

**PHOTO STUDY  
(PART 4)  
AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS  
BATHING, SUNBAKING,  
SPINEBASHING**

**("Sunbaking" is Australian for Sunbathing)  
("Spinebashing" is Australian for loafing and  
resting)**



**H.M. TRANSPORT,  
ORCADES, AT SEA.  
1942-03. WITH  
LIFEBELTS AS PILLOWS,  
TROOPS OF THE A.I.F.  
RETURNING FROM THE  
MIDDLE EAST ENJOY  
THE SUN ON DECK.**





**HUMBOLT  
BAY, NEW  
GUINEA.  
1944-09/08.  
"OFF  
WATCH"  
RATINGS  
ENJOYING A  
GOOD  
SUNBAKE  
ON THE  
FORECASTLE  
OF THE RAN  
COVETTE,  
GEELONG.**



**JACQUINOT BAY, NEW  
BRITAIN. 1944-12-18-20.  
PERSONNEL OF THE  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF  
ORDNANCE SERVICES,  
5TH DIVISION,  
SUNBAKING AT "BONDI  
BEACH" NEAR THEIR  
CAMP. IDENTIFIED  
PERSONNEL ARE:-  
QX34585 WARRANT  
OFFICER II, A.W. HAYES  
(1); QX51028 PRIVATE  
H.R. PROWSE (2);  
SX35392 PRIVATE L.W.  
KLOEDEN (3).**



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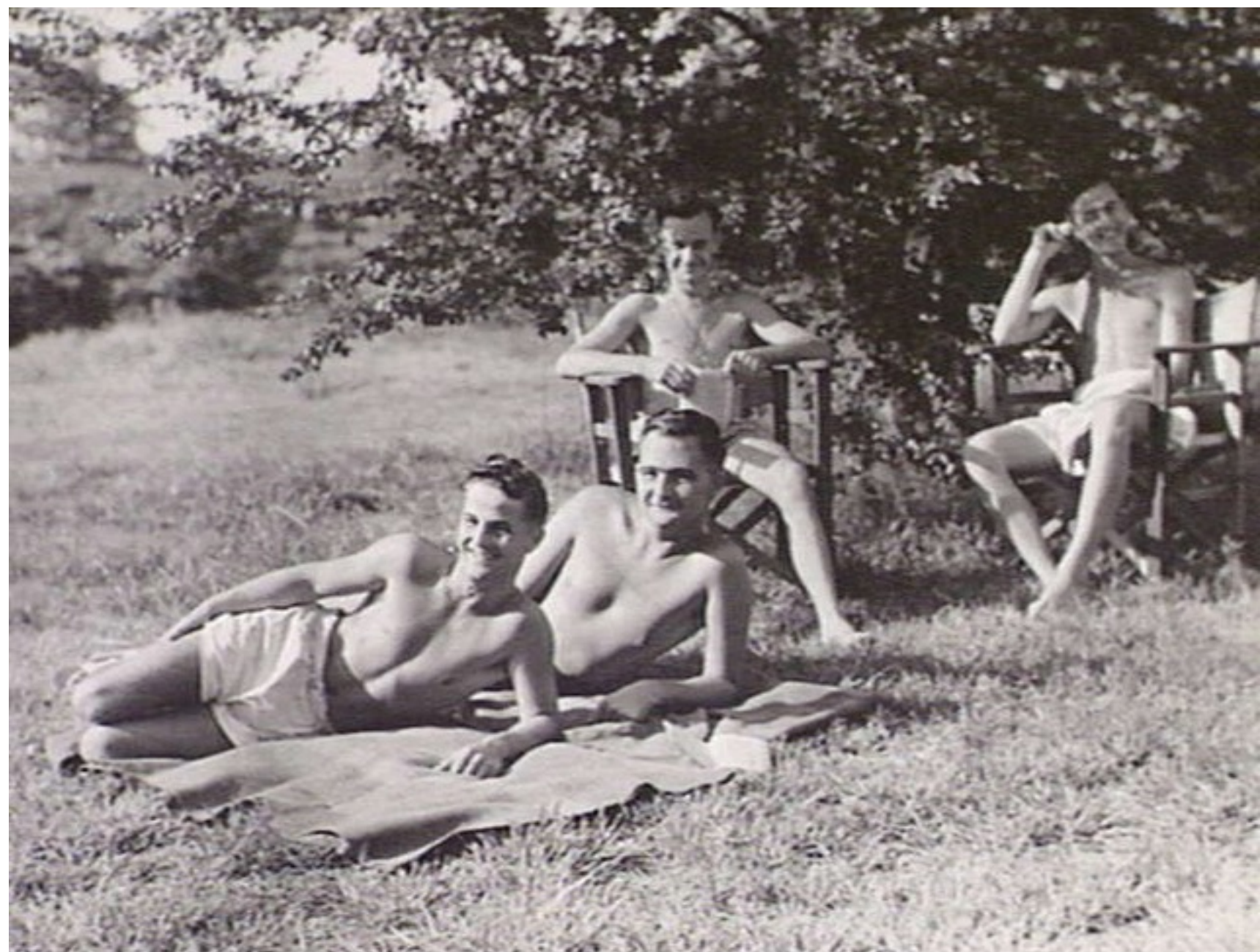
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**BALIKPAPAN,  
BORNEO. 1945-  
09-07. MEMBERS  
OF 2/14TH  
INFANTRY  
BATTALION,  
SUNBAKING ON  
THE BEACH NEAR  
THE UNIT CAMP.**





**MANILA, PHILIPPINES 1945-11-01. MEN FROM THE 37TH AUSTRALIAN HEAVY WIRELESS UNIT AND ADVANCED LAND HEADQUARTERS SIGNALS, "A" DETACHMENT, WERE THE ONLY AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL REMAINING IN THE AREA. THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE ONLY LINE OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND COMMONWEALTH FORCES IN TOKYO. LEFT TO RIGHT: WX38754 SIGNALMAN (SIG) K. MORT (BUNDABERG, QLD); VX106967 SIG MCCARTHY (BENTLEIGH, VIC); VX138842 SIG W. W. ESAT (BRIGHTON, VIC); AND VX106987 SIG E. W. WARDELL SUNBAKING ON THEIR REST DAY. (PHOTOGRAPHER SGT F. BUTT)**





