

# **BATTLE HONOURS OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY**

## **World War II – South West Pacific**

### **SOUTH WEST PACIFIC 1942-45**

*23 Jan 1942 - 15 August 1945*

2/6 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 2/9 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 1/15 RNSW, 3/9 SAMR,  
4/19 PWLH, 8/13 VMR, 6 NSWMR, 1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 4 Inf Bn, 5 Inf Bn, 6 Inf Bn,  
8/7 Inf Bn, 9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 11/44 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn, 13 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn,  
16 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn, 19 Inf Bn, 21 Inf Bn, 22 Inf Bn, 23 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn,  
26 Inf Bn, 27 Inf Bn, 28 Inf Bn, 29 Inf Bn, 30 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 35 Inf Bn, 36 Inf Bn,  
37/52 Inf Bn, 39 Inf Bn, 40 Inf Bn, 42 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn, 46 Inf Bn, 47 Inf Bn, 49 Inf Bn,  
51 Inf Bn, 55/53 Inf Bn, 57/60 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn, 61 Inf Bn, 62 Inf Bn, PIR,  
1 MG Bn, 2 MG Bn, 3 MG Bn, 7 MG Bn, 1 Pnr Bn, 2 Pnr Bn, 3 Pnr Bn, 4 Pnr Bn, PNGVR

#### **Koepang**

*20-23 Feb 1942*

40 Inf Bn

#### **Ambon**

*30 Jan-3 Feb 1942*

21 Inf Bn

#### **Laha**

*30 Jan-3 Feb 1942*

21 Inf Bn

#### **Rabaul**

*23 Jan 1942*

22 Inf Bn, PNGVR

**Java 1942**

*28 Feb-12 Mar 1942*

3 MG Bn, 2 Pnr Bn

**Kokoda Trail**

*22 Jul-13 Nov*

1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 27 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn,  
39 Inf Bn, PIR

**Kokoda - Deniki**

*25 Jul-14 Aug 1942*

39 Inf Bn, PIR

**Isurava**

*15-30 Aug 1942*

14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 39 Inf Bn

**Eora Creek - Templeton's Crossing I**

*31 Aug-5 Sep 1942*

14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 39 Inf Bn

**Efogi - Menari**

*6-9 Sep 1942*

14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 27 Inf Bn

**Ioribaiwa**

*10-28 Sep 1942*

3 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn

## **Eora Creek - Templeton's Crossing II**

*8-30 Oct 1942*

1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn

## **Oivi - Gorari**

*4-13 Nov 1942*

1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn

## **Buna - Gona**

*16 Nov 1942 - 22 Jan 1943*

2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 6 NSWMR, 1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn,  
14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 27 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 36 Inf Bn, 39 Inf Bn, 49 Inf Bn,  
55/53 Inf Bn

## **Gona**

*19 Nov - 9 Dec 1942*

3 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 27 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 39 Inf Bn

## **Sanananda Road**

*19 Nov 1942 - 14 Jan 1943*

2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn, 36 Inf Bn, 39 Inf Bn, 49 Inf Bn,  
55/53 Inf Bn

## **Amboga River**

*10-21 Dec 1942*

14 Inf Bn, 39 Inf Bn

**Cape Endaiadere - Sinemi Creek**

*18 Dec 1942 - 2 Jan 1943*

6 NSWMR, 9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn

**Sanananda - Cape Killerton**

*15-22 Jan 1943*

9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn

**Milne Bay**

*26 Aug-7 Sep 1942*

9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 61 Inf Bn

**Goodenough Island**

*22-26 Oct 1942*

12 Inf Bn

**Wau**

*8 Mar 1942 - 26 Feb 1943*

5 Inf Bn, 6 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn, PNGVR

**Mubo I**

*22 Apr-29 May 1943*

8/7 Inf Bn

**Bobdubi I**

*22 Apr-29 May 1943*

24 Inf Bn

**Lababia Ridge**

*20-23 Jun 1943*

6 Inf Bn

**Bobdubi II**

*30 Jun-19 Aug 1943*

5 Inf Bn, 6 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn, 24 Inf, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

