



THE SECOND-IN COMMAND

The Battalion Second-in-Command in keeping with the ANZAC spirit was a New Zealander, Major D. S. McIver. He was born in 1936 at Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand.

After two years at Cadet School in Wirouou, he entered the Royal Military College, Duntroon. After receiving his commission in 1957, Major McIver served as a Platoon Commander in 1st Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment during the Malaysian Emergency until 1960, then he returned to New Zealand to instruct at various schools based at Wirouou until 1963. This was followed by service as a Company Second-in-Command and later as an Adjutant of 1st Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment during the confrontation in Malaysia.

He was then posted to Wellington where he was a Staff Officer on Army Headquarters from 1965 until 1967. After attending the Royal New Zealand Command and Staff College in 1968, he was seconded to the New Zealand Defence Headquarters as a Staff Officer.

On 25 January, 1971, Major McIver joined the Fourth Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment at Lavarack Barracks, Townsville. He became the Battalion Second-in-Command—Operations—for the remainder of the unit's pre-embarkation training including the Task Force exercise "THIRD STAB" and Divisional exercise "MONARO MALL".

He commanded the main body of the battalion into theatre aboard the HMAS SYDNEY. Throughout his tour of duty he was also the Commanding Officer of the New Zealand Component, which supported all New Zealand personnel in the 1st Australian Task Force.