**M.S. SOPHOCLES. AT SEA: ONE OF THE  
CREW TAKES TIME OFF FOR A  
SUNBAKE. (NEGATIVE BY D. PARER).**



**M.S. SOPHOCLES.  
AT SEA: THROUGH  
THE PORTHOLE  
OF THE CABIN WE  
SEE HOW THE  
TROOPS SPEND  
THEIR TIME  
GETTING A LITTLE  
OF THE SUNTAN  
WITH WHICH  
THEY WILL  
DAZZLE THE  
LASSES AT BONDI.  
(NEGATIVE BY D. PARER).**





**New Guinea.  
Private Henry  
Williams of  
Ayr, Qld,  
spends his  
rest-day  
sunbaking on  
the beach and  
drinking the  
milk from a  
green  
coconut.**



**North Africa. C. 1943-09. Portrait of Flight Sergeant (F Sgt) A. R. Dick of Melbourne, Vic, and F Sgt J. F. Power of St John's, Newfoundland, who find something to attract them while they sunbathe at a rest camp on the North African Coast for aircrew of the North African Coastal Air Force.**





**ON BOARD HMT  
NIEUW  
AMSTERDAM, AT  
SEA. 1943-02.  
RETURN OF 9TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION AND  
HEADQUARTERS  
A.I.F.(M.E.) TO  
AUSTRALIA  
FROM THE  
MIDDLE EAST.  
TROOPS  
SUNBAKING ON  
DECK, WHILE  
THOSE IN THE  
BACKGROUND  
WATCH A BOXING  
BOUT.**



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**ON BOARD HM  
TRANSPORT DUNTROON,  
AT SEA. 1942-04. THESE  
AUSTRALIANS RETURNING  
WITH THE A.I.F. FROM THE  
MIDDLE EAST, TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF THE  
TROPICAL SUN FOR SUN-  
BATHING.**





**PATIENTS AT 105 (ADELAIDE)  
MILITARY HOSPITAL  
SUNBATHING OUTSIDE THEIR  
WARD. IDENTIFIED  
PERSONNEL ARE:- SIGNAL G.T.  
RENSHAW, 9 DIVISION  
SIGNALS (1); PRIVATE L.R.  
ALLEN, 2/43 INFANTRY  
BATTALION (2); PTE F.  
CHEETHAM, 4 AUSTRALIAN  
DEPOT ADVANCED  
AMMUNITION DEPOT (3);  
WARRANT OFFICER I, K.J.  
MARTIN, 2/14 FIELD  
REGIMENT (4); PTE A.W.  
KIRBY, 2/43 INF BN (5).**



**Space is limited on the  
convoy ship so that  
every member of No.  
450 (Kittyhawk)  
Squadron RAAF has  
taken advantage of a  
seat wherever it may  
be found. The men  
read and sunbathe  
while waiting for their  
transport ship to begin  
the crossing of the  
Mediterranean taking  
them to Malta to take  
part in operations  
mounted from there.**





**WAREO, NEW GUINEA.  
1943-12. TROOPS OF  
THE 2/23RD  
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY  
BATTALION, TRYING TO  
GET A SUNTAN DURING  
ONE OF THEIR STAND  
DOWN PERIODS.  
IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL  
ARE: VX73862 PRIVATE  
F. T. MADDY (1);  
VX51694 PRIVATE L. W.  
BIRD (2); VX47986  
PRIVATE J. CONSTABLE  
(3).**



**Zuara, Libya. c.  
March 1943.  
Men from the  
Desert Harassers  
No. 450  
(Kittyhawk)  
Squadron RAAF,  
enjoying a  
relaxing dive  
into the sea  
from a partly  
submerged ship,  
a swim and  
sunbake.**





**MALAYA. USING THEIR  
TOWELS AS SARONGS,  
AUSTRALIANS MAKE  
THEIR WAY THROUGH  
THE TREES TO THE  
BATHING PLACE.** (NEGATIVE BY M.  
NICHOLS).



**Members of B Company, 9RAR, undress on the bank of a river during Operation Jack. They are about to bathe in the river, their first bath in thirteen days.**





**Three members  
of B Company,  
9RAR, bathe in a  
river during  
Operation Jack. It  
is the diggers' first  
bath in thirteen  
days.**





**October  
1969.  
Members of  
B Company,  
9RAR,  
bathe in a  
river during  
Operation  
Jack. It is  
the diggers'  
first bath in  
thirteen  
days.**



**North-east Australia.  
Aircraftman 1 J. Leahy of  
Mordialloc, Vic, pouring water  
over AC1 Ray Hull of  
Richmond, who is naked  
having a hot outdoor bath in a  
cut down oil drum.**



**MELKONG RIVER,  
NEW BRITAIN. 1945-  
02-20. TROOPS OF  
THE 2/14TH FIELD  
REGIMENT,  
ENJOYING A BATH  
OR A WASH IN THE  
SHALLOWS OF THE  
RIVER NEAR THEIR  
CAMP.**





**NADZAB AIRSTRIP, NEW GUINEA. 1943-09-19. TROOPS OF THE 2/5TH AUSTRALIAN FIELD COMPANY ATTACHED TO THE 25TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ENJOY A WASH IN THE CREEK AFTER THEIR TWENTY FIVE MILE MARCH FROM LAE. SHOWN: WX3037 LANCE CORPORAL A. C. MCKENZIE-SMITH (1); NX16305 SAPPER (SPR) P. F. G. MARTIN (2); NX93504 SPR F. W. CUNIS (3); NX96342 SPR S. HOOKER (4); VX64459 SPR C. A. BOEHM (5); UNKNOWN (6); UNKNOWN (7); UNKNOWN (8); SX20267 SPR R. V. N. LOCK (9); VX111812 SPR F. NOSEDA (10); NX81085 SPR M. P. DAVIDSON (11); QX29552 SPR F. L. DOYLE (12); NX82158 SPR M. V. GANNON (13); NX54649 SPR R. M. TUIITE (14).**

