right): Rev. Roddie McNidder, Stella Rimmington (MI5 Chief), Sir Hugh Annesley (RUC Chief Constable), Group Captain Roger Wedge (Senior Royal Air Force Officer N.I.) and their wives.





The cairn erected to the memory of all those who lost their lives on the Mull of Kintyre, 2 June 1994.

Obituary, Belfast Telegraph, 4 June 1994. PHOENIX. IAN - As a result of an accident on the Mull of Kintyre Thursday June 2nd loving husband and father, friend to the world. Too big a man to fit on one small page. Airborne to the end. Funeral arrangements later. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to the Northern Ireland Deaf video unit.

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