FLIGHT LT DANIEL JOHN EDWARD MANN (R56-63)

He was born on 11 March 1945 and we believe joined the RAF straight from the College.

Sadly he died in a jet crash in Suffolk on 12 April 1973 at the young age of 28. I am indebted to **Air Commodore Jon Ford (S58-62)** for providing the following information on his death :-

"He was sadly killed in a Buccaneer crash not far from my home on 12 April 1973. At the time he was serving on exchange with the Royal Navy on No 809 Squadron which, when ashore, was based at RAF Honington in Suffolk. The aircraft was in the visual pattern at Honington being piloted by Lieutenant Commander de la Billiere (The brother of General de la Billiere of Gulf War fame). The aircraft had a runaway tailplane flap, which meant the aircraft nose dived instantly towards the ground. The pilot managed to get out, but poor Danny ejected a fraction too late. It was very close if my memory serves me right and his parachute ended up in the fireball."

He is now included on the Framlingham Town War Memorial (http://www.roll-of-honour.org/Suffolk/Framlingham.html)

On 12 October 2007 the Queen opened the new National Armed Forces Memorial at Alrewas in Staffordshire. This lists all service personnel who have died since WW2 and includes Daniel Mann– see http://www.forcesmemorial.org.uk/roll-of-honour/roll-of-honour-profile.asp?profile=90331 Also see **Jack Maulden (R33-38)**.