**IN NEXT 3 PHOTOS:**















**OONONBA, QUEENSLAND.  
1944-03-11. MEMBERS OF  
THE 102ND MOBILE BATH  
UNIT ERECTING A  
DISINFECTOR USED TO  
DECONTAMINATE BLANKETS,  
CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.  
ONE SIDE IS BEING CLOSED,  
AND BLANKETS ARE BEING  
PLACED IN THE OTHER SIDE.  
USING BOTH SIDES OF THE  
UNIT, 2,000 BLANKETS CAN  
BE TREATED EACH DAY.**

**Original negative  
donated by Padre  
Dexter in 1920's, no  
caption information  
was supplied. Range  
from J03381 to  
J05481.**



**A group  
of  
soldiers  
enjoying  
a thermal  
spring  
bath  
during a  
period of  
leave.**





**Perak State, Malaya. During a brigade exercise in the bush, members of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR), take the opportunity to have wash from a trailer filled with water. One of the soldiers is sitting in the trailer having a bath, while at left another man is drying himself off after having just got out of the trailer. The trailer is being towed by a short wheel base a Landrover. (Original print housed in AWM Archive Store)**

**IN NEXT PHOTO:**





**Phuoc Tuy Province,  
South Vietnam. August  
1971. Private (Pte) Allan  
Ottway of Toongabbie,  
NSW, takes a welcome  
wash in a narrow creek  
during a break in  
patrolling in the north-  
west of Phuoc Tuy  
Province. Pte Ottway is a  
member of the 7th  
Battalion, The Royal  
Australian Regiment  
(7RAR), which is  
operating in a suspected  
Viet Cong supply area.**





**PHUOC TUY PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. 1970-02. HAVING A SHOWER IN THE FIELD IS NOTHING NEW, BUT A BATH! SAPPER (SPR) LANCE NICHLOS, 21, OF EDDYSTONE POINT LIGHTHOUSE, TAS, TAKES ADVANTAGE OF A BREAK IN THE DAILY ROUTINE AT FIRE SUPPORT BASE PAT, TO ENJOY THE LUXURY OF A BATH IN A TRAILER AND LISTEN TO HIS RADIO. SPR NICHLOS AN ENGINEER FROM THE 1ST FIELD SQUADRON, WAS ATTACHED TO 5TH BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT (5RAR), FOR OPERATION BONDI, 5RAR'S LAST OPERATION IN VIETNAM. THE BATTALION WAS DUE TO SAIL FOR HOME LATER IN THE MONTH ON BOARD THE TROOPSHIP HMAS SYDNEY AFTER A YEAR IN THE WAR ZONE.**



**PIONEER CROSSING,  
PORT MORESBY AREA,  
PAPUA, 1944-03-25.  
VX113860 CORPORAL  
F.J. REEVES (1), WITH  
VX68221 PRIVATE J.  
FORD (2), THE  
DESIGNER OF THE  
MOBILE SHOWERS  
AND HEATING UNIT  
PICTURED AT THE  
2/107TH MOBILE BATH  
UNIT.**





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VX68221 PRIVATE J.  
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THE SHOWERS AND  
HEATING UNIT  
PICTURED WITH  
VX113860 CORPORAL  
F.J. REEVES (2), AT THE  
2/107TH MOBILE BATH  
UNIT.**





**PORT MORESBY,  
PAPUA. 1942-08. A  
MORE CONVENTIONAL  
WAY OF KEEPING  
COOL. AUSTRALIAN  
SOLDIERS ENJOY THEIR  
SWIM IN THE OLD  
PUBLIC BATHS AT  
PORT MORESBY.**





**PORT MORESBY,  
PAPUA. 1942-08. ONE  
WAY TO KEEP COOL IN  
NEW GUINEA. THIS  
AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER  
SEEMS TO BE  
ENJOYING HIS BATH AT  
A ROAD HYDRANT IN  
PORT MORESBY.**



**Probably  
ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT.  
1915. MEN BATHING  
AND EXERCISING  
THEIR HORSES IN THE  
SEA BEHIND A  
BREAKWATER. THE  
MEN ARE PROBABLY  
FROM THE 1ST  
DIVISIONAL  
AMMUNITION  
COLUMN.**





**Two Light Horsemen take a horse into the surf while swimming at Mohamidiya, four miles from camp at Romani.**



**SCARLET BEACH,  
FINSCHHAFEN AREA,  
NEW GUINEA. 1944-  
03-13. THE SIGN  
MARKING THE SPOT  
FOR NUDE BATHING  
AT SCARLET BEACH.**



**Sicily,  
Italy. July  
1943.  
Naked  
members  
of a RAAF  
Fighter  
Bomber  
Squadron  
stand in a  
trough  
next to a  
well and  
use the  
facilities  
for  
bathing.**





**Soputa, Papua.  
December 1942.  
Australian troops  
bathing in the River  
Basari at Soputa.  
Some of the men are  
standing on a  
wooden platform  
while they dry  
themselves. A soldier,  
at far left is cleaning  
his teeth as he stands  
in the river.**



**SYDNEY, NSW. 1945-09-16. MEMBERS OF 8TH DIVISION, EX-POWS OF THE JAPANESE, ARRIVED AT ROSE BAY FROM SINGAPORE BY CATALINA FLYING BOATS. MAJOR GENERAL E. C. P. PLANT, GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, NSW LINES OF COMMUNICATION AREA AND A HUGE CROWD WELCOMED THEM. FROM THE FLYING BASE THE MEN TRAVELLED IN BUSES TO 113RD GENERAL HOSPITAL WHERE THEY HAD A MEDICAL EXAMINATION. SHOWN, DRIVER R. P. COLEMAN AND PRIVATE A. FLECKONE HAVING THEIR FIRST HOT BATH IN FOUR YEARS.**

**IN NEXT PHOTO:**





**TARAKAN ISLAND, BORNEO. 1945-05-09. A PARTLY WRECKED BUILDING WHICH WAS CONVERTED TO A BATHROOM BY THESE RAAF MEN. THEY WERE NOT WORRIED BY LACK OF PRIVACY. FROM LEFT: 131289 CORPORAL G. STURGEON, SYDNEY, NSW, SHAVING; 73330 LEADING AIRCRAFTMAN (LAC) A. B. WILLIAMS, CAMPSIE, NSW, NAKED UNDER THE SHOWER; 78325 LAC L. DORE, SOUTHPORT, QLD, WASHING HIMSELF FROM A TUB OF WATER.**

