

CHAPTER 1

ALLIANCES OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Introduction

1.1 This chapter contains the current list of alliances between Australian Army units and units of other countries.

Policy for Alliances

1.2 The policy for granting and administration of alliances is contained in Defence Instruction (Army) PERS 5–1—*Alliances and Unofficial Bonds of Friendship with Armies of other Countries and Inter-Service Affiliations*. This instruction replaces *Manual of Personnel Administration*, volume 3, chapter 113.

Amendment of List of Alliances

1.3 Advice of any amendment to the list of alliances is to be made to the Ceremonial and Protocol Section—Army Headquarters.

Annex:

A. [Australian Army Alliances](#)

CHAPTER 2

BATTLE HONOURS OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY

GENERAL

2.1 In the Australian Army Honorary Distinctions, Theatre and Battle Honours (generally known as Battle Honours) are only awarded to the regiments of The Royal Australian Armoured Corps and The Royal Australian Infantry Corps. The Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery claims its motto as its sole battle honour—Ubique: Everywhere.

2.2 Battle Honours have usually only been awarded on a regimental basis, eg the infantry battalions of World War I and World War II listed were, in reality, single battalion regiments.

2.3 Honours to be awarded are determined at the conclusion of a conflict by a Battle Honours Nomenclature committee which recommends those honours which should be recognised. Consequently those approved are the most significant of the conflict. A further committee then considers regimental (or association) submissions and recommends which of the approved honours should be awarded to which regiments. In the case of the Vietnam conflict both functions were fulfilled concurrently by the one committee. Final approval is by the Sovereign, whose authority for the issue of Battle Honours for the Vietnam conflict was delegated to the Governor-General.

2.4 A regiment is not limited in the number of Honours that may be awarded, however, as noted, the number that may be emblazoned on the Standards, Guidons and Colours is restricted, eg 10 Honours may be emblazoned on the Guidons and regimental Colour for World War I. Within these limits it is the particular regimental committee (or association if the regiment has been disbanded) which selects those Honours to be emblazoned.

2.5 The Royal Australian Armoured Corps retains the individual Guidons and Honours of the units from which the present day units are derived.

2.6 The State Infantry Regiments, formed in 1960, claim the Honours awarded to the regiments from which they were formed and their Colours reflect a composite of those Honours selected for emblazonment. Part 3 of this chapter gives additional information on the inheritance of Honours by State regiments.

Terminology

2.7 Terminology used in regard to honours to regiments for participation in operations includes:

- a. **Honorary Distinctions.** The criteria for Honorary Distinctions, as were awarded for participation in the Sudan and South Africa, did not demand distinction in battle. Conversely an Honorary Distinction did not preclude participation in battle as occurred in South Africa, a conflict in which many significant actions occurred. The Distinctions for South Africa are qualified by dates (years) of involvement of the recipient regiments.
- b. **Theatre Honours.** The immense geographical parameters of some conflicts required the division of hostilities into theatres, eg in World War II North Africa and South West Pacific. The dates (by years) of participation qualify the Honour awarded. Although the conflicts in Korea and Vietnam were not on the same geographic scale, the use of a Theatre Honour prevailed. The award of a Theatre Honour is not dependent upon the award of Battle Honours.
- c. **Campaign Honours.** Campaign Honours is a term which may be encountered and is used in a general sense. It is not used in this chapter because it is not employed in any of the references from which the information was obtained. However, by way of explanation, some actions which occurred in a particular theatre may have comprised more than one battle. These were subsequently grouped as a campaign. The Honour 'Liberation of Australian New Guinea' depicted in this document could reasonably be described as a Campaign Honour since it involved many battles over a protracted period.

- d. **Battle Honours.** Battle Honours, as the name implies, recognises participation in a particular battle. In differing cases the battle may comprise one significant action, eg Hamel (World War I) or a series of actions spread over a period of time, eg Shaggy Ridge (World War II). It is of note that participation in a battle/operation does not, in itself, entitle a regiment to a Battle Honour. The criteria for the award of a Battle Honour requires significant involvement in the battle. There are many examples of regiments which took part in battles but which were not subsequently awarded the related battle Honour. Additionally a Battle Honour has not previously been awarded without the appropriate Theatre Honour also being awarded.

