



**An ambulance plane brings back wounded from Kokoda. The wounded man is Private. J. W. Clont of NSW. The pilot of the plane is Staff Sergeant N. D. Maxwell of Claire, Michigan.**



**An electric message conveyor viewed from the 18th Lines of Communication Signals Office on its return from the Headquarters, New Guinea Force Message Centre, a distance of approximately 400 yards. The two sets of rails are for handling “UP” and “DOWN” traffic. The message is in the body of the carrier to ensure protection from the weather.**



**NX69134 Signaller Albert Edward Springham placing a message in a carrier at Signals Office, 18th Lines of Communication Signals, Port Moresby. This miniature overhead electric railway conveys messages a distance of approximately 400 yards between the Signal Office and the Message Centre of Headquarters, New Guinea Force. The motive power is provided by a 24 volt electric motor supplied from batteries connected to the rails.**

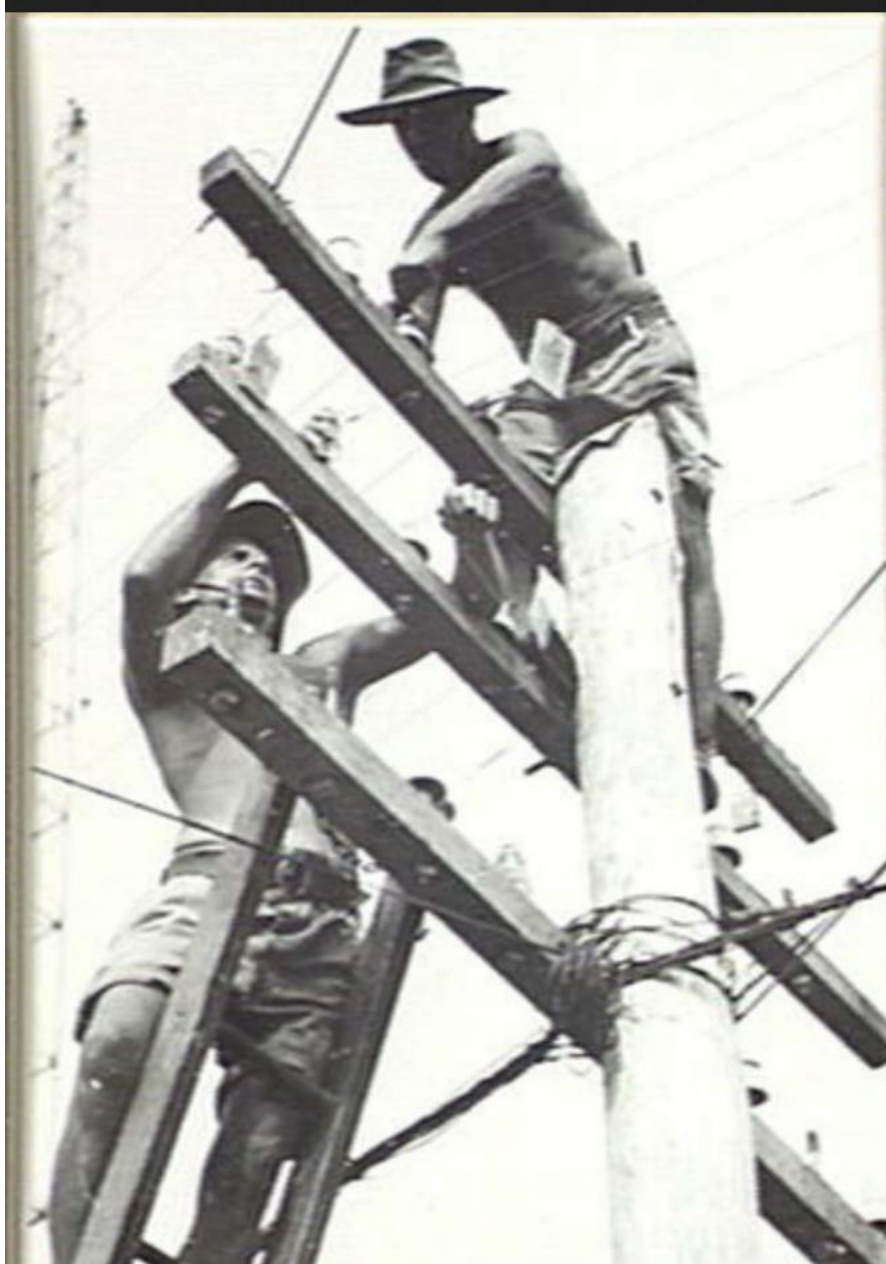




**TX11281 Signalman Raymond Townsend of the 18th Lines of Communication Signals removing a message from the electric message conveyor which operates between the New Guinea Force Headquarters and the Signals Office, Port Moresby.**