**IN NEXT PHOTO:**





**The Cleaning and Dressing Room of Australian Corps baths at Corbie. Uniforms were cleaned and ironed, while the owner was having a hot bath in the adjoining bath house. There is a collection of flat irons heating on the stove. An extract from the unit diary of the Baths and Laundries Australian Corps for July 1918, titled "Instructions for NCO I/C Baths", states "Each man in the ironing room will have three flat irons marked so that he can recognise each one. These must be kept hot. Tunics and Breeches are ironed to kill the lice and eggs - not to improve the appearance of the clothing. Great care must be taken that all lice and eggs are directly exposed to the iron especially under the edges of the seams and in the crutch and fly flap."**

**IN NEXT PHOTO:**



The mud and slush throughout the Ypres Sector kept the feet of the troops in a continual state of dampness and caused the complaint of 'trench feet' to become fairly general. Members of the 40th Battalion, 10th Australian Infantry Brigade are seen here taking advantage of a rest at Dragoon Farm, near Ypres, after the Battle of Passchendaele Ridge, to bathe and oil their feet in order to obviate the malady. Identified, standing, left to right: 2311 Corporal (Cpl) Cyril Sydney Cosson (smoking cigarette, 1); 137 Lance Corporal (LCpl) G Bailey (2); 619 Private (Pte) F Clayton (3); 2136 Sergeant (Sgt) R W Richardson (4); 797 LCpl M E Cox (5); 2281 Sgt W Walker (facing camera with left hand doing up button of jacket, 6); 13595 Pte F Bell, Army Medical Corps (roll of bandage under left arm, 7). Sitting: 204 Pte A W Hunn (8); unidentified (9); 2562 Sgt H F Davis (10); 2297 Pte H L Booth (11); 2589 Pte A H Holmstrom (in front of Booth, 12); 844 Cpl O H Hansson (13); 5656 LCpl L M Badcock (partially obscured, 14); 2638 Pte T P Ready (15); and working on Badcock's feet is 16652 Pte L H Smith, Army Medical Corps (16). See E00942K for position of those named in this caption. **IN NEXT PHOTO:**





**THIS IS A SCENE IN THE  
DESERT. A POOL OF  
STORMWATER  
PROVIDED A WELCOME  
WASHBASIN FOR THIS  
PARTY OF DUST  
BEGRIMED BRITISH  
TOMMIES AT  
GERAWLA, DURING  
THE 8TH ARMY'S  
ADVANCE.** (NEGATIVE BY F.  
HURLEY).



**TOBRUK. QX2836 PRIVATE VICKERY OF  
ROCKHAMPTON, QLD, TAKES A BATH IN WADI  
AUDA SURROUNDED BY MEMBERS OF 2/4TH FIELD  
PARK AND 2/4TH FIELD COMPANY OF ENGINEERS.  
THE BATH TUB WAS AMONG THE STORES  
CAPTURED FROM THE ITALIANS. WATER COMES  
FROM THE ENGINE COOLING APPARATUS AT THE  
AIF PUMPING STATION.** (NEGATIVE BY F. HURLEY).

**IN NEXT PHOTO:**





**Unidentified  
Australian  
servicemen  
bathing in shell  
holes on the  
Somme battlefield,  
after the fight for  
Bullecourt, WW1.**



**WESTERN DESERT, EGYPT.  
1942-07-20.  
AUSTRALIANS BATHING  
IN THE SEA NEAR EL  
ALAMEIN. WATER  
RATIONING MAKES SEA  
BATHING AS MUCH A  
SOURCE OF HEALTH AS OF  
PLEASURE IN A DESERT  
CAMPAIGN.  
FORTUNATELY, AT  
PRESENT, THE MAIN  
BODY OF AUSTRALIANS IS  
WITHIN REACH OF THE  
SEA. (ALSO IN NEXT  
PHOTO):**



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**WHEN VICTORY WAS WON IN SYRIA, THESE AUSTRALIANS TOOK THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY AN ORNAMENTAL POOL TO WASH OFF THE DUST OF A STRENUOUS CAMPAIGN. THEY ARE: LANCE CORPORALS JACK HARFORD, L. GAFFNEY AND A. YARROLD.**



**IN NEXT PHOTO, YUMOTO, JAPAN. C. 1946-09-27. TROOPS FROM THE LAKESIDE HOTEL, BCOF REST CENTRE, ENJOYING A HOT SULPHUR BATH AT A HOTEL. LEFT TO RIGHT: VX97193 LIEUTENANT R. W. ROWED OF MELBOURNE, VIC; CORPORAL G. U. TURNER OF ENGLAND; 14710308 DRIVER A. CALDWELL OF ENGLAND; NX180649 LANCE CORPORAL B. P. ROACH OF KEMPSEY, NSW; 14869732 DRIVER D. WEEDON OF ENGLAND; NX204947 LANCE CORPORAL W. M. ROACH OF SYDNEY, NSW.**





# The bathing parade.



**A batman preparing a bath for his officer in an oil sheet in the cramped quarters of the front line trenches.**





**After Australian infantry had stormed the steep heights of Sattelberg, Private (Pte) D. Sutherland of Richmond, SA, has a bath in an abandoned tub. Pte J. E. Young of Morgan, SA, looks on while Pte R. K. Connelly of East Fremantle, WA, helps with the scrubbing. The buildings behind are in ruins after Allied bombing.**



**IN THE NEXT PHOTO,** A large group of men standing near tarpaulin covered boxed stores on Anzac Beach. Some men have towels; one is naked. In the foreground is a turbaned Indian. Original inscription reads: "On the beach at Anzac". One of a collection of photographs thought to be taken by 440 Trooper (Tpr) Arthur Lovett, 3rd Light Horse Regiment. Tpr Lovett enlisted as a 20 year old bank clerk from Hobart, Tasmania. He served at Gallipoli until August 1915, when he was evacuated sick to England. In December 1915 he was granted a commission in the British Army.