2.8 The annexes to this chapter list all the Battle Honours awarded to, or inherited by, Australian Army units.

BATTLE HONOURS OF CURRENT REGIMENTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMoured CORPS

2.9 During the period of the late 1940s/early 1950s the current regiments of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps were raised based on pre-existing regiments. The current regiments retain the Guidons of the World War I regiments from which they derive with the appropriate Battle Honours detailed in the preceding tables. The current regiments are:

- a. 1st Armoured Regiment.
- b. 1st/15th Royal New South Wales Lancers comprising:
 - (1) 1st Royal New South Wales Lancers; and
 - (2) 15th Northern Rivers Lancers.
- c. 2nd Cavalry Regiment.
- d. 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry) comprising:
 - (1) 2nd Light Horse Regiment, Moreton Light Horse (Queensland Mounted Infantry); and
 - (2) 14th Light Horse Regiment, West Moreton Light Horse (Queensland Mounted Infantry).
- e. 3rd/4th Cavalry Regiment, comprising:
 - (1) 3rd Cavalry Regiment, and
 - (2) 4th Cavalry Regiment.
- f. 3rd/9th South Australian Mounted Rifles, comprising:
 - (1) 3rd Light Horse Regiment, South Australian Mounted Rifles; and
 - (2) 9th Light Horse Regiment, Flinders Light Horse.
- g. 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse, comprising:
 - (1) 4th Light Horse Regiment, Corangamite Regiment;
 - (2) 17th Light Horse Regiment Prince of Wales's Light Horse; and
 - (3) 9th Light Horse Regiment, Yarrowee Light Horse.

- h. 8th/13th Victorian Mounted Rifles, comprising:
 - (1) 8th Light Horse Regiment, Indi Light Horse;
 - (2) 13th Light Horse Regiment Gippsland Light Horse; and
 - (3) 20th Light Horse Regiment, Victorian Mounted Rifles.
- i. 10th Light Horse raised from 10th Light Horse Regiment, Western Australian Mounted Infantry.
- j. 12th/16th Hunter River Lancers, comprising:
 - (1) 12th Light Horse Regiment New England Light Horse; and
 - (2) 16th Light Horse Regiment, Hunter River Lancers.

BATTLE HONOURS OF CURRENT REGIMENTS OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS

2.10 On 1 July 1960 the current State Regiments of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps were raised based on pre-existing regiments. The basis of formation later increased by the addition of further units, ie 49 RQR, 19 RNSWR (later 1/19 RNSWR) and 22 RVR (Australian Army Orders 85/1962 and 29/1963 refer).

2.11 The current regiments claim the Battle Honours which derive from the units (single or linked unit regiments) from which they were formed.

2.12 The Colours of the current regiments are emblazoned with Battle Honours (in the manner prescribed for the particular conflict), which are a representative grouping of those awarded to the units from which the regiments derive.

2.13 In 1986, 51 RQR returned to its previous status as a single unit regiment, ie 51st Battalion The Far North Queensland Regiment, consequently resuming appropriate Battle Honours.

2.14 Existing regiments, the regiments from which derived and the Battle Honours emblazoned on their colours are:

- a. The Royal Australian Regiment: as detailed for Korea and Vietnam.
- b. The Royal Queensland Regiment, derived from:
 - (1) 9 Inf Bn (The Moreton Regiment);
 - (2) 25 Inf Bn (The Darling Downs Regiment);
 - (3) 31 Inf Bn (The Kennedy Regiment);
 - (4) 41 Inf Bn (The Byron Scottish Regiment);
 - (5) 42 Inf Bn (The Capricornia Regiment);
 - (6) 7 Inf Bn (The Wide Bay Regiment);
 - (7) 49 Inf Bn (The Stanley Regiment); and
 - (8) 51 Inf Bn (The Far North Queensland Regiment) see paragraph 13.

