

# Officer Cadet School

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## Passing Parade December 1972



# Introduction

In this booklet, we will record the lives of members of our class who have completed their life story. We remember them fondly.

This work has been commenced by Rudi Poldoja as he has gathered information on members of the Scheyville Wing of OCS. As we gain more information, their stories will be added to our list.

If you can assist in building these records, please contact us via the Class Orderly who can assist with getting the story published and added to this book.

## Stuart Cameron (November 1947 – 7 January 1993)



**Stuart Douglas Cameron** was born in Mackay, Queensland in November 1947 and applied in 1971 for entry into OCS Portsea commencing in January 1972. However, he, along with 36 other applicants, was allocated to the newly raised wing of OCS at the National Service Officer Training establishment, the Officer Training Unit (OTU), located at Scheyville near Windsor in NSW. He commenced training at Scheyville in early February 1972 and in July of that year as part of 5 Platoon, Chauvel Company of the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets was made 'Father' to 'Son' Peter Marx of the 3/72 OTU Class. During his final three months at Scheyville, Stuart held the appointment of Platoon Sergeant of 5 Platoon.

Stuart graduated into RAE on 16 December 1972 and attended the 7 of 1973 Basic Military Engineering Course, before taking up his first appointment at 1st Field Engineer Regiment, Holsworthy as Plant Troop Officer of 23rd Support Squadron in March 1973. He went on to serve two decades in the Army and held a number of Regimental and Staff Appointments which included further postings to 1st Field Engineer Regiment, the School of Military Engineering and Materiel Division - Army. Stuart attended the long NBC warfare course in Canada in 1984 which prepared him for the posting to MATDIV-A where he was responsible for the purchase of NBC equipment for the ADF. He attended Command and Staff College in 1987. Stuart deployed with the Third Australian Contingent to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIIMOG) from November 1989 to May 1990. He left the Army after 20 years' service in 1992, at the rank of Major, to join CARE Australia. It was while serving with CARE Australia as the Area Manager in Sulaymaniyah Province, Northern Iraq, in support of the Kurdish population post-the first Gulf War, that Stuart was killed on 7 January 1993. Stuart's funeral was held at All Saints Chapel, Enoggera Barracks on Monday 18 Jan 1993. He was afforded full military honours.

Stuart is survived by his wife Kerry and two daughters Tennille and Kirsten.

## Ian Furlonger (1952 – January 2012)



**Ian Thomas Furlonger** was born in NSW in 1952 and applied in 1971 for entry into the Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea commencing in January 1972. However, Ian, along with 36 other applicants, was allocated to the newly raised wing of OCS at the National Serviceman's Officer Training establishment, the Officer Training Unit (OTU) Scheyville. He commenced training at Scheyville in early February 1972 and was assigned to 3 Platoon, Monash Company of the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets. In May he was made 'Father' to allocated 'Son' Ray Carlin of the 1/72 OTU Class, and in July to Brendan Sforcina of the 2/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class. During his final three months at Scheyville, he held the appointment of Platoon Sergeant of 3 Platoon.

Ian graduated into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps on 16 December 1972 and was posted to the 2nd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment (2RAR) on completion of his initial Corps Training. His time in 2RAR was followed by postings to 1RAR, 1st Recruit Training Battalion and 5/7RAR before he left the Regular Army and transferred to the Army Reserve in January 1978.

After his Army career, Ian worked as an accountant in the insurance industry, the wholesale/retail industry and later, for a while he drove taxis in Canberra. Ian started showing signs of health issues in the mid-1990s, but it was not until about 2005 that he was formally diagnosed as having the very debilitating disease, Huntington's Chorea. By this time Ian's life had turned upside down and he withdrew to become a virtual recluse.

Ian died in Canberra in January 2012 following a long battle with his illness and is survived by his wife Chris and his daughter Carlie.

## Martin Vincent (20 June 1950 – 30 October 1996)



Martin William James Vincent was born on 20 June 1950 in Caulfield, Victoria and applied in 1971 for entry into the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea commencing in January 1972. However, Martin, along with 37 other applicants from his class, was allocated to the newly-raised wing of OCS at the National Service officer training establishment, the Officer Training Unit (OTU), located at Scheyville near Windsor in NSW. He commenced officer training at Scheyville in early February 1972. Martin was a member of 1 Platoon, Bridges Company of the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets until early October 1972 when he was moved to 8 Platoon, Blamey Company and promoted to Corporal for the final three months of the course.

Martin graduated into AAAvn on 16 December 1972 and was temporarily seconded to RAAC for 18 months to gain regimental experience as a junior officer. Upon his return to AAAvn, he attended the Basic Flying Training School as a member of Course 19 of 1974 and the following year completed his Advanced Flying Training on the 2 of 1975 Advanced Course (Fixed Wing). Martin's postings during his 24-year Army career alternated between Staff and Regimental appointments that included 1st Aviation Regiment, 173rd General Support Squadron, Oakey and Logistics Branch and the Directorate of Army Aviation in Army Headquarters, Canberra. His final appointment before being medically discharged from the army was as Second-in-Command of the ADF Helicopter School at Fairbairn.

Martin died in Canberra following a long battle with Multiple Myeloma on 30 October 1996 and is survived by his wife Lesley and two sons, Douglas and Matthew.