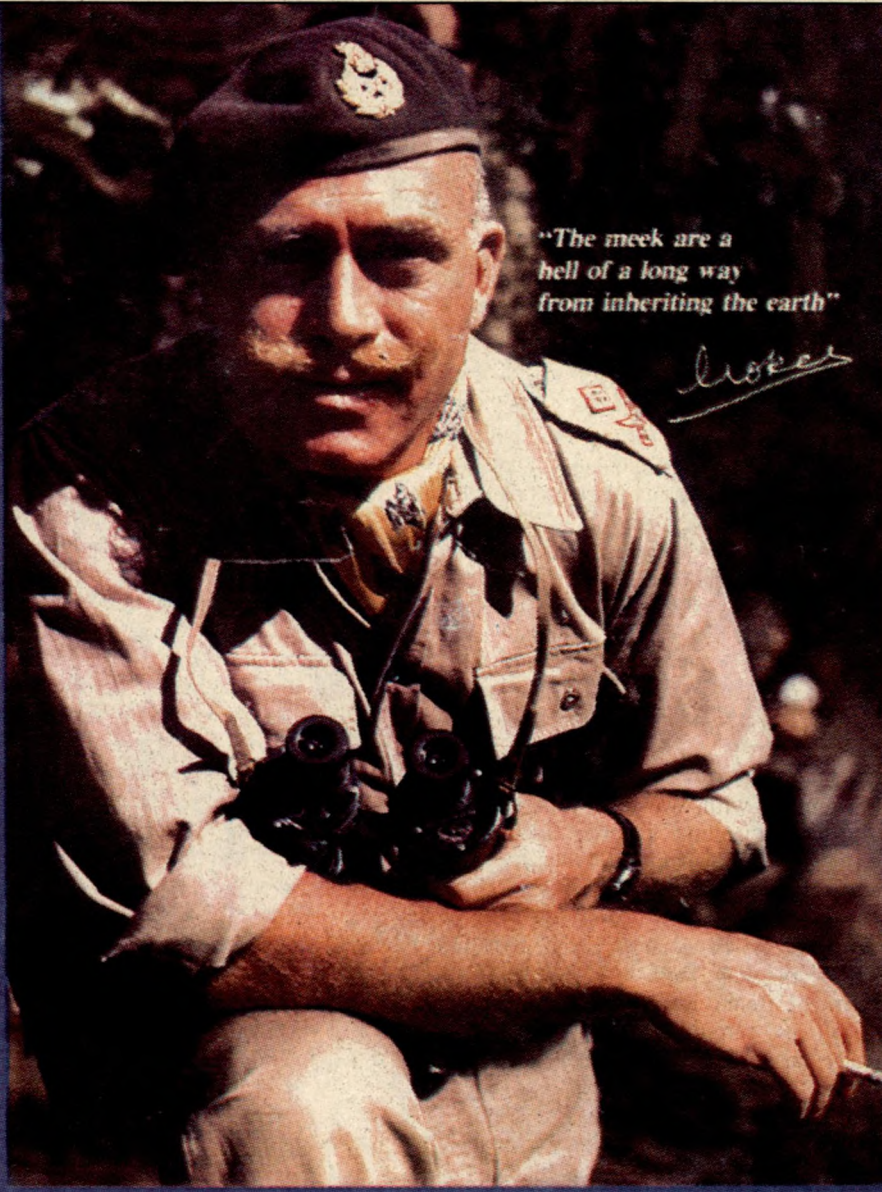


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My Story
by Major General Chris Vokes CB CBE DSO CD
With John P. Maclean

Major General Chris Vokes, as shown on the cover of his autobiography, published in 1985.

Vokes was straightforward, honest guy

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His son Michael, a lawyer at the firm Vokes & Pettinato in downtown Oakville, was born in 1947 when his father's active military career was over.

He remembers his father as a straightforward, honest, regular guy who wasn't particularly strict and didn't run the home like a military operation.

"He wasn't a politician, that's for sure, and he had a good sense of humour. He liked telling yarns. He was a good storyteller. When I was growing up, we went fishing together out west and hunted birds a bit in the fall," he said.

"He didn't talk expansively to me about his experiences in the war. We talked about lots of things but not the war. His father played a role in his career choice - he was around military people all his life.

"Ironically, he wanted my brother and I to go into the army but he didn't provide a lot of information about why he chose it as a career or why he thought it was a great career choice for us.

"My brother Fred had a career in the army and fought in the Korean War. He retired in 1978 as a Major. I'm not sure what my brother's motivation was, he was keen to do it and I wasn't. My dad was proud of me, nonetheless."

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