Emblazoned Battle Honours: South Africa 1899–1902, Pozieres, Bullecourt, Ypres 1917, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele, Ancre 1918, Amiens, Hindenburg Line, Landing at Anzac, Defence of Tobruk, Syria 1941, Merjayun, Kokoda Trail, Cape Endaiadere—Sinemi Creek, Milne Bay, Liberation of Australian New Guinea, Tsimba Ridge, Borneo and Balikpapan,

c. The Royal New South Wales Regiment, derived from:

- (1) 1 Inf Bn (Cdo) City of Sydney's Own Regiment);
- (2) 2 Inf Bn (City of Newcastle Regiment);
- (3) 3 Inf Bn (Werriwa Regiment);
- (4) 4 Inf Bn (Australian Rifles);
- (5) 13 Inf Bn (Macquarie Regiment);
- (6) 17/18 Inf Bn (North Shore Regiment) previously 17 Inf Bn (North Sydney Regiment) and 18 Inf Bn (Kuring-gai Regiment);
- (7) 19 Inf Bn (South Sydney Regiment);
- (8) 30 Inf Bn (New South Wales Scottish Regiment);
- (9) 34 Inf Bn (Illawarra Regiment);
- (10) 35 Inf Bn (Newcastle's Own Regiment);
- (11) 41 Inf Bn (Byron Scottish Regiment);
- (12) 45 Inf Bn (St George Regiment); and
- (13) 6 New South Wales Mounted Rifles (Allotted from RAAC to RA INF by AHQ directive of 01 July 1956).

Emblazoned Battle Honours: Suakin 1885, South Africa 1899–1902/Somme 1916'18, Pozieres, Bullecourt Ypres 1917, Passchendaele, Amiens, Hindenburg Line, Landing at Anzac, Rumani, Palestine 1917–18, North Africa 1940'42, Bardia 1941, Defence of Tobruk, El Alamein, Syria 1941, Greece 1941, Malaya 1941–42, Kokoda Trail, Buna-Gona and Borneo.

d. The Royal Victoria Regiment, derived from:

- (1) 5 Inf Bn (Victorian Scottish Regiment);
- (2) 6 Inf Bn (Royal Melbourne Regiment);
- (3) 8/7 Inf Bn (North Western Victoria Regiment) formerly 7 Inf Bn (North West Murray Borderers) and 8 Inf Bn (City of Ballarat Regiment);
- (4) 22 Inf Bn (Richmond Regiment);
- (5) 38 Inf Bn (Northern Victoria Regiment);
- (6) 58/32 Inf Bn (City of Essendon Regiment) formerly 32 Inf Bn (Footscray Regiment) and 58 Inf Bn (Essendon-Coburg-Brunswick Rifles); and
- (7) 59 Inf Bn (Hume Regiment).

Emblazoned Battle Honours: South Africa 1899–1902, Somme 1916'18, Pozieres, Bullecourt Ypres 1917, Polygon Wood, Amiens, Albert 1918, Mont St Quentin, Hindenburg Line, Landing at Anzac, Bardia 1941, Capture of Tobruk, El Alamein, Greece 1941, South West Pacific 1942–45, Bobdubi II, Lae-Nadzab, Finisterres, Hari River and Borneo.

e. The Royal South Australia Regiment, derived from:

- (1) 10 Inf Bn (Adelaide Rifles);
- (2) 27 Inf Bn (South Australian Scottish Regiment); and
- (3) 43/48 Inf Bn (Hindmarsh Regiment) formerly 43 Inf Bn (Hindmarsh Regiment) and 48 Inf Bn (Torrens Regiment).

Emblazoned Battle Honours: South Africa 1899–1902, Somme 1916'18, Pozieres, Bullecourt, Messines 1917, Ypres 1917, Menin Road, Passchendaele, Amiens, Hindenburg Line, Landing at Anzac, Defence of Tobruk, El Alamein, Damour, Kokoda Trail, Buna-Gona, Milne Bay, Finschhafen, Sattelburg, Shaggy Ridge and Borneo.

f. The Royal Western Australia Regiment, derived from:

- (1) 11/44 Inf Bn (City of Perth Regiment) formerly 11 Inf Bn (City of Perth Regiment) and 44 Inf Bn (West Australian Rifles);
- (2) 16 Inf Bn (Cameron Highlanders of Western Australia); and
- (3) 28 Inf Bn (Swan Regiment).

