

WO1 MacDonald

WO1 Michel Kilworth MacDonald (Black Mac) was born in Glasgow on the 24th March 1942, he joined the army in 1963 with the Army Catering Corps and was attached to the 4th RTR as a regimental cook, and after four years transferred to the regiment in Herford in the late 60,s he saw service in Aden, Radfan, Borneo, Malaya and Northern Ireland, Mac was one of those men who you liked straight away, he worked hard and played hard, and excelled in whatever job he was given, and I know there are many stories of his happy times in the far east, where he made many good friends which made him want to transfer, he started in 'C' squadron and soon rose quickly up the ranks, I first met him in C Sqn on Range Guard in Hohne in 1969 and we became friends from that time, by 1973 He was a Sgt and was attached to the gunnery School at Hohne, in 1976 he took command of Gate Troop of which again I had the pleasure to serve with him in Northern Ireland, from that tour he was promoted to staff sergeant, from there he went on an ERE posting and was promoted to WO11 in January 1977, on his return to the regiment took over as SSM D Squadron for a short while before he became RSM in late 1980,after that he then went on a posting as Line Manager RSM in charge of recruiting Offices in the Midlands.

On leaving the Army in 1989 he went to work for Price & Waterhouse, then in the last five years he had a long battle with cancer, he passed away on the 20th of July 2005 at the age of 63, His funeral was held at Lodge Hill crematorium Birmingham, and was well attended by family and friends and a good turnout of old comrades of his regiment, he leaves behind his wife Rita, Daughters Jacqui & Wendy and Step son Jason and step daughter Tracy.

