

4721921, Kevin Damian Joseph Shoppee was born on 21 Feb 1951 in Melbourne. He completed his secondary education at Sacred Heart College in SA. Before entering the Army as a National Serviceman he was employed a self-employed photographer and journalist. He graduated with Class 3/70 on 19th December 1970 as Graduate Number 1277 and transferred to the Australian Staff Corps. He was allocated to the Royal Australian Infantry Corps and posted 3rd Training Battalion, Singleton. On 10 Jan 1972 he commenced Long Term Schooling (flying training) at Point Cook, completing Basic Flying Course 13/72 and Advanced Flying Course 15/72. He was posted to 1 Aviation Regiment on 1 Dec 1972. Kevin was flying Army Sioux helicopter A1-722 when it crashed into Mt Wilhelm, New Guinea, on 29th November 1973. Kevin died in the crash. He was buried in Centennial Park Cemetery in Adelaide on 5 Dec 1973.