Emblazoned Battle Honours: South Africa 1899–1902, Somme 1916'18, Pozieres, Bullecourt, Messines 1917, Ypres 1917, Passchendaele, Amiens, Mont St Quentin, Hindenburg Line, Landing at Anzac, Capture of Tobruk, Defence of Tobruk, El Alamein, Damour, Brallos Pass, Kokoda Trail, Lae-Nadzab, Liberation of Australian New Guinea, Borneo and Labuan.

g. The Royal Tasmania Regiment, derived from:

- (1) 12 Inf Bn (Launceston Regiment); and
- (2) 40 Inf Bn (Derwent Regiment).

Emblazoned Battle Honours: South Africa 1899–1902, Somme 1916'18, Pozieres, Bullecourt, Messines 1917, Ypres 1917, Passchendaele, Amiens, Hindenburg Line, Landing at Anzac, Gallipoli 1915, North Africa 1941, Defence of Tobruk, South West Pacific 1942–45, Koepang, Buna-Gona, Milne Bay, Goodenough Island, Shaggy Ridge, Borneo and Balikpapan.

h. 51 Battalion, The Far North Queensland Regiment, derived from 51 Inf Bn (Far North Queensland Regiment).

Battle Honours (those emblazoned indicated by an asterisk): Somme 1916'18, Pozieres*, Bullecourt, Messines 1917*, Ypres 1917, Menin Road, Polygon Wood*, Passchendaele*, Ancre 1918*, Villers Brettoneux*, Hamel, Amiens*, Albert 1918, Hindenburg Line*, Epehy, France and Flanders 1916–18*, Egypt 1916, Liberation of Australian New Guinea*, Tsimba Ridge*, Bonis-Porton* and South West Pacific 1943–45*

2.15 State infantry regiments inherited those Battle Honours awarded to the battalions which were active at the time of the raising of the State regiments. It was later found that there were a number of Honours which had not been included because they had been awarded to battalions which were inactive at the time of raising the State regiments. These have now been identified and advised to the appropriate regiments. The allocation of the Honours of the inactive units to regiments is as shown in the following table

RQR	RNSWR	RVR	RSAR	RWAR
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
15	20	14	50	51 (WW1 only)
26	33	21	32	
52	36	23		
61	53	24		
62	54	29		
	55	37		
	56	39		
		46		
		57		
		60		

2.16 The additional Battle Honours inherited by the respective State regiments are as follows:

a. RQR

Arras 1918	15 Inf Bn
El Adem Road	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Alam El Halfa	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
West Point 23	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
El Alamein	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Finschafen	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Scarlet Beach	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Bumi River	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Defence of Scarlet Beach	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Nongora	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Sio	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Adele River	15 Aust Inf Bn
Brunei	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Miri	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Malaya 1941-42	2/26 Aust Inf Bn
Johore	2/26 Aust Inf Bn
Singapore Island	2/15 Aust Inf Bn
Sanananda Road	49 Aust Inf Bn

b. RNSWR

Villers Bretonneux	53, 54, 55, 56 Inf Bns
Syrian Frontier	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Merjayun	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
The Muar	2/19 Aust Inf Bn
Waitavoloo	19 Aust Inf Bn
Lae Road	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Ramu Valley	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Shaggy Ridge	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Balikpapan	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Milford Highway	2/33 Aust Inf Bn
Cape Endaiader-Sinemi Creek	6 Motor Regt (NSWMR)

c. RVR

Arras	14 Aust Inf Bn
Hamel	14, 21, 22, 23,
Beaurevoir	21, 22, 23, 24 Inf Bns
Syrian Frontier	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Adlun	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Jezzine	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
The Salient 1941	2/23, 2/24 Aust Inf Bns
Tel El Eisa	2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Kokoda Trail	2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 39 Aust Inf Bn
Isurava	2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 39 Aust Inf Bn
Eora Creek-Templeton's Crossing	2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 39 Aust Inf Bn
Efogi-Menari	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Ioribaiwa	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Buna-Gona	2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 39 Aust Inf Bn
Gona	2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 39 Aust Inf Bn
Amboga River	2/14 Aust Inf Bn, 39 Aust Inf Bn
Ramu Valley	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Shaggy Ridge	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Balikpapan	2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Ambon	2/21 Aust Inf Bn
Laha	2/21 Aust Inf Bn
Rabaul	2/22 Aust Inf Bn
Kalueng River	22 Aust Inf Bn
Wareo-Lakona	22, 2/14 Aust Inf Bns
Gusika-Fortification Point	22, 29/46, 37/52 Aust Inf Bns
Busu River	2/23, 2/24 Aust Inf Bns
Sattelburg	2/23, 2/24 Aust Inf Bns
Wareo	2/23, 2/24 Aust Inf Bns
Tarakan	2/23, 2/24 Aust Inf Bns
Bobdubi I	24 Aust Inf Bn

