

## INTRODUCTION

The 1st/19th Battalion of the Royal New South Regiment was the first Battalion of the Regiment to be linked which was occasioned in 1970 following a historical precedent set in 1930.

However, the lineage of 1st/19th Battalion RNSWR is divided into two parts. That of 1st Battalion, RNSWR and that of 19th Battalion, RNSWR. Both Battalions can trace their lineage back through five major periods:

### **Pre First World War – 1860-1914.**

This period can be broken down into two periods being – the Colonial Period ending in 1901 and the post Federation Period ending in 1914.

### **First World War – 1914-1919.**

There are three threads to the lineage:

1st – the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force (AN&MEF) the link being the inheritance of the 1st Battalion, AN&MEF Battle Honour, Herbertshoe.

2nd – the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) the link being the inheritance of the Battle Honours of 1st Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF and 19th Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF.

3rd – the continuing service of 1st Battalion Militia and 19th Battalion Militia in homeland defence.

**Between the World Wars – 1919 to 1939.** With the disbandment of the AN&MEF and the AIF the continuing existence of both 1st and 19th Battalion Militia units through several changes in designation and their linkage in 1930.

**Second World War – 1939 to 1945.** With the re-raising of the AIF which included 2/1st Australian Infantry Battalion AIF and 2/19th Australian Infantry Battalion, AIF and 19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF the history of 1st/19th Battalion, RNSWR is enriched further by the inheritance of the Second World War Battle Honours of 2/1st Australian Infantry Battalion AIF, 2/19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF and 19th Australian Infantry Battalion AIF.

It also covers the linking of 1st and 45th Battalions (Militia) designated as 1st/45th Australian Infantry Battalion.

### **Post Second World War – 1960 –**

This covers the period from the raising of 1st Commando Company in 1960???, 19th Battalion, RNSWR in 1966 and the linking of 1st Battalion, RNSWR and 19th Battalion, RNSWR in 1970 until today (2015).

### **Tracking the history**

This 1st/19th Battalion, RNSWR history will be tracked under the following headings:

#### **The lineage of 1st and 19th Battalions**

#### **The Pre First World War Conflicts**

#### **The First World War**

#### **Between the World Wars**

#### **The Second World War**

#### **Post Second World War.**



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