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MAJOR-GENERAL EMMANUEL ALEXANDER ERSKINE

Major-General Emmanuel Alexander Erskine, who is to be appointed Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (UNTSO) as of 1 January 1976, was born in Kumasi, Ghana, on 19 January 1937.

After attending the Officer Cadet Training Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, United Kingdom (January 1959-December 1960), and the Young Officers' Signal Course, School of Signals, at Catterick Camp (January-June 1961), he served until 1970 in various posts as a Signals Officer and Staff Officer, including command of a signals regiment and tours as Military Secretary of the General Armed Forces Headquarters and of the Ministry of Defence of Ghana. During this period he also attended advanced signals courses in the United Kingdom and the United States as well as Junior Staff College in Ghana and Staff College at Camberley, United Kingdom.

In June 1970 he was appointed Director of Communications in the Ghana Defence Ministry. He became Director-General, Operations and Plans, in that Ministry in December 1971, and served as Acting Commander of the Ghana Army in January and February 1972. He then attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in London from February 1972 until January 1973, when he was appointed Commander of the Ghana Army. He held this post until May 1974 when he was seconded by his Government to the United Nations to serve as Chief of Staff of the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East. He was promoted to Major-General on 1 September 1975.

General Erskine is married and has six children.

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