**Nassau Bay**

*30 Jun-4 Jul 1943*

PIR

**Mubo II**

*7-14 Jul 1943*

5 Inf Bn, 6 Inf Bn

**Mount Tambu**

*16 Jul-19 Aug 1943*

5 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn, 42 Inf Bn

**Tambu Bay**

*17 Jul-29 Aug 1943*

15 Inf Bn, 42 Inf Bn, 47 Inf Bn, PIR

**Komiatum**

*16-21 Aug 1943*

5 Inf Bn, 6 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn, 42 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

**Lae - Nadzab**

*4-16 Sep 1943*

13 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn, 23 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 28 Inf Bn,  
31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 2 MG Bn, 2 Pnr Bn

**Busu River**

*8-12 Sep 1943*

23 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 28 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn

**Lae Road**

*11-15 Sep 1943*

24 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 2 Pnr Bn

**Finschhafen**

*22 Sep - 8 Dec 1943*

1/15 RNSW, 13 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn, 22 Inf Bn, 23 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 28 Inf Bn,  
43/48 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, PIR, 2 MG Bn, 3 Pnr Bn

**Scarlet Beach**

*22 Sep 1943*

13 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn, PIR

**Bumi River**

*23-24 Sep 1943*

13 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn

## **Defence of Scarlet Beach**

*16-28 Oct 1943*

13 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn, 28 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 3 Pnr Bn

## **Jiveneng - Kumawa**

*3 Oct-3 Nov 1943*

13 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn

## **Siki Cove**

*18-22 Oct 1943*

28 Inf Bn, 3 Pnr Bn

## **Sattelberg**

*17-25 Nov 1943*

1/15 RNSW, 23 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn, 2 MG Bn

## **Pabu**

*19-26 Nov 1943*

43/48 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn

## **Gusika**

*29 Nov 1943*

28 Inf Bn

## **Wareo**

*1-8 Dec 1943*

1/15 RNSW, 23 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn

## **Nongora**

*2 Dec 1943*

15 Inf Bn

## **Liberation of Australian New Guinea**

*18 Sep 1943 - 8 Aug 1945*

2/6 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 1/15 RNSW, 4/19 PWLH, 1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 4 Inf Bn, 5 Inf Bn, 6 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn, 9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 11/44 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn, 13 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn, 19 Inf Bn, 22 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 26 Inf Bn, 27 Inf Bn, 29 Inf Bn, 30 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 35 Inf Bn, 36 Inf Bn, 37/52 Inf Bn, 42 Inf Bn, 46 Inf Bn, 47 inf Bn, 51 Inf Bn, 55/53 Inf Bn, 57/60 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn, 61 Inf Bn, PIR, 3 MG Bn, 2 Pnr Bn

## **Ramu Valley**

*21 Sep-5 Oct 1943*

14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 27 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 2 Pnr Bn

## **Shaggy Ridge**

*6 Oct 1943 - 31 Jan 1944*

9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 27 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 2 Pnr Bn

## **Finisterres**

*1-28 Feb 1944*

9 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 57/60 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

## **Barum**

*18 Mar 1944*

58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn



**Bogadjim**

*13 Apr 1944*

57/60 Inf Bn

**Madang**

*24 Apr 1944*

30 Inf Bn

**Kalueng River**

*3 Dec 1943*

22 Inf Bn

**Wareo - Lakona**

*9-17 Dec 1943*

1/15 RNSW, 22 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn

**Gusika - Fortification Point**

*3-20 Dec 1943*

1/15 RNSW, 22 Inf Bn, 29 Inf Bn, 37/52 Inf Bn, 46 Inf Bn

**Sio**

*21 Dec 1943 - 15 Jan 1944*

13 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn

**Sio - Sepik River**

*25 Jan-19 Jun 1944*

30 Inf Bn, 35 Inf Bn, PIR

**Matapau**

*17 Dec 1944 - 2 Jan 1945*

11/44 Inf Bn

**Perembil**

*3-4 Jan 1945*

5 Inf Bn

**Abau - Malin**

*5-7 Jan 1945*

2/6 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 8/7 Inf Bn, 11/44 Inf Bn

**Nambut Ridge**

*19 Jan-19 Feb 1945*

1 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 3 MG Bn

**Balif**

*18 Jan-6 Feb 1945*

5 Inf Bn

**Anumb River**

*4-9 Mar 1945*

2/6 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 3 MG Bn

**But - Dagua**

*16 Mar-5 Apr 1945*

1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn, 3 MG Bn

**Maprik**

*8 Mar-24 Apr 1945*

2/6 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 6 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn

