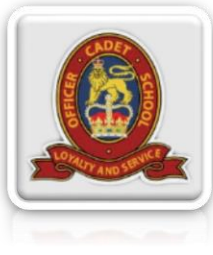


OCS ~ EARLY PREDICTIONS/FINAL RESULTS



When OCS commenced training officer cadets in January 1952, the early classes were informed that promotional prospects could be expected to attain the rank of Major in the Australian Regular Army. Probably not much thought was given to this possibility by these classes as the immediate aim of every cadet concentrated on finishing the course and graduating as a Second Lieutenant. However, as Graduates gained more experience, this early prediction probably entered the minds of those that were subject to it. Time would tell and tell it did!

Promotion of Graduates from 1952 to 1959 tells a very different story from the previously stated outcome. Many Graduates were promoted above the rank of Major. The following list indicates *only* those Graduates who achieved one star (Brigadier) and the very first two star (Major General) levels, all within the first decade. So much for the early predictions!

OCS's early classes, however, foreshadowed the trend in ranks when the following first decade (1952 to 1959) promotions to one or two star level occurred:

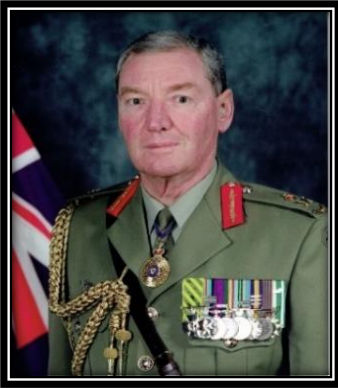
- Brig Jim Furner, CBE – OCS Class of Jun '52,
- Brig "Tan" Roberts – OCS Class of Jun '52,
- Brig Lawrie Lewis – OCS Class of Dec '52,
- Brig Graham Smith – OCS Class of Dec '52
- Brig Ron Milliken – OCS Class of Jun '53,
- Brig Terry Walker – OCS Class of Jun '53,
- Brig Brian Cooper – OCS Class of Dec '53,
- Brig John Deighton, AM, MC – OCS Class of Dec '53,
- Brig John Cosson – OCS Class of Jun '54,
- Brig Paul Lipscombe, AM – OCS Class of Jun '54,
- Brig Brian Edwards – OCS Class of Dec '56,
- Brig Terry Holland, AM – OCS Class of Jun '58,
- Brig Pat Beale, DSO, MC – OCS Class of Dec '58,
- Brig Doug Formby, AM – OCS Class of Dec '58
- Brig Mike Holton, CSC – OCS Class of Jun '59,
- Brig Ron Boxall – OCS Class of Dec '59, and finally OCS's first two-star graduate in
- Maj Gen David McLachlan, AO – OCS Class of Dec '59.

Thus the trend for OCS graduates was set. Many more achieved ranks above the early predicted rank level with fifteen achieving either Lieutenant General (3) or Major General rank (12). (*See Photo Gallery*). OCS Graduates found their place as important leaders in the Australian Army.

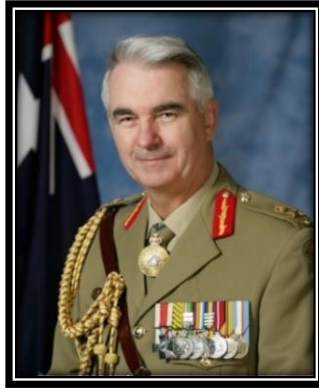
The same can be said of its thirty RAAF Graduates, with one attaining Air Commodore rank (John Meier ~ OCS Class of Jun '80) and another four who achieved Group Captain level (Bob Halverson, Bob Cooper, Dave Green, and Sheldon Kimber) with Bob Halverson entering politics and eventually holding the appointment as the Speaker in the Commonwealth House of Representatives. Post politics, Bob subsequently was appointed as the Ambassador to Ireland and the Holy See.

International Graduates also achieved high ranks in their respective Defence Forces. (*See Photo Gallery*) with Jerry Mateparea holding the appointment as Chief of NZ Defence Force before also being appointed as NZ's Governor General from 2011 to 2016. Jioji Konrote became Fiji's President from 2015 to 2021.

