

Brigadier R. S. Deacon, AM Service Dress Uniform and Medals

Brigadier Deacon graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in 1950 and was appointed to the Royal Australian Artillery. He later qualified as an Air Observation Post pilot and served with the Commonwealth Forces in Korea where he was mentioned in Despatches.

After a posting to England and various artillery staff postings, in 1962 he attended Australian Staff College and was appointed to command Army Aviation units in Queensland, where he was awarded the Queens Commendation for distinguished service in the air.

In 1970, he was appointed the Commanding Officer of the First Aviation Regiment at Amberley, Queensland. A highlight of his career was the planning, construction and command of the Army Aviation Centre at Oakey, Queensland from 1970 to 1975, now the home of Army Aviation in Australia. At this time he was made a Member of the Order of Australia.

Brigadier Deacon's contribution to the development of Army Aviation cannot be understated, as part of a dedicated group with a vision for the future and little support, their professionalism as Army pilots laid a firm foundation for their modern counterparts.

Brigadier Deacon's last appointment was as the Commander, Second Military District, Victoria Barracks, in Sydney.