**Gallipoli Peninsula,  
Turkey. May 1915. A  
scene on Anzac  
Beach on a Sunday  
early in May, when as  
many as 400 bathers  
were in the water at  
one time. Watson's  
Pier, in the left  
foreground, was  
under construction.**

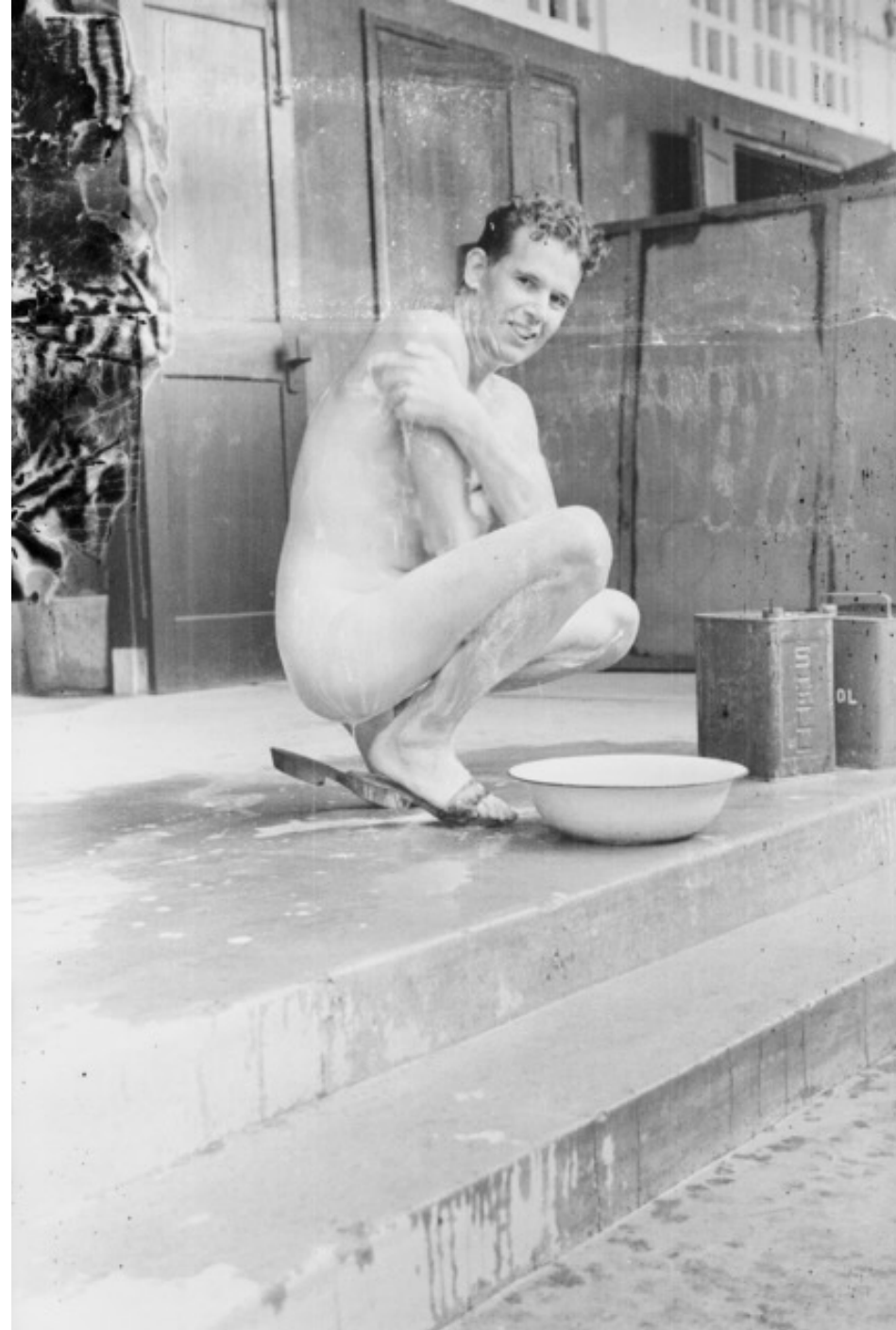


**ALEXISHAFEN, NEW GUINEA. 1944-05-11. A CAPTURED JAPANESE RICE COOKING CAULDRON BEING USED AS A BATH TUB BY MEMBERS OF THE 35TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 8TH INFANTRY BRIGADE. PERSONS SHOWN ARE:- NX120436 SERGEANT J.T. PUNCH; NX120501 PRIVATE W.J. MCDONALD**



**IN THE NEXT PHOTO**, An Australian prisoner bathes on the verandah of a Selarang Barracks building, Changi prisoner of war (POW) camp, using an enamel bowl and cans of water. This photograph was taken secretly by VX45320 Major (Maj) Kennedy Byron Burnside, Australian Army Medical Corps, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Mobile Bacteriological Laboratory, studying tropical diseases. Burnside was in Singapore with the 2/13th Australian General Hospital when Singapore fell to the Japanese in early 1942. He was interned at the Selarang Barracks, Changi prisoner of war camp, where the unit set up a laboratory. Maj Burnside hid an 8mm Bell and Howell film camera and a 35 mm Leica in the camp and recorded prison life. In August 1943, a change in prison command led to a tightening of the camp's discipline and punishment regime, and Burnside's negatives, cameras, and diaries were hidden in 15-inch brass shell cases, along with many other Australian records. The shell cases had been salvaged from the British naval guns that were emplaced in the Changi area and destroyed by the garrison. The items were buried according to star sightings, which were again used in September 1945 to unearth 12 of the 13 buried cases.