**Hawain River**

*9-29 Apr 1945*

4/19 PWLH, 1 Inf Bn, 2 Inf Bn, 3 Inf Bn

**Wewak**

*8-11 May 1945*

2/6 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 4/19 PWLH, 4 Inf Bn, 11/44 Inf Bn

**Wirui Mission**

*11-15 May 1945*

2/6 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 4/19 PWLH, 4 Inf Bn, 11/44 Inf Bn

**Mount Shiburangu - Mount Tazaki**

*28 May-5 Jul 1945*

4 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn

**Yamil - Ulupu**

*3 May-14 Jul 1945*

5 Inf Bn, 6 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn

**Kaboibus - Kiarivu**

*15 Jul-8 Aug 1945*

5 Inf Bn, 6 Inf Bn, 8/7 Inf Bn, PIR

**Tsimba Ridge**

*17 Jan-9 Feb 1945*

31 Inf Bn, 51 Inf Bn

**Bonis - Porton**

*7-11 Jun 1945*

26 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 51 Inf Bn, PIR

**Artillery Hill**

*18 Dec 1944*

9 Inf Bn

**Pearl Ridge**

*30 Dec 1944*

25 Inf Bn

**Adele River**

*19-29 Dec 1944*

15 Inf Bn

**Mawaraka**

*4-17 Jan 1945*

15 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 42 Inf Bn, 47 Inf Bn

**Mosigetta**

*2-15 Feb 1945*

9 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 61 Inf Bn

**Puriata River**

*24 Jan-26 Feb 1945*

9 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn, 61 Inf Bn

**Darara**

*16-19 Feb 1945*

25 Inf Bn

**Slater's Knoll**

*28 Mar-6 Apr 1945*

4/19 PWLH, 25 Inf Bn

**Hongorai River**

*17 Apr-7 May 1945*

4/19 PWLH, 9 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 57/60 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

**Egan's Ridge - Hongorai Ford**

*13-22 May 1945*

4/19 PWLH, 24 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

**Commando Road**

*17-28 May 1945*

57/60 Inf Bn

**Hari River**

*2-7 Jun 1945*

4/19 PWLH, 24 Inf Bn, 57/60 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

**Ogorata River**

*13-16 Jun 1945*

24 Inf Bn, 57/60 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

**Mobiai River**

*16-25 Jun 1945*

57/60 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

**Mivo River**

*26-30 Jun 1945*

4/19 PWLH, 24 Inf Bn, 57/60 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 59 Inf Bn

**Mivo Ford**

*2-9 Jul 1945*

15 Inf Bn, 47 Inf Bn

**Waitavolo**

*5-7 Mar 1945*

14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 19 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn

**Borneo**

*1 May-15 Aug 1945*

2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 2/9 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 1/15 RNSW, 9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn,  
13 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn, 23 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn,  
27 Inf Bn, 28 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn, 1 MG Bn, 2 MG Bn,  
1 Pnr Bn, 3 Pnr Bn, 4 Pnr Bn

## **Tarakan**

*1 May-15 Aug 1945*

3/9 SAMR, 23 Inf Bn, 24 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn, 3 Pnr Bn

## **Brunei**

*10 Jun-8 Aug 1945*

13 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn, 2 MG Bn

## **Labuan**

*10-21 Jun 1945*

2/9 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 3/9 SAMR, 28 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn, 2 MG Bn

## **Beaufort**

*17-30 Jun 1945*

28 Inf Bn, 43/48 Inf Bn, 58/32 Inf Bn

## **Miri**

*10-23 Jun 1945*

13 Inf Bn, 15 Inf Bn, 17/18 Inf Bn

## **Balikpapan**

*1-9 Jul 1945*

2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 1/15 RNSW, 9 Inf Bn, 10 Inf Bn, 12 Inf Bn, 14 Inf Bn, 16 Inf Bn, 25 Inf Bn,  
27 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 1 MG Bn

## **Milford Highway**

*10-22 July 1945*

2/7 Cav (Cdo) Regt, 1/15 RNSW, 25 Inf Bn, 31 Inf Bn, 33 Inf Bn, 1 MG Bn