**This photograph shows the rails terminal at the Signal Office.**





**TWO AIF SIGNALLERS WHO SERVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ARE NOW BUSY WITH THEIR UNIT IN NEW GUINEA. THEY ARE UTILISING EXISTING CIVILIAN TELEPHONE POLES AND SOME EQUIPMENT.**

**WAMPIT, NEW GUINEA. 1944-03-01. NX118908 TROOPER W. GEHRIG (1) AND NX127709 LANCE-CORPORAL WINTER (2), SIGNALLERS OF THE 9TH FIELD COMPANY, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS, OPERATING A WIRELESS TRANSMITTER LINK FROM THE HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDER ROYAL ENGINEERS, (A.I.F.). THE LINK EMBRACES WAMPIT, EDIE CREEK, MORESBY, AND BULLDOG.**





**Unit No 1 Wireless Unit RAAF.  
Japanese Kana Wireless intercept  
operators. Left to right: 421816  
Leading Aircraftman (LAC)  
Charles Archibald McColl  
(accidentally killed in Brisbane  
Australia on 02 May 1945)  
417694 LAC Alfred Jack Brown;  
75009 LAC Ronald Patterson;  
54658 LAC James Bourke Sparks.**



TERAPO, NEW GUINEA  
AUSTRALIAN GRAVE  
INDEPENDENT COM  
POSTAL UNIT AWAIT



**PORT MORESBY, PAPUA.  
1942-07-11. TWO  
DESPATCH MOTOR CYCLE  
RIDERS FORCING A PATH  
THROUGH LONG THICK  
GRASS IN THE TROPICAL  
BUSH OF NEW GUINEA  
DURING MANOEUVRES  
CARRIED OUT BY  
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY  
UNDER THE DIRECTIONS  
OF AN A.I.F. COMMANDER  
FROM THE MIDDLE EAST.**



**PORT MORESBY, PAPUA, 1942-07.  
TWO MIDDLE EAST "DIGGERS"  
NOW IN ACTION IN NEW GUINEA.  
THEY ARE MEMBERS OF AN ANTI-  
AIRCRAFT CREW.**



