

## AUSTRALIANS USE THE GRAPNEL TO CROSS A RIVER



GORDONVALE, QLD. 1944-03-03. QX53202 CAPTAIN R.D. MCINNES OF THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION 7TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3RD DIVISION, **DISPLAYING THE GRAPNEL WHICH IS** ATTACHED TO THE RIFLE GRENADE. A LIGHT COTTON CORD IS ATTACHED TO THE GRAPNEL. USING THIS ASSEMBLY, A LIGHT ROPE CAN THEN BE SHOT ACROSS RIVERS AND STREAMS. WHEN THIS ROPE IS SECURELY ANCHORED THE STRONGEST SWIMMER OF THE PARTY THEN USES THIS ROPE TO ASSIST HIM TO CROSS THE STREAM. AS HE CROSSES THE RIVER, HE TAKES WITH HIM, THE END OF A HEAVIER ROPE. WHEN HE REACHES THE OTHER SIDE, HE SECURELY ANCHORS THE ROPE AND THE REST OF THE PARTY THEN HAUL THEMSELVES ACROSS THE RIVER IN SAFETY.

GORDONVALE, QLD. 1944-04-03. QX53202 CAPTAIN R.D. MCINNES (1) AND MEMBERS OF THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 7TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3RD DIVISION, MOVING ALONG THE BANK OF THE FLOODED MULGRAVE RIVER, LOOKING FOR A SPOT TO LAUNCH THEIR LIGHT ROPE GRAPNEL TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE WITH THEIR GRENADE LAUNCHER. WHEN THE LIGHT ROPE IS SECURELY ANCHORED, THE STRONGEST SWIMMER OF THE PARTY CROSSES THE RIVER TAKING WITH HIM THE END OF A MUCH HEAVIER ROPE WHICH HE SECURES TO A ROCK OR TREE SO THAT THE REST OF THE PARTY CAN FOLLOW HIM ACROSS. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:- QX35157 PRIVATE G. DRIVER (4); CORPORAL K.E. HUNTER (2); SX31262 PRIVATE N.J. HALLAN (3).

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GORDONVALE, QLD. 1944-03-03. THE HEAVY ROPE WHICH IS TO BE USED BY THE SEVEN REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE PARTY FROM THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 7TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3RD DIVISION, TO CROSS THE FLOODED MULGRAVE RIVER. THIS ROPE WAS TAKEN ACROSS THE FLOODED RIVER BY THE STRONGEST SWIMMER OF THE PARTY AND ANCHORED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

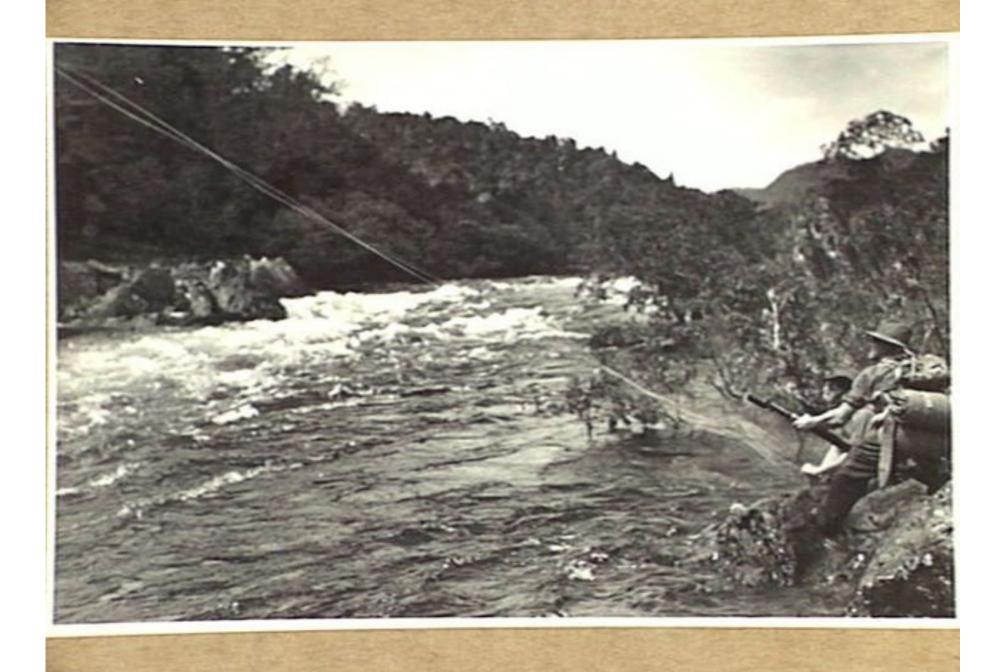
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GORDONVALE, QLD. 1944-04-03. TROOPS OF THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 7TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3RD DIVISION USING A GRENADE LAUNCHER TO GET A LIGHT COTTON ROPE ACROSS THE FLOODED MULGRAVE RIVER DURING A TRAINING EXERCISE. A GRAPNEL ATTACHED TO THE COTTON CORD IS TIED TO THE GRENADE. THE GRENADE IS THEN FIRED INTO A ROUGH AND ROCKY AREA ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER. WHEN THE GRAPNEL IS SECURELY ANCHORED THE STRONGEST SWIMMER OF THE PARTY USES THE LIGHT CORD TO PULL HIMSELF ACROSS THE RIVER TAKING WITH HIM A HEAVIER ROPE WHICH HE THEN SECURES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER. THE REST OF THE PARTY THEN USE THIS ROPE TO PULL THEMSELVES ACROSS.

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