



James Barry Mayhew was born at Coburg, Vic, on 18 September 1942 and completed his secondary education at Ringwood High School (Vic). Before entering OTU, as an Air Cadet, with Class 1/67 on 17 February 1967 Jim was in the ARA serving in A Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment, RAAC. On graduation on 14 July 1967 Jim was reallocated to the RAAC and posted to 2 RTB Puckapunyal to await his Basic Flying Training School training at RAAF Point Cook. Jim commenced his flying training with Course 68 (1968) but was killed in an air crash, along with his instructor, Flt Lt Bill Clarke, on 3 May 1968. The pair were flying over the Bellarine Peninsular south of Point Cook and when they were pulling back and rolling to the side with a 'rolling "G" Force', the wing folded over and hit the fuselage. The aircraft went into the water. Air Cadet Roger Burke was on duty in the Control Tower when the crash occurred.