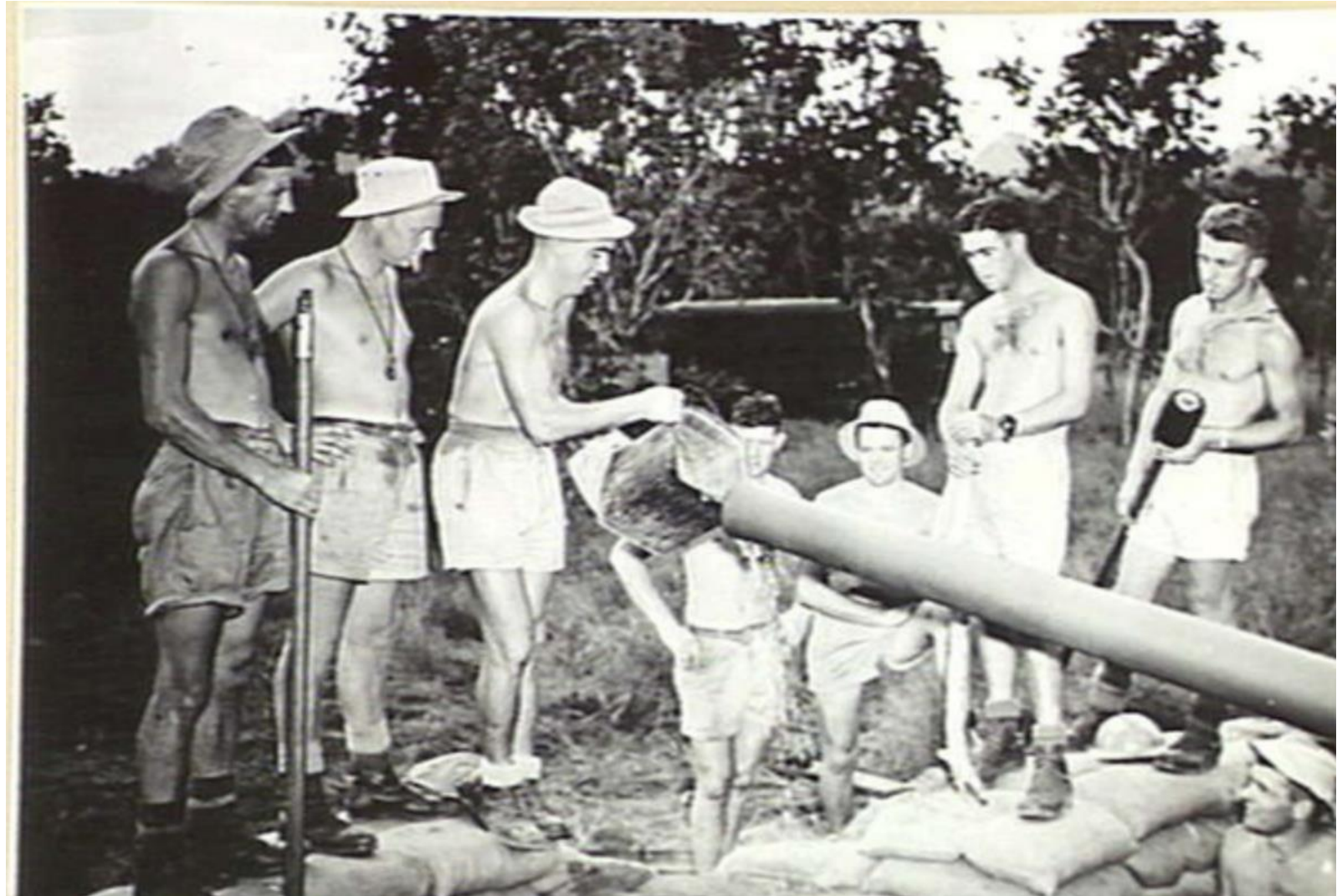
PORT MORESBY, PAPUA.  
1942-07. TYPICAL OF  
THE BRONZED  
AUSTRALIANS READY TO  
MEET THE JAPANESE IN  
NEW GUINEA ARE THESE  
HAPPY-LOOKING  
SAPPERS. WHEN THE  
PHOTOGRAPHER  
WANTED THEM TO  
SMILE, HE SAID THAT  
THE PICTURE WOULD BE  
PUBLISHED "DOWN  
SOUTH" - THE ABOVE IS  
THE RESULT HE  
ACHIEVED.



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**PORT MORESBY, PAPUA.  
1942-07. WASHING OUT  
A GUN BARREL AFTER  
THE "ALL-CLEAR" HAS  
SOUNDED IN A NEW  
GUINEA AREA. THIS IS A  
ROUTINE JOB THAT  
FOLLOWS JAPANESE  
RAIDS.**





**AT SEA, 1944-05-12.  
MEMBERS OF THE RAN  
HANDLING ROCKETS  
ABOARD THE TROOPSHIP  
ORMISTON. THE SHIP,  
HEADING FROM PORT  
MORESBY TO LAE, CARRIES  
16 NAVAL PERSONNEL  
UNDER THE COMMAND OF  
WARRANT OFFICER A.  
JEWELL, THE GUNNERY  
OFFICER.**

**VX109776 Driver Daniel James Ginnivan and VX74946 Private Donald Thiel, members of the 126th General Transport Company, loading 4 gallon drums on a vehicle at the 1st Petroleum Storage Company, Port Moresby.**





# GROUP PORTRAIT, CARPENTERS OF NO. 2 AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION SQUADRON (ACS), RAAF.



**HANABADA, NEW GUINEA.  
1943-10-23. A BARE-CHESTED  
SX9587 CORPORAL N. A.  
PHILLPOTTS, ELECTRIC WELDER  
OF THE 14TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD  
COMPANY, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN  
ENGINEERS (RAE). HIS JOB IS  
WELDING THE JOINTS IN THE  
NEW PIPELINE WHICH RUNS  
FROM THE JETTY TO THE  
STORAGE TANKS NEAR PORT  
MORESBY.**



**INLAND FROM PORT MORESBY,  
NEW GUINEA. 1943-11. CAMP SITE  
AND OPERATIONS ROOM OF UNIT  
NO 1 WIRELESS UNIT RAAF. IN THE  
FOREGROUND ARE JAPANESE  
KANA WIRELESS INTERCEPT  
OPERATORS:- LEFT TO RIGHT:-  
LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN BRIAN  
STIBBARD, LAC JOHN HAMILTON.**

(DONOR A.J. BROWN)