LIEUTENANT GENERALS ~ PHOTO GALLERY ~ (ALL CHIEFS OF ARMY)



Lt Gen Frank Hickling AO CSC
~ OCS Class Jun '61

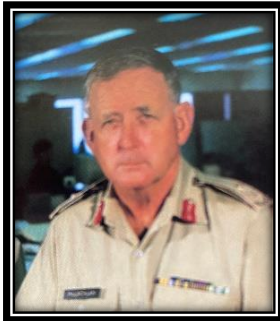


Lt Gen Ken Gillespie AC DSC CSM
~ OCS Class Dec '72

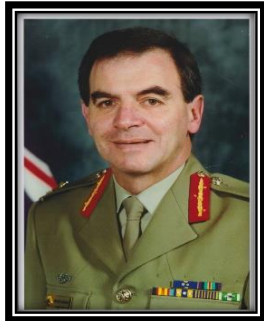


Lt Gen David Morrison AO
~ OCS Class Dec '79

MAJOR GENERALS ~ PHOTO GALLERY



Maj Gen David McLachlan AO
~ OCS Class Dec '59



Maj Gen Peter Haddad AO
~ OCS Class Dec '67



Maj Gen Mike Clifford AM
CSC ~ OCS Class Jun '76



Maj Gen Tony Fraser AO CSC
~ OCS Class Jun '78



Maj Gen Mick Slater AO DSC
CSC ~ Class Dec '78



Maj Gen Gerard Fogarty
AM ~ OCS Class Jun '81



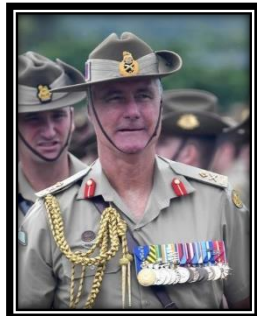
Maj Gen Jeff Sengelman DSC
AM CSC ~ OCS Jun '81



Maj Gen John Cantwell AO
DSC ~ OCS Class Dec '81



Maj Gen Stephen Day DSC
AM ~ OCS Class Jun '82



Maj Gen Shane Caughey AM
CSC ~ OCS Class Dec '83



Maj Gen David Mulhall DSC
AM CSC ~ OCS Class Dec '84



Maj Gen Cheryl Pearce AM
CSC ~ OCS Class Dec '85

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES ~ PHOTO GALLERY

NEW ZEALAND



Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparea GNZM QSO K StJ ~ Governor General of NZ 2011 - 2016

Lt Gen Jerry Mateparea ONZM ~Chief of NZ Defence Force 2006 – 2011~ OCS Class Dec '76

Maj Gen David Gawn MBE ~ New Zealand Chief of Army 2013 – 2015 then Head of UNTSO ~ OCS Class Jun '80

Maj Gen Clive W Lilley ONZM ~ NZ Army ~ Head of UNTSO 2004 -2006 ~ OCS Class Jun '74

BRUNEI



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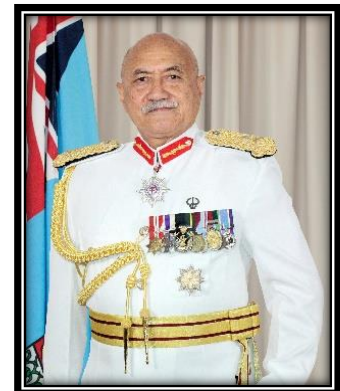
FIJI



Brig Gen Dato Seri Pahlawan Pelin Mohd Tawah:~ Chief of Army ~ OCS Class Dec '84



Gen Tan Sri Ahmad Hasbullah Mohd Nawawi:~ Chief of Army ~ OCS Class Dec '81



Maj Gen Jioji Konrote OF MC:~ OCS Class Jun '72 ~ UN Force Commander in Lebanon ~ President 2015-2021

PHILIPPINES



Lt Gen Romulo F Yap (Dec'd)
Commanding General Philippines
Army ~ OCS Class Dec '60

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Brig Gen ER (Ted) Diro CBE OBE OStJ
Inaugural Comd PNGDF 1975 – 1981
~ OCS Class Dec '63

(ADDITIONS TO THIS LIST ABOVE ARE MOST WELCOME!)

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