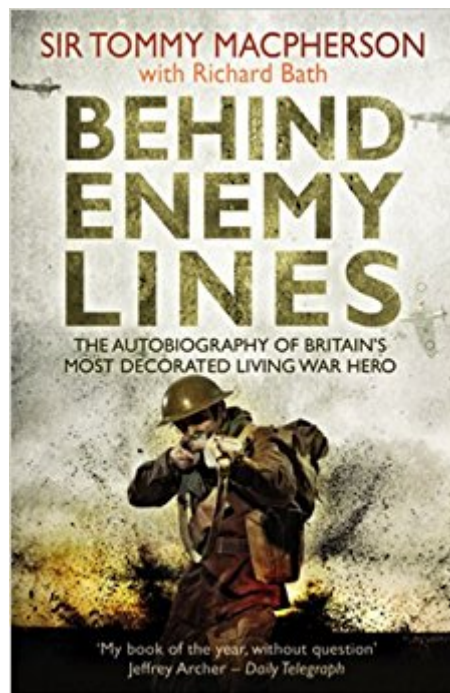




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Behind Enemy Lines: The Autobiography Of Britain's Most Decorated Living War Hero



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With three Military Crosses, three Croix de guerre, a Légion d'honneur, and a papal knighthood for his heroics during the Second World War, Sir Tommy Macpherson is the most decorated living soldier of the British Army. Yet for 65 years the Highlander's story has remained untold. Few know how, aged 21, he persuaded 23,000 SS soldiers of the feared Das Reich tank column to surrender, or how Tommy almost single-handedly stopped Tito's Yugoslavia annexing the whole of northeast Italy. Still a schoolboy when war broke out, Tommy quickly matured into a legendary commando. Twice captured, he escaped both times, marching through hundreds of miles of German-held territory to get home. With a dizzyingly diverse cast of characters, including Winston Churchill, Field Marshal Montgomery, and Charles de Gaulle, *Behind Enemy Lines* is an astonishing story of how an ordinary boy came to achieve truly extraordinary feats when war came calling.

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Tommy MacPherson's memoir adds immeasurably to my knowledge of this heroic figure of World War II. Here MacPherson, who was a standout among the Jedburghs, the commandos who were divided into three man teams, to arm, train, and lead the French Resistance following D-Day, provides insight into his remarkable actions. He says that sport was the most important thing in his life. MacPherson has participated in virtually all sports, from rugby and hockey to golf and tennis. He said that if it involved running, kicking, jumping, catching, or throwing, he did it. Being a remarkable athlete also gave him the confidence to persuade a German general to surrender an entire division of troops to MacPherson, who had only a pistol and a Fairbairn-Sykes fighting knife plus a forceful personality.

I wish the author had taken more time and expanded on what he did with the resistance instead of all the athletic and business story. I am sure there were many many things that did not make it into the book. Why call it behind the lines when a more correct title would have been "Some War, Some School. Some Business". I did not buy it to learn about the wood business. I was impressed with what the author accomplished in his life.

too much post war

What an incredible person both his role fighting in WW2 but then his business life after the war, not to mention his sporting achievements. The book is even more meaningful if you happen to be a "Brit"..... A great read

A superb account of a remarkable hero's life.

I was born and brought up in the same village as Sir Tommy Macpherson, and knew nothing of his exploits until I read this book. Sadly he died recently.

96% done on reading it. First 2/3 of book was great. The last 1/3 of book, after the war is all rambling about going from on job to another.

Some parts of the book were good but a great deal of the book I would say the last 1/4 of the book was boring to me

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