	Lae Road	24 Aust Inf Bn
	Malaya 1941–42	2/29 Aust Inf Bn
	Johore	2/29 Aust Inf Bn
	The Muar	2/29 Aust Inf Bn
	Singapore Island	2/29 Aust Inf Bn
	Kokoda-Deniki	39 Aust Inf Bn
	Sanananda Road	39 Aust Inf Bn
	Bogadjim	57/60 Aust Inf Bn
	Commando Road	57/60 Aust Inf Bn
	RSAR	
	Villers Bretonneux	50 Inf Bn
	Bapaume 1917	32 Inf Bn
d.	RWAR	
	Villers Bretonneux	51 Inf Bn
e.	RTR	
	Egypt 1915–16	12 Inf Bn (1)
	(1) Omitted from AAO No 85/1962 in RTR listing.	

Annexes:

- A. [Honorary Distinctions, Theatre Honours and Battle Honours of the Australian Army 1885–1902](#)
- B. [The Great War \(World War I\) 1914–8](#)
- C. [The Second World War \(World War II\) 1939–45](#)
- D. [Korean War 1950–53](#)
- E. [Vietnam War 1962–72](#)

CHAPTER 3

REGISTER OF STANDARDS, COLOURS, GUIDONS, BANNERS AND OTHER HONOURABLE INSIGNIA

Introduction

3.1 The annexes to this chapter contain a register of all Standards, Guidons, Colours, Banners and other Honourable Insignia of the Australian Army.

Layout

3.2 The register is in two parts. [Annexes A, B and C](#) list all Colours etc currently in service; [annexes D–I](#) are a register of all laid-up Colours etc.

3.3 The register of current Colours etc is in order of Corps, the register of laid-up Colours etc is by State, in order of corps within each state listing.

Update of Registers

3.4 To maintain the accuracy of this register, advice is to be provided to the Ceremonial and Protocol Section—Army Headquarters of any changes to be recorded in the register. This includes advice of presentation of new Colours, the laying-up of old Colours and any change of condition or location of laid-up Colours.

Annexes:

- A. [Register of Standards, Guidons and Honourable Insignia—Royal Australian Armoured Corps](#)
- B. [Register of Colours, Banners and Honourable Insignia—Royal Australian Infantry Corps](#)
- C. [Register of Colours, Banners and Honourable Insignia—other Corps and Training Units](#)
- D. [Register of Laid-up Standards, Guidons, Colours, Banners and honourable Insignia Queensland](#)
- E. [Register of Laid-up Standards, Guidons, Colours, Banners and Honourable Insignia—New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory](#)
- F. [Register of laid-up standards, guidons, colours, banners and honourable insignia—Victoria](#)
- G. [Register of Laid-up Standards, Guidons, Colours, Banners and Honourable Insignia—South Australia](#)
- H. [Register of Laid-up Standards, Guidons, Colours, Banners and Honourable Insignia—Western Australia](#)
- I. [Register of Laid-up Standards, Guidons, Colours, Banners and Honourable Insignia—Tasmania](#)

CHAPTER 4

FREEDOM OF ENTRY REGISTER

General

4.1 [Annex A](#) to this chapter lists all units who have been granted Freedom of Entry of the cities/towns/shires indicated.

4.2 Amendments to this register are to be advised to the SO2 Ceremonial and Protocol Section—Army Headquarters.

4.3 *Ceremonial Manual*, volume 1, chapter 16 provides information on the policies for the granting of Freedom of Entry.

Annex:

A. [Freedom of Entry Register](#)