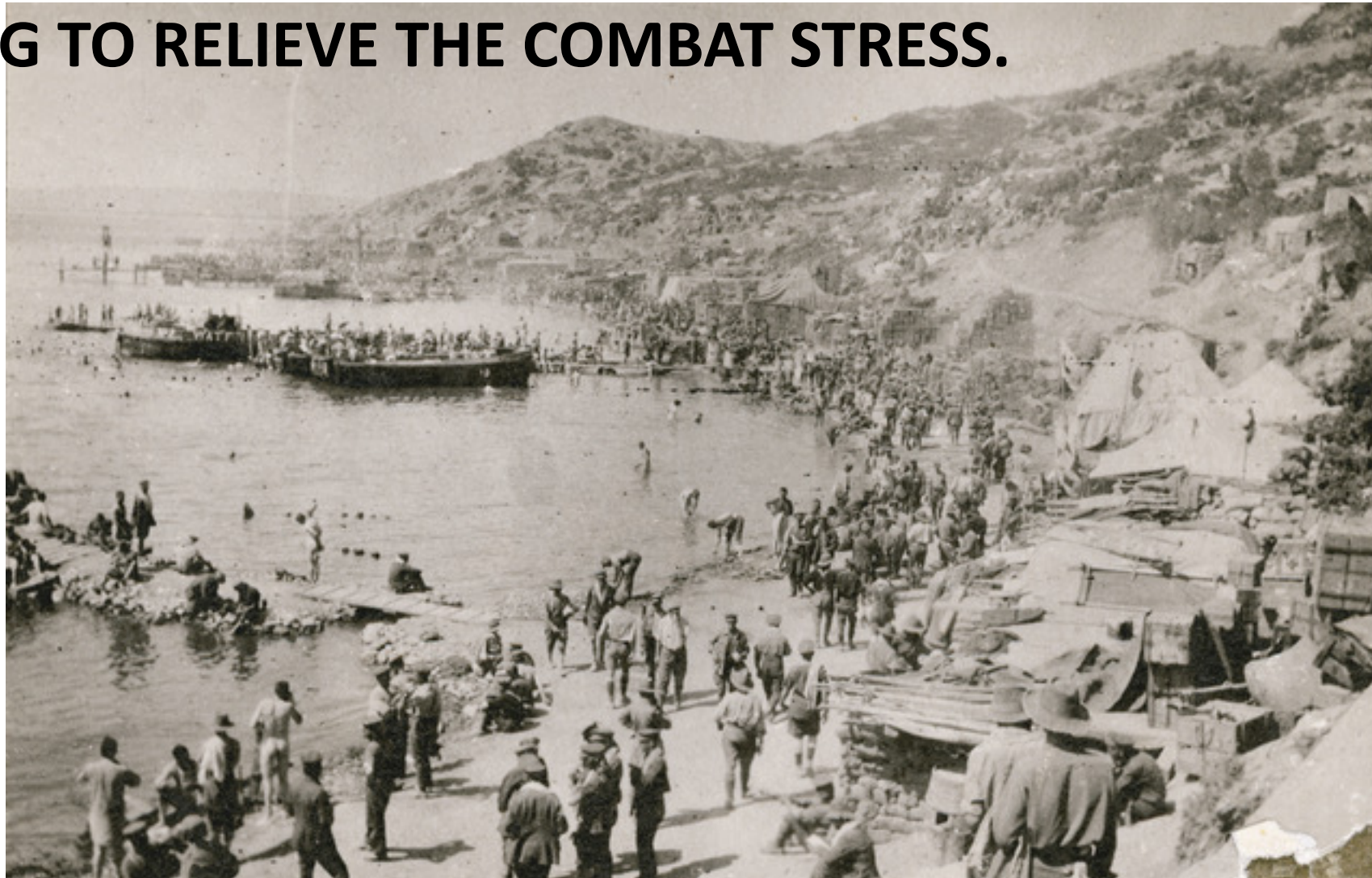


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**ANZAC BEACH, GALLIPOLI. 1915. PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING TROOPS AND STORES ON THE BEACH WITH BOATS IN THE BACKGROUND AND SOME MEN BATHING. SOLDIERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO GO SWIMMING TO RELIEVE THE COMBAT STRESS.**



**THERE WAS A PROBLEM THOUGH, WITH SWIMMING IN ANZAC COVE. THEY WERE PRONE TO BEING SHOT BY TURKISH SNIPERS.**

**IN THE NEXT PHOTO WE SEE** an Informal portrait of 1714 Driver Fred Lucas King, 7th Battery, 3rd Field Artillery Brigade (3FAB), of Indooroopilly, Qld, holding a small dog which was the troop mascot for the unit. King enlisted on 1914-08-28, **was wounded while swimming at Gallipoli**, met his future wife, an English nurse, while in hospital and retired as a Lieutenant with Headquarters, 11th Field Artillery Brigade (11FAB) on 1918-03-10. He did not return to Australia but spent the rest of his life in England.

