

**PHOTO STUDY
(PART 5)
AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
BATHING, SUNBAKING,
SPINEBASHING**

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





**BROOKETON,
BORNEO. 13 JUNE
1945. MEMBERS OF
HQ 20 INFANTRY
BRIGADE AT
YELLOW BEACH,
BATHING IN RICE
TUBS LEFT BEHIND
BY THE JAPANESE.**

Brigadier-General Granville de Laune Ryrie (middle), Commanding Officer (CO) of the 2nd Light Horse Brigade, enjoys a bathe in the Dead Sea wearing his hat. Two unidentified officers wade either side of Brigadier-General Ryrie (similar image held as P05093.039).



IN THE NEXT PHOTO, Chipyong-ni area, Korea, 1951-03. A member of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), takes a bath in a 44-gallon petrol drum that has been cut open to turn it into a makeshift bathtub. The sides of the drum where it has been cut have been folded back to form flaps on one of which (right) the soldier's towel rests. Some American-made tents or hoochies are pitched at rear. Along with the rest of the battalion, the soldier is enjoying a well-earned break from operations at the IX Corps rest area. (Donor I.

Robertson)





Bathing under difficulties at Chailak Dere, Anzac, are Staff Sergeant Jewkes (930 George Gilbert Jewkes) (left), and Private Morrow (98 Andrew Duncan Morrow, who later died of wounds 21 July 1916, France) of the 1st Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance.

Three unidentified Australian soldiers stand near a bucket shower at Fire Support Base (FSB) Catherine. An M113A1 Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) is nearby. The clouds of dust thrown up by American Chinook helicopters delivering equipment to the FSB made showering in the open air a frustrating experience. One of a collection of images related to the service of 2792610 Trooper (Tpr) (later Corporal (Cpl)) Bruce Keith Chapman. Chapman served in Vietnam with A Squadron, 3 Cavalry Regiment from 3 September 1970 to 6 January 1971, and with B Squadron, 3 Cavalry Regiment from 7 January 1971 to 9 June 1971.

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IN NEXT TWO PHOTOS, BATHING CAMELS AT EL BURJ. (DONATED BY
CAPTAIN J.D. CRAMB.)





NATIVES ATTACHED TO NO. 4 CAMEL CORPS HOSPITAL BATHING AT RAFA, IN 1918-01. DONATED BY CAPTAIN J.D. CRAMB.



IN THE NEXT PHOTO, Corporal Michael (Mick) Papay (left), and Lance Corporal Billy Owen, both of 17 Construction Squadron, Royal Australian Engineers, with United Nations Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG), relax in an impromptu spa bath at Ongwediva. A crate has been humorously identified with the sign "Bondi Beach" a Lifesaver's cap and the Australian flag.





Dumpu, Ramu Valley, New Guinea. Bath time for Australian troops in a creek at Dumpu.

IN THE NEXT PHOTO: EL AMARA, SINAI, 1916-09. OFFICERS OF THE 10TH AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT IN THE DELOUSING BATH WHILST OTHERS ARE WAITING FOR THEIR CLOTHES TO COME FROM THE STEAM FUMIGATOR. READING FROM RIGHT TO LEFT, THE OFFICERS ARE: (1) LIEUTENANT COLONEL T.J. TODD, DSO, COMMANDING 10TH ALH, (2) LIEUTENANT R. McCALLUM, (3) CAPTAIN MCFARLAND, 9TH ALH, (4) AN OFFICER OF THE 9TH ALH, (5) LIEUTENANT J. NORRISH, 10TH ALH, (6) LIEUTENANT J.K. LYALL, MC, 10TH ALH, (7) ?, (8) MAJOR W. KENT-HUGHES, DAQMG, AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION, (9) ?. (DONATED BY MAJOR L.C. TIMPERLEY.)





ENGULT RIVER, NEW GUINEA, 1945-08-11. TROOPS OF 2/7 INFANTRY BATTALION BATHING IN THE FAST FLOWING RIVER. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:- PRIVATE S.V. SHAW (1); PRIVATE P. MALOY (2); LANCE-CORPORAL A. TREU (3); PRIVATE R.A. CARROLL (4).



