

Gregory Ronald George Baker was born at Jandowae, near Dalby in Queensland, on 10



June 1948 and completed his secondary education at Downlands College, Toowoomba. Before entering OTU as a National Serviceman with Class 1/70 on 13 February 1970 Greg was employed as a Bank Officer by the ANZ Bank. On graduation on 16 July 1970 Greg was allocated to AAAn and posted to 2 RTB to await his flying training at Point Cook. Greg attended his Basic Flying Training School with Course 8 (1971) and Advanced Flying Training with Course 12/71 (RW). Greg was flying a Bell Sioux helicopter with Captain John Guild when the helicopter crashed in Lane Field near Amberley on 29 September 1971. It was found that a bracket was modified in the helicopter that effectively made the Instructor's pedals operate in reverse. Several Sioux helicopters were found to have this fault.