

Vale Paul Logan (26 March 1953 – 1 July 2015)



Paul William Logan was born in Toowoomba, Queensland, on 26 March 1953 and joined the Army as a 16-year-old apprentice. After his graduation from Balcombe, Paul was allocated to RA Signals and was in his fourth year of trade training when he applied and was selected for officer training at the Regular Army Officer Cadet School (OCS) Portsea, to commence his officer training in July 1972. However he, along with 35 other applicants from his class, was allocated to be in the 2/72 Class of the Scheyville Wing of OCS located at the National Service officer training establishment, the Officer

Training Unit (OTU), located at Scheyville near Windsor in NSW.

When the National Service OTU Class 4/72 commenced at Scheyville on 15 October 1972, Paul was a member of 3 Platoon, Monash Company in the OTU Battalion of Officer Cadets and was one of those Junior OCS Cadets who were not given a 'Son' after the first three months. He was one of two ex-Army Apprentices in his OCS (Scheyville) class. When OTU Class 4/72 and OCS (Scheyville) Class 2/72 entered their Senior Term at the start of 1973, the Battalion of Officer Cadets was downsized to be the Company of Officer Cadets and Paul was appointed as the Regimental Duties Sports Sergeant and also spent a short time as the PMC/BQMS. His was the middle of the three OCS (Scheyville) classes. Along with his other 2/72 OCS (Scheyville) Class members, he went to Portsea in mid-1973 to graduate with his cohort classmates.

Paul graduated into RA Signals and was then posted back to Toowoomba – 7th Signals Regiment, where he met and married Margaret on 8 December 1973. In January 1977, Margaret and Paul moved to Melbourne where Paul undertook a four-year course at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. During this time their two children were born. Paul was awarded a Rockwell Scholarship that saw him posted to Southern California. The family would return to the USA again in 1987, being posted to Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia.

On return to Australia, the family lived at Eltham in Melbourne, with Paul commuting to Staff College at Queenscliff at this time. In 1991 he resigned from the Army after some 20-years of service and joined Telecom. He later set up a consulting firm and worked for several clients, mainly with a defence background.

Paul and Margaret travelled extensively throughout 2002 – 2012, however in late-2012 Paul was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer. Although in remission for a while, eventually the cancer could no longer be controlled and Paul died peacefully on 1 July 2015, aged 62. Margaret had predeceased him and he is survived by his children, Sara and Benjamin. He was father-in-law to Mike and Miranda and had two grandchildren; Tamsin and Callum.