**Driver Fred Lucas King, 7th Battery,  
3rd Field Artillery Brigade (3FAB).**

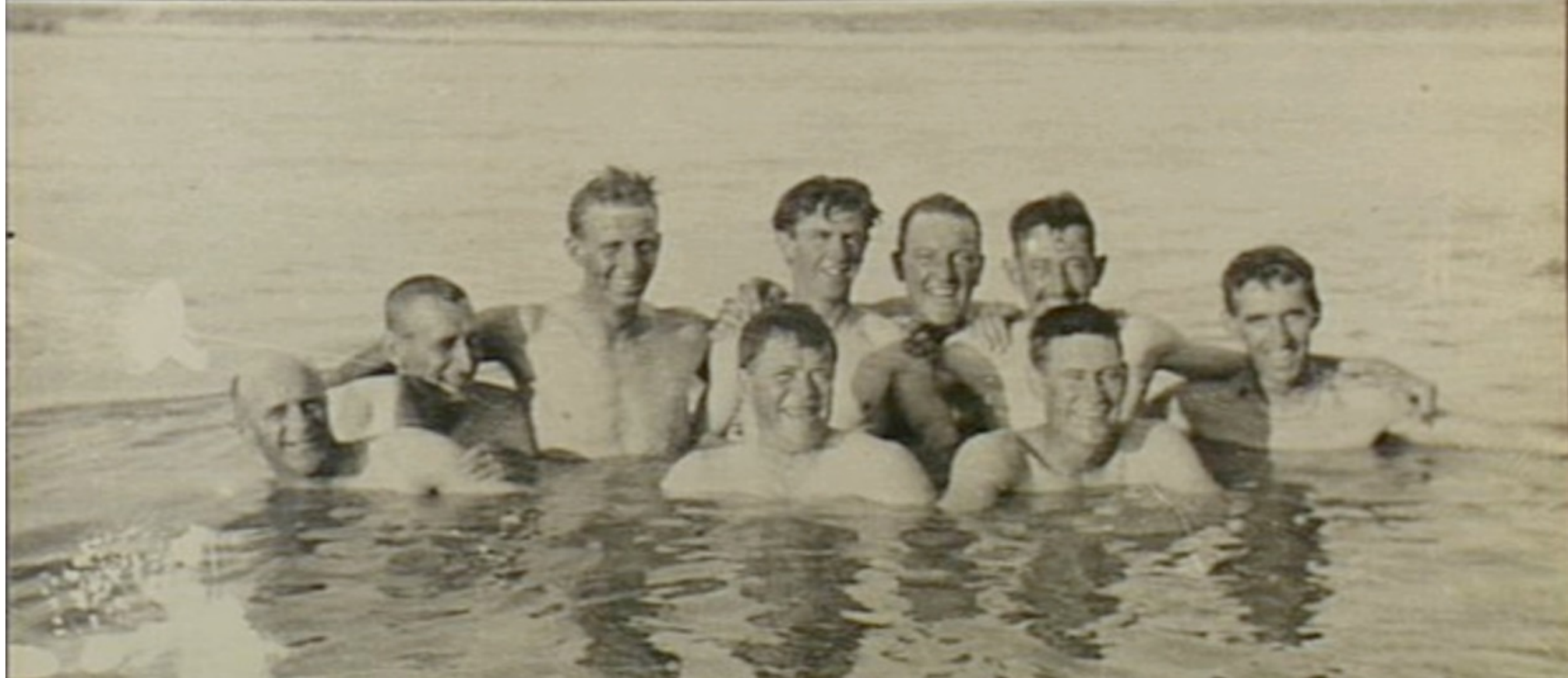




**GALLIPOLI, 1915. A BEACH SCENE AT ANZAC COVE, SHOWING SOLDIERS BATHING, RELAXING ON THE FORESHORE. (COLLECTION A.D. HOOD, DONOR J. BORSTEL). THEY WERE SUSCEPTIBLE TO BEING SHOT BY ENEMY SNIPERS.**



**Sahiliyeh,  
Mesopotamia.  
1918-03. Informal  
portrait of  
members of No. 3  
Station, 1st  
Wireless Signal  
Squadron,  
Mesopotamian  
Expeditionary  
Force, enjoying an  
afternoon swim in  
the Euphrates  
River.**



**Baqubah (Baquba),  
Mesopotamia. 1918. Drivers  
of No. 2 Station, 1st  
Wireless Signal Squadron,  
Mesopotamian  
Expeditionary Force,  
swimming in the Diala  
(Diyala) River. The wagon  
acted as a general  
communications control  
station for the Force during  
1918 and January 1919  
connected to Squadron  
Headquarters (SHQ) by an  
old Turkish landline. (Donor  
E. Keast Burke)**





**Bombay, India. ?1917.  
Informal group portrait of  
troops, possibly a  
reinforcement for the 1st  
Wireless Signal Squadron,  
Mesopotamian  
Expeditionary Force, relaxing  
in the water. They were at  
Elephanta Island which was  
famous for its ancient carved  
caves. Note the topees worn  
by the men even in the  
water. These pith helmets  
were issued to replace the  
customary felt hats on the  
arrival of the troops in India.**



**IN THE NEXT PHOTO,** AQUEDUCTS DATING BACK TO THE ROMAN OCCUPATION OF SYRIA OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO ARE STILL IN USE AND HAVE BEEN RESTORED AND MADE TO SERVE THE PURPOSES OF THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM COVERING THE COUNTRY BETWEEN TYRE AND SIDON. AUSTRALIAN TROOPS USE THE COOL WATERS TO HAVE REFRESHING FOOT BATHS. (PHOTOGRAPHER FRANK HURLEY)





**ATHERTON, QLD. 1943-07-16. THE MASCOT OF A COOKHOUSE AT THE 9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION, A PUPPY DOG, BEING DRIED AFTER HIS BATH, IN PREPARATION FOR THE VISIT OF GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ALLIED LAND FORCES, SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.**



**AT SEA. NO EXCUSE FOR BEING DIRTY WITH SO MUCH WATER AROUND, SO THESE TWO ABOARD MS SOPHOCLES TAKE IT IN TURN TO GIVE EACH OTHER A GOOD WASH. TROOPER FRANK BOYLE, AND TROOPER JOHN SHAW, BOTH OF THE 2/7TH DIVISIONAL CAVALRY REGIMENT.**



**AUSTRALIAN  
LIGHT HORSEMEN  
BATHING IN AN  
ABLUTION POOL.  
IN THE WADI  
GHUZZE IN 1917.**

(DONATED BY MR. J.A. HENDERSON.)