ETA JIMA, JAPAN. 1946. AFTER SOAPING AND WASHING UNDER THE SHOWERS, THE TROOPS USED TO BATHE IN THE NEAR SCALDING WATER IN THE JAPANESE BATH TUBS WHICH WERE MADE OF CONCRETE AT THE 130TH AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL.



Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey. June 1915. Troops bathing off picket boats and pinnaces. Bathing was the principal pleasure at Anzac, and, though dangerous, was encouraged.



**GOODENOUGH ISLAND,
PAPUA. C. 1944. MEMBERS
OF A RAAF SQUADRON
BATHING NAKED IN A
MOUNTAIN STREAM.**



NEXT PHOTO SHOWS: Group portrait of allied prisoners of war (POWs) at Fort 15, Stalag XXa, clothed only in their bathers (swimming costumes) or towels, having just enjoyed their monthly bath in a disused, waterfilled quarry. Included in the photograph are Don Mold (standing, far left) and NX9669 Warrant Officer 2 K.L. Winton Healey (sitting, second from right). This German prisoner of war (POW) and internment camp was in a series of semi underground forts built in the 1880s on the Vistula River. Prisoners included men of the 2/5th Australian General Hospital (AGH) who were captured in Greece after they were ordered to remain behind to treat wounded allied POWs following the evacuation.



IN THE NEXT PHOTO: Haramura area, Honshu, Japan, c. 1950-09-21. Holding a wash-bowl in his hand, a bare-bottomed member of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), is caught with his pants down outside his tent, as he has a 'quick APC' (wash of his armpits and crutch) in the morning. Another soldier is getting dressed inside the tent. Some branches broken from trees and bushes rest on top of the tent as camouflage. The soldiers are at Haramura, BCOF's main field training centre, taking part in a final series of exercises before 3RAR's departure for Korea. (Donor I. Robertson)



Hathazari, Eastern Bengal, India. c. 21 February 1945. From serving the surrounded paratroopers at Arnhem to supplying ground forces in the Araken in Burma are the experiences of 413713 Warrant Officer (WO, later Pilot Officer) Edwin Anthony Fahey, navigator of Granville, NSW (right), taking a bath 'somewhere in Burma'. Helping him on the water pump is 414833 WO R. A. Rose, navigator of Goondiwindi, Qld. WO Fahey was killed in an accident over Burma on 27 June, 1945 Both servicemen are RAAF members of No. 117 (Dakota) Squadron RAF.



**ILOLO - KOKODA, NEW
GUINEA. 1944-04-30.
NX167902
SIGNALMAN J.J.
MORGAN (1), AND
NX91218 SIGNALMAN
G. BEANCHOP (2),
WATCH SMALL FISH IN
THEIR BATHING POOL
AT CAMP 44, 18TH
AUSTRALIAN LINES OF
COMMUNICATION
SIGNALS.**



Informal group portrait of unknown Australian soldiers bathing at a water source. This photograph is from a collection relating to the service of NX52123 Lieutenant (Lt) Sydney Carton Speight, an amateur photographer who served with the 7 Division Signals, 2/2 Commando Squadron, and 9 Division Signals.