**INLAND FROM PORT  
MORESBY, NEW GUINEA.  
1943-11. UNIT NO 1 WIRELESS  
UNIT RAAF. JAPANESE KANA  
WIRELESS INTERCEPT  
OPERATORS' CAMP SITE AND  
OPERATIONS AREA. THE  
OPERATORS SHOWN ARE:-  
LEFT TO RIGHT:- LEADING  
AIRCRAFTMAN CHAS MCCOLL,  
LAC JIM NEIL, LAC JIM SPARKS,  
LAC JOHN HAMILTON. FRONT:-  
LAC RON PATTERSON. (DONOR  
A.J. BROWN)**





**INLAND FROM PORT  
MORESBY, NEW GUINEA.  
1943-11. UNIT NO 1  
WIRELESS UNIT RAAF.  
JAPANESE KANA WIRELESS  
INTERCEPT OPERATORS'  
CAMP SITE SHOWING  
LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN  
CHAS MCCOLL "BACK TO  
NATURE" . (DONOR A.J. BROWN)**

**AN UNKNOWN  
WIRELESS  
OPERATOR IS  
WASHING  
CLOTHES. THE  
WIRELESS ROOM  
BUILDING IS AT  
MIDDLE RIGHT.**

(DONOR A.J. BROWN)



**NEW GUINEA. PORT  
MORESBY. TRAFFIC IS  
HELD UP AT THE END  
OF THE AIR STRIP  
WHILE A TRANSPORT  
PLANE TAKES OFF.**

(NEGATIVE BY N. BROWN).



# JAPANESE AIR RAID ON PORT MORESBY. BOMBS BURST ALONG THE WATERFRONT.





**Julian Collins at the grave of his father, 400871 Flight Sergeant (Flt Sgt) Austin James Collins, air gunner, in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Flt Sgt Collins served in Malaya with the RAF and returned to Australia after the fall of Singapore. He was then posted to 22 Squadron RAAF, in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. He was lost on operations in New Guinea on 1 June 1943.**

**PHOTO ON NEXT PAGE:**



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**KILA BEACH, PORT MORESBY,  
NEW GUINEA. 1944-05-11. V2/363  
MRS N. LYNCH (9), A MEMBER OF  
THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS  
ATTACHED TO THE 2/1ST GENERAL  
HOSPITAL, POURS TEA FROM A  
MOBILE CANTEEN WHICH OFFERS  
A CHOICE OF LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS. THE CANTEEN  
TOURS BEACHES AND SPORTS  
MEETINGS. IT HAS BEEN IN THE  
AREA FOR 18 MONTHS AND  
PROVIDED OVER 7,000 MEALS  
DURING THE PERIOD.**



YULE ISLAND, NEW GUINEA. 1944-05-20/11. CORPORAL L GILBERT, 1ST MARINE FOOD SUPPLY PLATOON (1), COXSWAIN OF THE AM1939, WHICH CARRIES FISH TO PORT MORESBY, DISPLAYNG TWO FINE MACKEREL CAUGHT BY TROLLING LINES DURING THE RETURN JOURNEY TO THE ISLAND.





Australian troops read the Army newspaper 'Guinea Gold' a few hours after the capture of Japanese held village of Sattelberg. The papers were dropped from a plane. In the background are thatched roof buildings in ruins after bombing attacks.

**NEW GUINEA. TROOPS IN  
PORT MORESBY ARE  
KEENLY INTERESTED IN  
THE ARMY NEWSPAPER  
"GUINEA GOLD".  
PRODUCED UNDER  
DIFFICULT CONDITIONS,  
THE PAPER IS  
DISTRIBUTED FREE TO  
BOTH AUSTRALIAN AND  
AMERICAN TROOPS IN  
FORWARD AREAS.**

WARRANT  
OFFICER WALLACE (JUMBO)  
SHARLAND OF MELBOURNE, VIC,  
INTERSTATE FOOTBALLER, ABC SPORTS  
COMMENTATOR AND JOURNALIST,  
HANDS OVER COPIES OF "GUINEA  
GOLD" TO FLIGHT LIEUTENANT  
DOUGLAS GILLISON OF MELBOURNE,  
VIC, FOR DISTRIBUTION TO A RAAF  
UNIT.



