



John Mangan (3/70) (2007, Geoff Davis 3/70 and Christine Mangan)

John Joseph Mangan was born in Melbourne, Victoria in April 1945 and completed his secondary education at Christian Brothers' College, East St Kilda, Victoria. Before entering the Army as a National Serviceman, he was employed as a builder by E A Watts Pty Ltd. On graduation from OTU, he was allocated to the Royal Australian Engineers and posted to the School of Military Engineering (SME) for corps training.

While at Scheyville, in October 1970, John became engaged to Christine. Christine attended the 3/70 graduation in December, together with John's parents. John and Christine married in January 1971 and had a son and three daughters. He was a very devoted father and he became involved on fundraising committees at the children's secondary schools, helping to organise fetes and other functions.

At the conclusion of his Corps Training at SME, John was posted to 1RTB Kapooka as a platoon commander. He and Christine lived in Ashmont, Wagga Wagga, along with a group of other Army families. John enjoyed Kapooka and he left the Army in early 1972. John served in the CMF after Kapooka for about a year and then left due to increasing business commitments.

When discharged from the Army John, (Jack as he was known to Christine), resumed employment with the building company he had worked for prior to National Service. Within twelve months he formed his own Construction Company, Mapico Constructions, which he operated up to the time of his sudden death on 23 February 2007. He very much enjoyed the annual Easter camping trips to the Murray River each year with family and friends, and an occasional summer holiday in Sorrento. On these annual camping trips, Jack was renowned for his cooking prowess.

John and Chris attended the 2003 OTU National Reunion held in Sydney, and John joined his Classmates for their very successful reunion at The Little Frog on the Friday night. Christine said that Jack made the statement that aspects of his National Service were very beneficial to him in his everyday life.