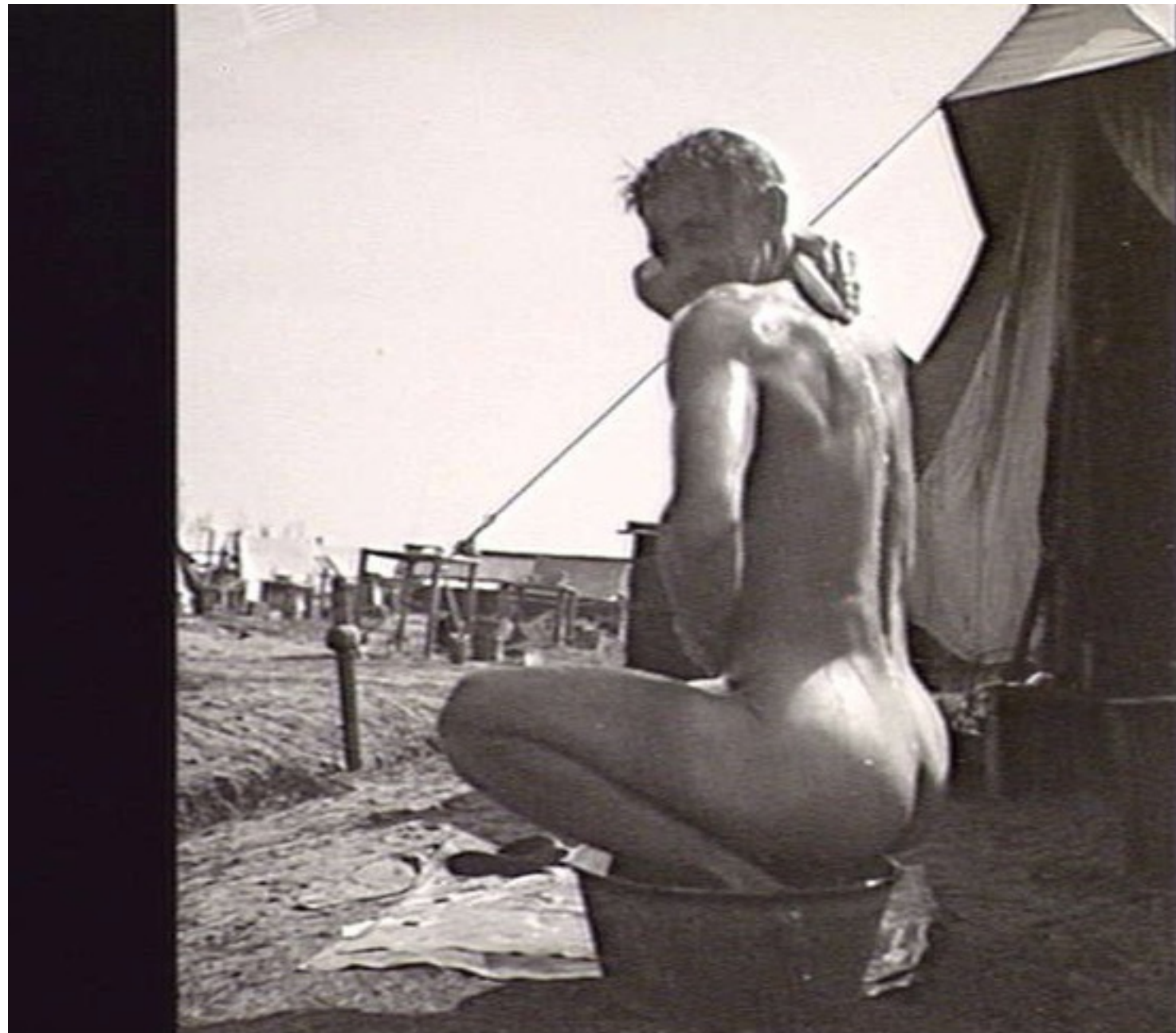




**IN THE NEXT PHOTO FROM** Bakli Bay, Hainan Island. c. 28 August 1945. Japanese repairing a bath in the prisoner of war (POW) wash room in the POW Camp where Allied prisoners are imprisoned, including some members of the 2/21st Australian Infantry Battalion Group captured at Amboina early in 1942. The POW stood around outside the bath, a cement trough, and with mess tins, dipped and threw the water over themselves.



**BALIKPAPAN AREA,  
BORNEO. 1945-09-  
07. WARRANT  
OFFICER 2 W. E.  
MAXWELL, 2/14TH  
INFANTRY  
BATTALION, HAVING  
A BATH IN A DISH.**





**BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO. 16 JULY  
1945. MEMBERS OF 2ND  
BATTERY, 2/1ST LIGHT ANTI  
AIRCRAFT (COMPOSITE)  
REGIMENT HAVING A BATH BY  
THE ROADSIDE IN THE OILFIELDS  
AREA. THE WRECKED CRACKING  
PLANT IS IN BACKGROUND.**



BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO, 10 JULY  
1945. PRIVATE P W ROBERTS  
(1) AND PTE A O SHERRIFF (2)  
MEMBERS OF C COMPANY,  
2/12 INFANTRY BATTALION,  
BATHING AT WATER OUTLETS  
OF THE TOWN RESERVOIR.



**BEIRUT, SYRIA. 1942-06. BATHING SCENE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. THESE MEN ARE FROM A.I.F. UNITS IN SYRIA AND ARE STAYING AT THE "HAPPY VALLEY" LEAVE CAMP, A CAMP ESTABLISHED ABOUT 2 MILES FROM BEIRUT TO ENABLE PERSONNEL TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF A 7-DAY LEAVE PERIOD AT A MINIMUM EXPENSE. DAY TRIPS TO PLACES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST WERE ARRANGED AND OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDED SPORTS, SURFING AND A WELL STOCKED LIBRARY.**

**IN THE NEXT PHOTO:**





**BERRY SPRINGS, N.T. 1942-11-13. MEMBERS OF THE 43RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION CONSTRUCTING SHOWER BATHS AT THE BERRY SPRINGS AUSTRALIAN REST CAMP NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED. ALL BUSH TIMBER IS BEING USED IN THE ERECTION OF THE CAMP WHICH IS BEING DONE BY MEMBERS OF THE INFANTRY BATTALIONS IN THE AREA, SUPERVISED BY ARMY ENGINEERS. WHEN COMPLETED THE CAMP WILL HOLD ABOUT 1200 TROOPS AND IT IS INTENDED THAT EACH UNIT IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WILL, IN TURN, SPEND A WEEK THERE.     **IN NEXT PHOTO:****







**BIAK ISLAND (THEN  
DUTCH) - NOW PART OF  
INDONESIA. 1944-07.  
UNIT NO 1 WIRELESS  
UNIT RAAF.  
UNIDENTIFIED JAPANESE  
KANA WIRELESS  
INTERCEPT OPERATOR  
HAVING A BATH IN A  
JAPANESE TUB. NOTE THE  
WHITE CORAL ROCKS  
STREWN AROUND. (DONOR  
A.J. BROWN)**



**BOGIA, NEW GUINEA.  
1944-07-30. T102546  
PRIVATE K.S. ARNOLD (1),  
N378137 PRIVATE N.J.  
CLACK (2) OF THE 30TH  
INFANTRY BATTALION  
CLEANING THEIR BREN  
GUN ON THE BANK OF A  
CREEK WHILE THEIR  
FELLOW MEMBERS OF  
THE BATTALION ENJOY A  
BATH IN THE SHALLOW  
WATER.**