**N245943 Signalman  
Kevin Patrick  
Stinson at a No. 4  
Wireless Receiver  
in the New Guinea  
Force Signal Office,  
Port Moresby. The  
facility is manned  
by personnel of the  
18th Lines of  
Communication  
Area Signals.**



**Lae, New Guinea. 1944-07-31.  
Signalman E. Watson (at rear) and  
Signalman N. W. Gibbs, members of 5  
Mobile Meteorological Flight RAAF  
attached to HQ, New Guinea Force,  
receiving weather information by  
wireless transmitters from Brisbane,  
Port Moresby and Laverton. This  
information consists of observations  
made at many small stations from  
Cape Leeuwin to New Zealand and  
from Hobart to north of the equator.**







**NX191070 LIEUTENANT H. A. HANKE, OFFICIAL WAR ARTIST ATTACHED TO HEADQUARTERS MILITARY HISTORY SECTION, AT HIS EASEL PAINTS THE BACKGROUND FOR A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE 25 POUNDER GUNS OF B TROOP, 53RD BATTERY, 14TH FIELD REGIMENT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY, FIRING ON JAPANESE POSITIONS AT IORIBAIWA ON 1942-09-23, FROM THE POINT AT WHICH THE GUNS WERE SITED. THE TRACK TO THE RIGHT LEADS TO THE OWERS' CORNER CARRIER CAMP, AND THE TRACK TO THE LEFT LEADS TO OWERS CORNER AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE KOKODA TRAIL.**

**3 MILE, PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA. 1943-12-14. INTERIOR OF THE FOLDING ROOM OF THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE REFOLDING PLATOON, AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE: QX29864 PRIVATE J. T. WOOD (1); NX73458 PRIVATE J. PALMER (2); QX28958 PRIVATE N. A. VERRALL (3).**



3 MILE, PORT MORESBY,  
NEW GUINEA. 1943-12-  
14. NX82290 CORPORAL  
K. J. WATSON (1) OF THE  
1ST AUSTRALIAN  
PARACHUTE REFOLDING  
PLATOON, AUSTRALIAN  
ARMY ORDNANCE  
CORPS, INSPECTS A  
DAMAGED PARACHUTE  
(LEFT) WHILE OTHER  
MEMBERS OF THE  
PLATOON CAN BE SEEN  
MAKING REPAIRS TO  
OTHERS.



3 MILE, PORT  
MORESBY, NEW  
GUINEA. 1943-12-  
14. PARACHUTE  
DRYING SHED OF  
THE 1ST  
AUSTRALIAN  
PARACHUTE  
REFOLDING  
PLATOON,  
AUSTRALIAN  
ARMY ORDNANCE  
CORPS.





3 MILE, PORT MORESBY, NEW GUINEA. 1943-12-14. PARACHUTES SUSPENDED FROM PULLEYS IN THE DRYING ROOM OF THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE REFOLDING PLATOON, AUSTRALIAN ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.



PORT MORESBY, NEW  
GUINEA. 1943-12-14.  
PERSONNEL OF THE 1ST  
AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE  
REFOLDING PLATOON,  
AUSTRALIAN ARMY  
ORDNANCE CORPS,  
CHECKING AN AMERICAN  
24 FOOT CARGO  
DROPPING PARACHUTE.  
IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL IS:  
QX25179 PRIVATE E. C.  
CORNISH (1).

PERSONNEL OF THE 1ST  
AUSTRALIAN PARACHUTE  
REFOLDING PLATOON,  
AUSTRALIAN ARMY  
ORDNANCE CORPS,  
CHECKING AN AMERICAN  
24 FOOT CARGO  
DROPPING PARACHUTE.  
IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL  
ARE: QX28958 PRIVATE N.  
R. VERRALL (1); QX25179  
PRIVATE E. C. CORNISH (2).



AUSTRALIAN  
ARMY  
ORDNANCE  
CORPS,  
CHECKING A 24  
FOOT AMERICAN  
CARGO  
DROPPING  
PARACHUTE FOR  
DAMAGE.







REFOLDING SHED  
(LEFT), INSPECTING  
SHED (RIGHT) AND  
THE PARACHUTE  
DRYING SHED  
(CENTRE) OF THE  
1ST AUSTRALIAN  
PARACHUTE  
REFOLDING  
PLATOON,  
AUSTRALIAN ARMY  
ORDNANCE CORPS.



An interior view of the Recreation Hut built by the 2/101st General Transport Company in their camp area at Port Moresby and furnished and supplied with games by the Australian Comforts Fund. The canteen opening times are shown on a board in the background. Known personnel, clockwise from the left are: Unidentified; NX100767 Private (Pte) Fredrick Francis Coles; NX67071 Pte Sefton James Turner; NX108960 Pte Franklin Bernard Parsons; NX130863 Lance Corporal (L Cpl) William Lewis Rymer; VX19796 Staff Sergeant Myer Gollant; VX15147 Major Ernest Arthur Clarke (behind bar); Major Scott of the Australian Comforts Fund; Unidentified; NX147691 Pte Robert Arthur Royston; Obscured unidentified; NX103833 L Cpl Ronald Charles Lonsdale; Unidentified.



