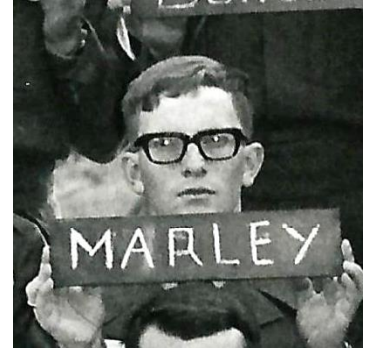


Phillip John Marley was born at Sydney on 10 June 1948. He completed his secondary education at Bass High School in Bass Hill, a western Sydney suburb.



Before being called up for NS Phil was working as a Stock Auctioneer for Rezzonico Weekes, a company formed in 1960 serving the Agricultural Communities of NSW and the Northern Territory. Phil commenced his NS as 2790562 on 17 July 1968. He was selected for officer training and commenced at OTU on 2 August with Class 3/68 being allocated to 8 Section, 3 Platoon, A Company. His 'Father' was his Section Commander Wayne Mayo. His 'Brother' was Cadet A. J. Clarke, who did not graduate. In his senior term Phil remained in 8 Section, his 'Son' being John Crundall. Phil graduated with his class on 21 December 1968, was allocated to the Signals Corps and posted to the 5th Signals Regiment in Sydney as a Troop Commander, where he completed his



NS.

After NS Phil returned to the stock field and became a Manager in a 'Stock and Station' agency. By 2004 Phil had moved with Marg into what had been their holiday home at Malua Bay. He was semi-retired, working 5 days per fortnight. At Malua Bay Phil was involved in many community activities: a volunteer bus driver with Community Transport, a past Vice-President of the local National Servicemen's Association, a past Chairman of the Malua Bay Community Hall and Tennis Courts Committee and a

member of the local Ulysses Branch (motor bikes). He liked nothing better than to go for a ride with his mates on his motor bike up or down the local coastline. He was enjoying life on the coast with Marg and their many friends. Phil and Marg spend a lot of time travelling and with Marg's two daughters. Right: Marg and Phil Marley at Malua Bay.



Phil loved his motorcycles and in 2012 still had his 'pride and joy', the V Star Yamaha motorcycle. Unfortunately, even though both Phil and Marg were both retired by then they said that they don't get away on the 'bike often enough. Phil and Marg and had just completed a year and three years respectively as President and Secretary of the Tollgates Probus Group.

Phil and Marg moved further north in early 2019 to Laurieton, near Port Macquarie. In April 2020 Phil wrote: 'We love Laurieton and being close to Port Macquarie is great – lots of good restaurants, medical, hospital, wonderful Glasshouse Theatre, good transport etc. We're just a few minutes from Kendall – a beautiful, little country town where the railway station is.' Later that year Phil re-registered his car: OTU 368



In February 2021 Phil organised a gathering to form the Far North Coast 'Paragraph' of the NSW Chapter, OTU-A. Phil stated: 'Why a Paragraph you might ask? Well, our fearless state leader, Gary McKay, said we were not big enough to be a Chapter and therefore should be referred to as a Paragraph.' The original inaugural lunch was planned for early 2020, however Covid got in the way. At that first gathering there were 19 attendees made up of graduates and wives/partners, including Phil's classmate Ron Skeoch and his wife Luda.

Phil and Marg attended the October 2022 National Reunion in Sydney. Maybe it was a sign of things to come as Phil collapsed during the 'meet and greet' at the Hawkesbury Racecourse. He was taken to hospital and missed the main dinner. It was thought that the collapse may have been due to dehydration. Phil participated in the rest of the reunion. During the class dinner the attendees were shown Keith



Cogzell's 8mm film of his time at OTU with Class 3/68. Phil Marley identified himself immediately in one part of the film: red hair and glasses were a dead give-away.

Below: Some of the 3/68 Classmates at the 2022 National Reunion Sunday lunch: Bill Richards, Max Gaylard, Neil Leckie, Paul Meldrum, Brian Russell and Phil Marley.

Phil and Marg attended the Far North Paragraph lunch on 3 March 2023. They then went to India for a holiday.

In mid-April Phil had a stroke and was in the John Hunter Hospital. He had a clot removed from his brain and it would appear that Phil would have a long recovery in front of him. He was returned to Port Macquarie but instead went into palliative care. Phil died on ANZAC Day 2023. A private funeral was held.