

Vale Stewart Cameron (November 1947 – 7 January 1993)



Stewart 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, Stewart held the appointment of Platoon Sergeant of 5 Platoon.

Stewart 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. Stewart 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. Stewart 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 Stewart was killed on 7 January 1993. Stewart's funeral was held at All Saints Chapel, Enoggera Barracks on Monday 18 Jan 1993. He was afforded full military honours.

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