

## **Joseph Lucien Gilles Dechamplain**

On 10 Feb 1983, during initial Clearance Diver training at FDU(P), Cpl Gilles "Snowball" Dechamplain was diving an oxygen configured CDBA rebreather off Albert Head, conducting compass training. One hour into the dive, Cpl Dechamplain signalled distress to his buddy. The pair made an emergency ascent. Upon surfacing, Cpl Dechamplain's weights were slipped. While ditching his own set, the other diver submerged briefly. Upon surfacing, Snowball's partner saw the marker float disappear beneath the surface. Cpl Dechamplain's body was never recovered. A trophy presented at all Clearance Diver courses to the student for Top Superior Athletic Achievement is named in his memory - "Lest We Forget".