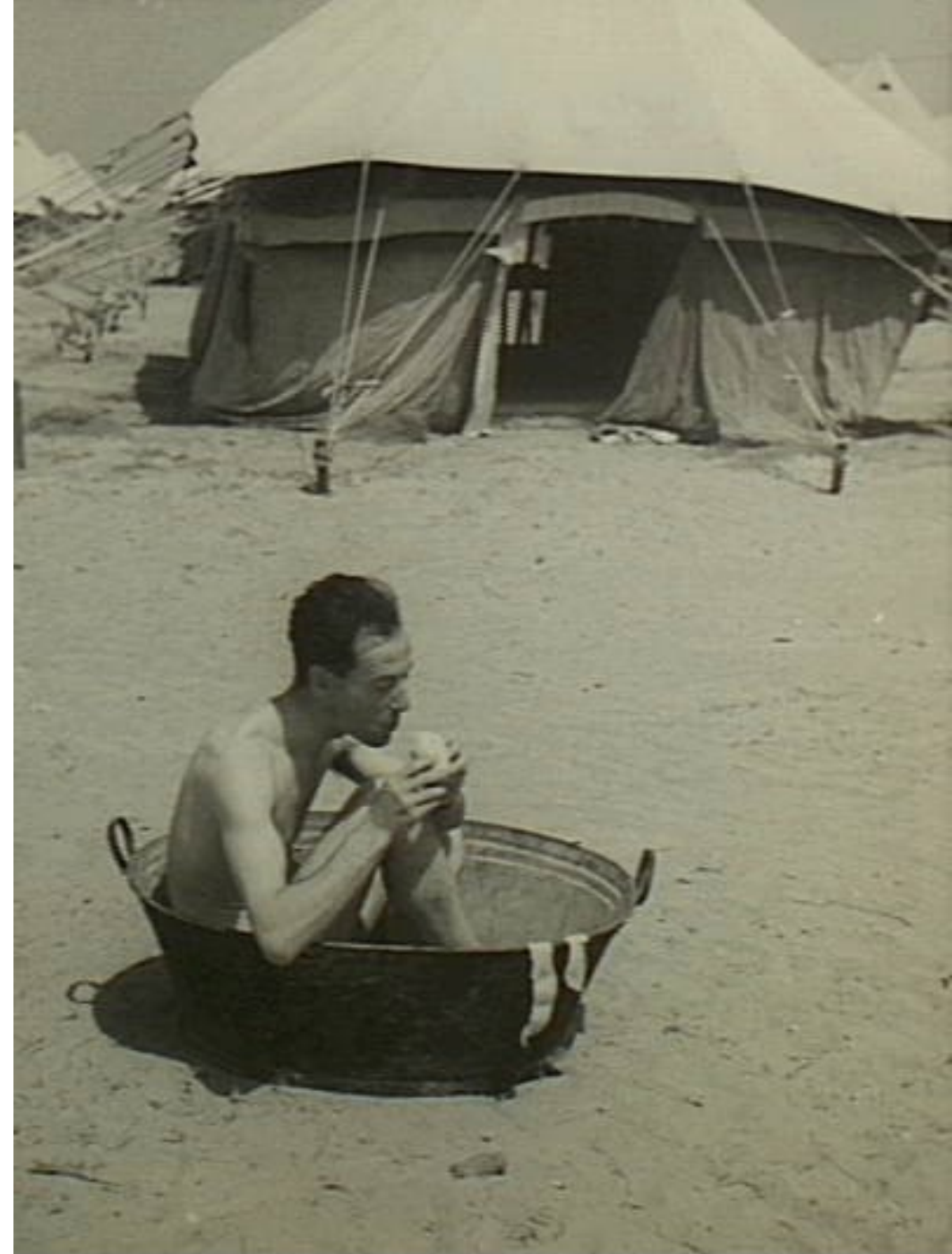


**KANOMI
BEACH, NEW
GUINEA.
1944-01-04.
TROOPS OF
THE 9TH
DIVISION
ENJOY THE
SWIMMING
AND SUN
BATHING
WHILE
AWAITING
ORDERS TO
MOVE
FORWARD.**





Karachi, India. c. 1945. At the Transit Camp Flight Sergeant T. Pember of Calne, Wiltshire, shows the best way to eat a mango. He is sitting in a bathtub in the outdoors, in front of a tent. The first of many reinforcements for South East Asia Command are reaching India by air, five days after leaving England. They are being flown out in Douglas C47 Dakota aircraft of RAF Transport Command. Initially air trooping is being carried out on a small scale. There are six staging posts between the termini, a west of England airfield, and Poona, India, and two forty-eight hour rest periods en route. Hot coffee, tea, and hard rations, are supplied in the aircraft, and each man is provided with two books for light reading on the flight.



**KILIGIA, PAPUA, NEW
GUINEA. 1944-04-03.
ALLIED SERVICEMEN
FROM UNITS IN THE
VICINITY AT
HEADQUARTERS 5TH
DIVISION BATHING,
WASHING, AND
SHAVING IN THE
SWALLOW WATER
NEAR THE MOUTH OF
THE TUNOM RIVER**







Korea, c. 1951-02. Sitting on the edge of a ditch in the countryside, a member of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), gets a young Korean peasant girl to wash his back. The soldier, his face and chest lathered with soap, has a tub of water at his side. (Donor I. Robertson)