



Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. Hughes, MC, was born at Rose Park in South Australia in 1929. After matriculating from Saint Peter's College in Adelaide he entered the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Upon graduating in 1950, he served as a platoon commander with 3 RAR in Korea and was awarded the Military Cross in Operation COMMANDO in October, 1951. He then served in Japan as a Company Commander at the Battle School, Haramura, followed by the appointment of Staff Captain at Headquarters Australian Army Component.

Returning to Australia in 1953 he was initially a Company Commander in 16 National Service Training Battalion and in 1954 was appointed Adjutant of the Adelaide University Regiment. During the Malaysian Emergency, initially as Intelligence Officer and later as a Company Commander, he again served with 3 RAR.

His next appointment was as an instructor at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst in the United Kingdom, returning to Australia to attend Staff College in 1963. On completion of Staff College he was posted to the Special Air Service Regiment where he raised 2 SAS Squadron, which he subsequently commanded on its operational tour in Borneo during the confrontation in 1966.

He was appointed the Director of Army Recruiting upon promotion in 1966 and served in that capacity until assuming command of the Fourth Battalion on 1 October, 1969.

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