**An operational relief map of the Dumpu – Madang area constructed at Headquarters, New Guinea Force, by NX101188 Lieutenant Henry Arthur Kilby G. S. I (T). This contour model is made from caneite layers cut along 500ft contours and nailed to the tray with features filled in using a mascerate caneite boiled with flour paste.**

**Personnel loading 4 gallon drums on a vehicle at the Can Filling Plant, 1st Petroleum Storage Company, Port Moresby. Identified personnel, from left to right, are: VX109776 Driver Daniel James Ginnivan, 126 General Transport Company; S57064 Private (Pte) Stanley Roy Woolford, 1st Petroleum Storage Company; VX74946 Pte Donald Thiel, 126th General Transport Company.**



**Apoka Valley, Papua. 1943-02. A Jeep powered sawmill cutting timber for the 750-bed Port Moresby Evacuation Hospital erected on the site by the 135th Medical Regiment, U.S. Army. Construction began on 1943-02-03 and the hospital was wholly constructed, apart from roads and water resevoirs, by the Regiment. The hospital was run by the 135th with close co-ordination with the Australian Army Medical Corps.**





**Australian and American ambulance drivers playing cards while awaiting the arrival of casualties at Ward's Drome (Wards Airfield), Port Moresby. They meet the planes in rotation irrespective of whether the casualties are American or Australian.**

**On arrival at the 2/1st Australian General Hospital, Port Moresby, patients particulars are noted at the Medical Inspection Centre. Members of the hospital staff are pictured taking details from a patient as he arrives by ambulance. Identified personnel are: NX37405 Sergeant William Henry Loughland (1) and Private Pauli (3).**



**A TENTED WARD OF THE 2/9 AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, PORT MORESBY, 1943. PHOTOGRAPH PUBLISHED IN AUSTRALIA IN THE WAR OF 1939-45, MEDICAL, VOL 4, MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE RAN AND RAAF, PAGE 447.**





**Port Moresby, New Guinea. 1944-05-29. A team at the 2/1st Australian General Hospital performing and assisting with an operation. Left to right: Lieutenant Colonel C. A. M. Renau, Officer-in-Charge, Surgical Division; unknown, (partly obscured); Captain L. T. Shea, anaesthetist; Sister R. F. Lawler and Sister Cunningham.**

**NOTE: An Australian nurse was referred to as "Sister."**



**Port Moresby, New  
Guinea. 1944-05-  
29. Captain S. U.  
Sherrett (right)  
supervising Staff  
Sergeant Evans as  
he x-rays patient  
Private H. N.  
Warner at 2/1st  
Australian General  
Hospital.**



**Port Moresby, New Guinea. 1944-05-29. Captain Dunstone, Medical Officer, 128th Australian General Hospital, with his staff in the operating theatre performing surgery on Private M. J. Cronin. Left to right: Captain H. Forbes, anaesthetist; Sergeant W. G. Wallace; Sister Sullivan, Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS), and Captain Dunstone.**







**NADZAB AIRSTRIP,  
NEW GUINEA. 1943-  
09-18. WOUNDED  
AUSTRALIAN  
SOLDIERS ON  
STRETCHERS IN AN  
AIRCRAFT ABOUT  
TO TAKE OFF FOR  
PORT MORESBY.**



