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## A colonial legacy: An officer and an icon

First Boer War 1881 In 1881 the 92nd embarked for South Africa to take part in the ill-fated first Boer War. He was in this state when, after the Boer War, he was placed in command of the British army in Ceylon now Sri Lanka. Sudan 1896-97 Macdonald had learned Arabic whilst in Egypt and he was now in command of the 11th Sudanese Battalion which he moulded into an effective unit.

## General Sir Hector Macdonald

Macdonald passed into history at Earnscliffe.

## The funeral of Sir Hector MacDonald in Edinburgh. Gouache drawing by F. C. Dickinson after J. Faulds.

Pages and cover are clean and intact. When the 92nd now the 2nd Battalion Gordon Highlanders returned to Britain in Jan 1882 after 12 years overseas service Hector faced a break from campaigning of two and a half years.

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Marriage The success of Macdonald's army career was in direct contrast to his private life.

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And so, on 7th Jan 1880, after 9 years in the ranks, at the age of 27, Hector Macdonald became a 2nd Lieutenant in the 92nd Gordon Highlanders. Others suggested that Lord Kitchener, leader of the British Army Sudan, ordered a whispering campaign against the general after he was humiliated by Macdonald's brilliant rearguard action in the Battle of Omdurman in 1898.

## Hector The Hero (waltz) on The Session

The workshops will assist participants with skills gaps, building portfolios and professional development. Evelyn Wood's despatch mentioned his 'conspicuous gallantry'. He hears the pibroch, grips the red claymore, Runs with the Fiery Cross, a clansman true, Sworn kinsman of Rob Roy and

Roderick Dhu.

### **Hector MacDonald**

For the Government, part of the shock was the discovery that MacDonald had a wife and a son.

#### **On anniversary of Macdonald's death, his legacy is still unparalleled**

But this service came after MPs paid tribute to the fallen prime minister in the only venue that truly mattered to him: the political arena as represented by the Commons. They wanted him dead, according to all the credible historical accounts. By downloading any images or embedding any media, you agree to the terms and conditions of the IWM Non Commercial Licence, including your use of the attribution statement specified by IWM.

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