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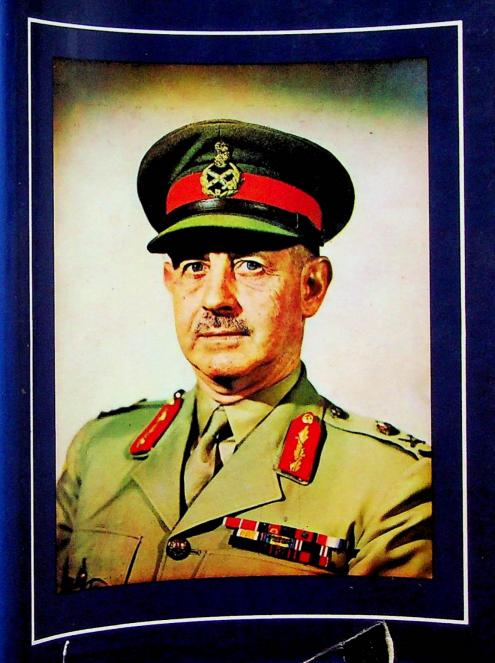
Back: Extract from General Mackay's diary written prior to the assault on Bardia.

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Lieutenant-General Sir Iven Mackay, K.B.E., C.M.G., D.S.O. & Bar, V.D., French Croix de Guerre, B.A., Hon, LL.D., was "a great Australian who never wavered from the high ideals he embraced as a young man, and whose sterling character and example throughout his long life inspired thousands of his fellow countrymen, in school and university and militia, as well as in two world wars. Never once was Iven Mackay found wanting in any tasks that he voluntarily tackled or had thrust upon him and they were many, especially in war. As a soldier he did not always receive from authority, nor from the general run of his countrymen for that matter, the recognition that he so thoroughly earned and richly deserved; partly because he was never one to seek the limelight or publicity. But those who served under him and above him were never in any doubt as to his outstanding qualities, and their judgment will remain his best and most enduring epitaph" - Gavin Long and Arthur Bazley (Stand-To, 1966).

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