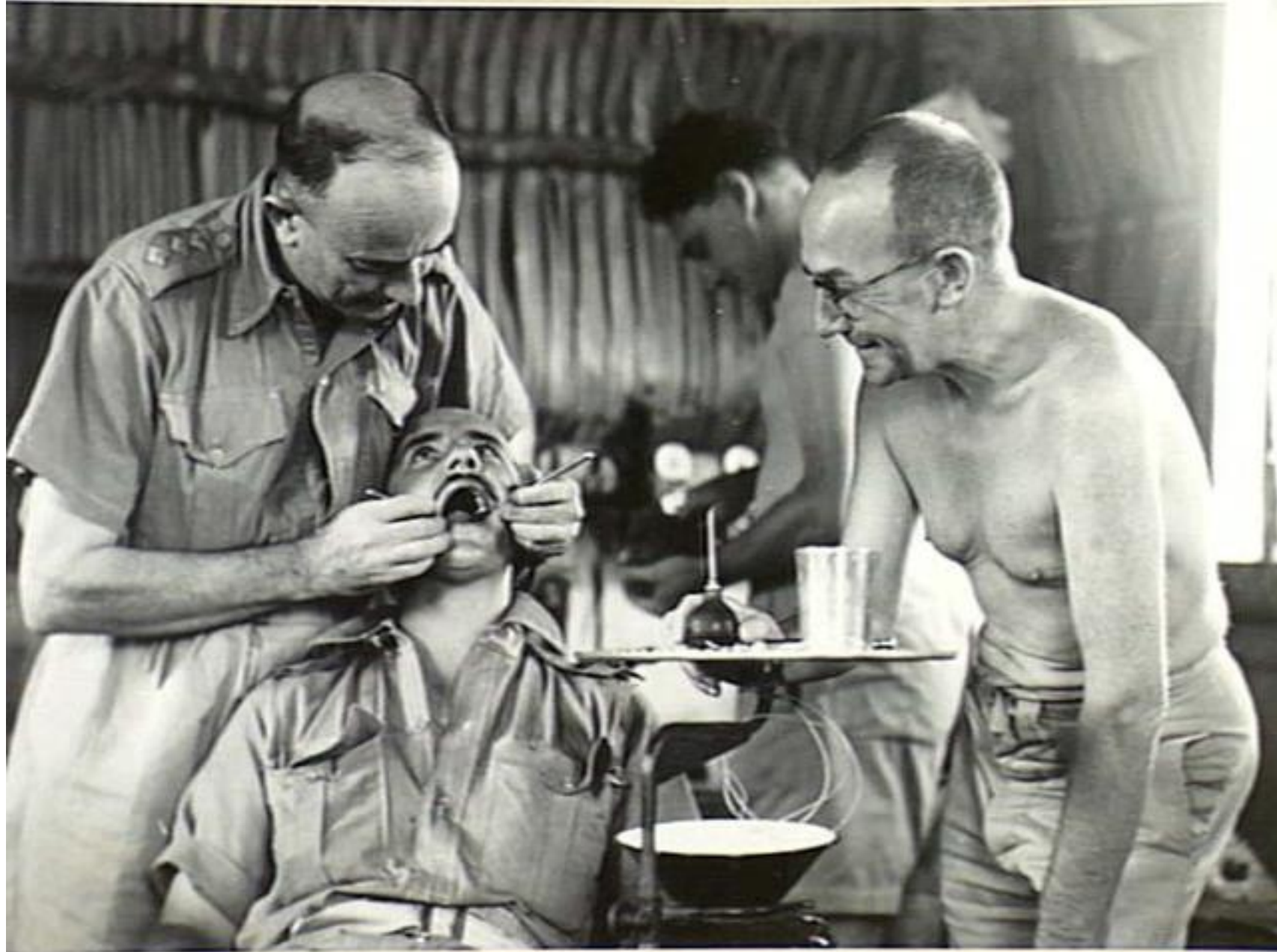
Miss S. Graham (at right), an Australian Red Cross Society worker, who is in charge of the Red Cross Section at the 2/1st Australian General Hospital, Port Moresby, changes a patient's book at the library.

**Port Moresby, New Guinea. 1944-05-29. Captain A. E. Johns, Dental Officer, attending to his patient Sister Fletcher, Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) in the dental surgery at 128th Australian General Hospital. She is one of 118 patients he has seen during this week. In the background is Private Phillips.**



