

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN MCKENZIE LINDSAY MACDONALD
AO, MBE, RFD, ED
13 October 1919 - 29 January 1996

On Saturday 03 February, 1996 at Wallabadah, NSW, a funeral service was conducted at the Church of the Ascension for the late **Maj Gen J.M.L. Macdonald**.

The General had a long and distinguished military career. Prior to joining the Australian Army, **Maj Gen Macdonald** served with the British Army in the Black Watch between 1939 and 1948. He was wounded at St. Nazaire and evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940.

Detailed below is his Australian Army Record of Service:

- 13 Sep 49 Appointed Major Active Citizen Military Forces Second Military District and allotted Royal Australian Infantry
- 06 Mar 51 Regimental Reserve List 30 Infantry Battalion
- 29 Jan 54 Appointed Major 12/16 Hunter River Lancers
- 01 Sep 56 Appointed Commanding Officer 12/16 Hunter River Lancers and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel
- 01 Jan 60 Unattached List Royal Australian Armoured Corps and posted Eastern Command Officers Staff Group (later re-designated Command and Staff Training Unit Eastern Command)
- 01 Aug 66 Appointed Commander, Command and Staff Training Unit, Eastern Command and promoted to the rank of Colonel
- 01 Dec 68 Appointed Commander 8 Task Force and promoted to the temporary rank of Brigadier
- 01 Dec 69 Promoted to the rank of Brigadier
- 01 Dec 71 Appointed Commander Eastern Command Training Group
- 01 Apr 73 Appointed Commander 2 Division and promoted to the temporary rank of Major General
- 24 Sep 74 Promoted to the rank of Major General
- 28 Oct 74 Appointed Citizen Military Forces Member of the Military Board
- 08 Feb 76 Relinquish appointment as Citizen Military Force Member of the Military Board
- 06 Jan 77 Retired
- 07 Jan 77 Placed on Retired List, 2 Military District and granted Military Title of Major General

HONORARY COLONEL APPOINTMENTS

- 15 Mar 76 - 31 Dec 85 Honorary Colonel 1/15 Royal New South Wales Lancers
- 05 Oct 79 - 04 Nov 85 Honorary Colonel University of New South Wales Regiment
- 15 Mar 80 - 31 Dec 85 Representative Honorary Colonel Royal Australian Armoured Corps

Prior to his passing **Major General Macdonald** requested that the Guard of Honour at his funeral be provided by the 12/16 Hunter River Lancers.

A number of senior officers past and present attended the service to pay their final respects to this very prominent former member of the Corps.

Following the service, interment took place at the **Wallabadah Cemetery**.

