Above: All the Guidons and Colours of the Australian Army were on parade in Canberra for the Centenary of the Army, 10 March 2001.

Below: The Colours of the Battalions of The Royal New South Regiment at the 100th Anniversary Parade of the Second Division at the Australian War Memorial Canberra on Friday 24th July 2015 – Courtesy LTCOL Tony Ang

THE COLOURS

A moth eaten rag on a worm eaten pole,
It does not look likely to stir a man’s soul.
Tis the deed that were done 'neath the moth-eaten rag
When the pole was a staff and the rag was a flag.
Sir Edward Hansley

The term ‘Colours’ broadly encompasses the symbol or the spirit of a battalion or regiment, for on them are borne selected battle honours and badges granted to the unit in commemoration of gallant deeds performed by members of the unit from the time it was raised.

The battle honours emblazoned on the 1st/19th Battalion The Royal New South Regiment Colours were selected by the RNSWR Council and are restricted to 10 for the Queen’s Colour and 12 for Regimental Colours. The discerning reader might notice that the Battle Honours on both sets of colours are the same. This was to ensure that the Battle Honours reflected the deeds of all the Battalions that make up the Regiment.

The Battle Honours emblazoned on the Queen’s Colour of both the 1st and 19th Battalions RNSWR recognise the achievements of the antecedents units of The Royal New South Wales Regiment in the Second World War.

Similarly the Battle Honours emblazoned on the Regimental Colours of both the 1st and 19th Battalions RNSWR recognise the achievements of the antecedents units of The Royal New South Wales Regiment including their participation in the Suakin Campaign of 1885, the South African Conflict of 1998 to 1902 and the First World War 1914-18.
The Queen’s and Regimental Colours of
1st Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment

The 1st Battalion Queen’s Colour at left is emblazoned with the following Second World War Battle Honours:

- North Africa 1940-41*
- Capture of Tobruk*
- Bardia 1941*
- El Alamein
- Syria 1941
- Malaya 1941-42*
- Greece 1941*
- Kokoda Trail*
- Buna-Gona*
- Borneo

* Denotes awarded to either 2/1st Battalion or 2/19th Battalion

The 1st Battalion Regimental Colour at left is emblazoned with the following Battle Honours:

- Suakin 1885*
- South Africa 1899-1902*
- Somme 1916-18*
- Pozieres*
- Bullecourt*
- Ypres 1917*
- Passchendaele*
- Amiens*
- Hindenburg Line*
- Landing at Anzac*
- Rumani
- Palestine

* Denotes awarded to either 1st Battalion and/or 19th Battalion
The Queen’s and Regimental Colours of
19th Battalion The Royal New South Wales Regiment

The 19th Battalion RNSWR Queen’s Colour at left is emblazoned with the following Second World War Battle Honours:

- North Africa 1940-41*
- Capture of Tobruk*
- Syria 1941
- Kokoda Trail*

*Denotes awarded to either 2/1st Battalion or 2/19th Battalion

The 19th Battalion RNSWR Regimental Colour at left is emblazoned with the following Battle Honours:

- Suakin 1885*
- Somme 1916-18*
- Passchendaele*
- Bullecourt*
- Hindenburg Line*
- Rumani

* Denotes awarded to either 1st Battalion and/or 19th Battalion