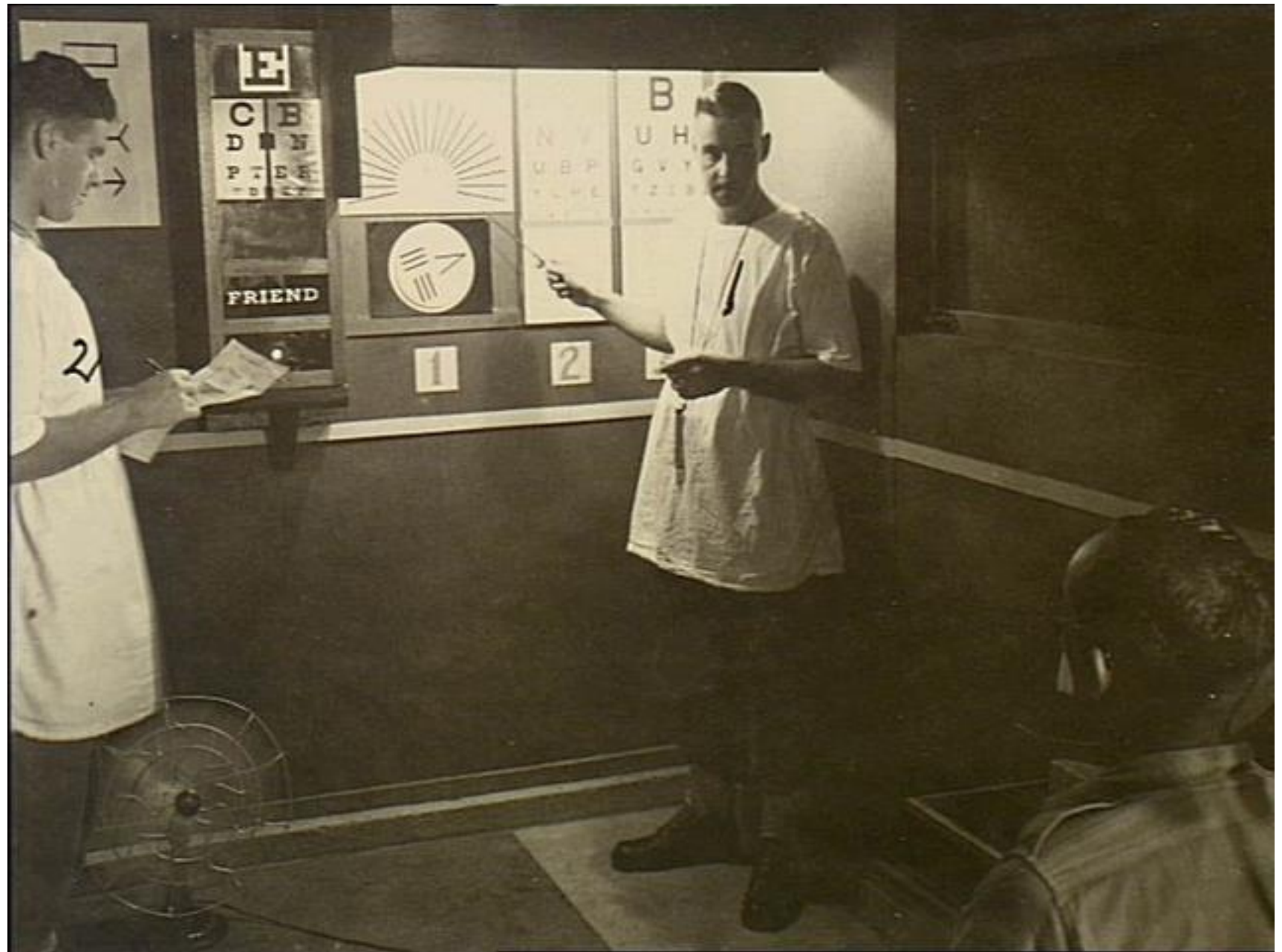
**WITH THE A.I.F. AT  
PORT MORESBY.  
THE DENTAL UNIT  
AT WORK. THE  
ASSISTANT  
APPEARS TO BE  
ENJOYING HIS  
WORK DESPITE  
THE CRUDITY OF  
THE SURGERY.**

(NEGATIVE BY PARER).





**Port Moresby,  
New Guinea.  
1944-05-29.  
Lieutenant P. B.  
Stevens (right)  
assisted by Private  
R. F. Welladsen,  
testing a patient's  
eyesight in the  
Ophthalmic  
Department at  
128th Australian  
General Hospital.**





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**Port Moresby, New  
Guinea. 1944-05-13.  
Lieutenant P. B.  
Stevens (left),  
Ophthalmic Section,  
128th Australian  
General Hospital,  
removing a steel  
filing from a  
patient's eye,  
assisted by Private  
R. E. Walladsen.**



**NEW GUINEA.  
KAIAPIT. MAKY FROM  
PORT MORESBY, A  
TRAINED MEDICAL  
BOY ATTENDS TO AN  
OLD VILLAGE CHIEF. A  
WEEK PREVIOUSLY  
THE NATIVES HAD  
BEEN CONTROLLED BY  
THE JAPANESE. THEY  
WERE GIVEN NO  
MEDICAL ATTENTION.  
(NEGATIVE BY G. SHORT).**



**Wreck that saves lives. This battle scarred ambulance built with galvanised iron and scrap material saved many lives in the battle for Wau. It carried scores of men, some badly wounded from the hospital to the air strip, to be flown to Moresby. The seats were taken out of the station wagon type of body, and two stretchers were accommodated on one side. A seat of boards on the other accommodated sitting patients. The ambulance was salvaged from the creek near Bulolo. Identified are: Ivan Allen (centre) and Sergeant Tate (right), soldier on left unidentified. (NEGATIVES BY CAPT. CLARKE).**

