Michael Partick McEwan was born in Adelaide in May 1951 and completed his secondary education at St Ignatius College in Adelaide's North-eastern suburbs. Before entering the Army as 4722690 on 29 September 1971 as a National Serviceman he was employed as a Journalist with 5DN News, Adelaide.

Michael commenced OTU on 15 October with Class 4/71. In his Senior Term, Michael was the Company Sergeant Major of Bridges Company. He graduated with his class on 19 April 1972.

Michael was allocated to the RAInf and was posted to 3 RAR in Adelaide, from where he was discharged when National Service ended.

No details of Michael's death have been found.