



The Military History Society of NSW presents:

THE BATTLE FOR SHAGGY RIDGE

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An online presentation by Phillip Bradley
11:00AM AEST Saturday 2 October 2021
via Google Meet

Phillip Bradley's latest book tells the extraordinary story of the Australian campaign against the Japanese in New Guinea's Finisterre mountains in 1943-44.

One of Australia's leading battlefield historians, he has written an enlightening re-examination of an important campaign following the experiences of the men from both sides. Using letters, diaries and memoirs from the veterans of the Ramu Valley campaign, including from the Japanese side, Phillip takes the reader onto the battlefield.

From the killing ground of Kaiapit to the treacherous heights of the Finisterre Range, for four months in 1943-44 the Australian army fought to drive the Japanese from their mountain strongholds. The most formidable position was the fortress-like Shaggy Ridge, its steep sides rising sharply to a knife-edge crest where battle was joined on a one-man front. Based on the accounts of over a hundred Australians, Americans and Japanese who served on, around and over the ridge, *The Battle for Shaggy Ridge* tells the story of this extraordinary struggle for control of the Ramu Valley in New Guinea.

PHILLIP BRADLEY is the author of the ground-breaking *Hell's Battlefield* and *D-Day New Guinea*, and a leading Australian military historian. His extensive research on the battlefield, in the archives and with the veterans of the campaign has given him an intimate knowledge of the battle for Shaggy Ridge. In this talk he will discuss the battle drawing on his research for the book.

Phillip Bradley's *The Battle For Shaggy Ridge* is available for purchase at this link:

<https://www.booktopia.com.au/the-battle-for-shaggy-ridge-phillip-radley/book/9781760878672.html>

The presentation is scheduled live for 11:00AM AEST on Saturday, 2 October 2021. It will be accessible online via Google Meet. If interested please register by emailing the President at president@militaryhistorynsw.com.au (mob: 0419 698 783) and follow the instructions below.

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