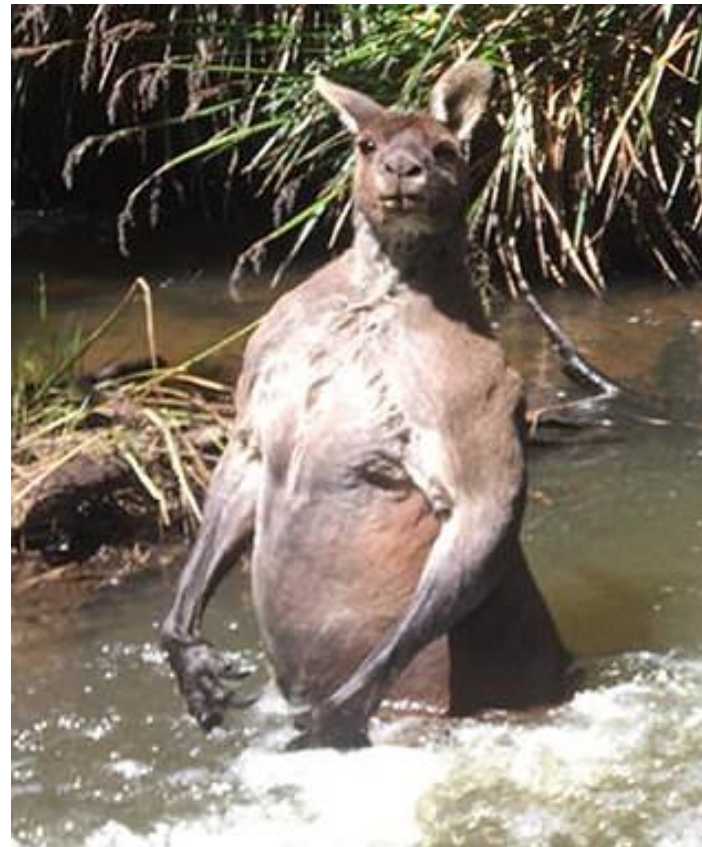


DIGGERS

SWIMMING, BATHING

PHOTO STUDY – WW2 (PART 1)

**KANGAROO
TAKES A BATH IN
AUSTRALIA**



**Two soldiers of the 14th Regt.,
3rd Btn., 71st Div., rest in the
nude after a swim in the
Nacimiento River.** HLMR Mtn. Man. 168-9-44-
536.' Army Signal Corps photograph Photographer:
Goodman. 9 March 1944



1942: An ANZAC soldier enjoys a rare event in the desert battlefield, a bath. (Photo by Hulton Archive/Getty Images)



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**ONE MAN
STANDS
GUARD WHILE
OTHERS SWIM
AND TAKE A
BATH.**







**BERRY SPRINGS, NT.
Australia. 1943-07-
14. HIGH DIVING
TOWER AT THE
SWIMMING POOL OF
THE 18TH
AUSTRALIAN
PERSONNEL STAGING
CAMP.**



**BRUNEI, NORTH
WEST BORNEO 1945-
11-24. A SMALL
WATERFALL AND
DEEP POOL MADE A
DELIGHTFUL
SWIMMING POOL
FOR AUSTRALIAN
TROOPS IN THE
AREA.**



**CENTRAL AUSTRALIA -
CONVOY DRIVERS SPEND
THEIR DAY OFF AT THE
SWIMMING POOL - L TO
R G.L. RIDGE, F.D.
SPARROW, G.J. CRONIN,
LT. J. PITT, J.W. GASSNER,
SGT J. KERR, C.J.
CARMODY V.E. LENKE,
W.M. FOSTER, L.G.
POLLARD. ARMY. ALICE
SPRINGS TO BIRDUM.
1940.**



**Darwin area, NT.
Australia.
February 1943.
Members of the
RAAF enjoying a
relaxing "off-duty"
time in a beachside
swimming area.**



**Darwin area,
Northern Territory,
Australia. 1943-05-
10. Naked members
of the RAAF about to
enjoy a swim in a
water hole.**



**Darwin area, NT.
1943-05-10. Naked
members of the
RAAF dive in from
a river bank to
enjoy a swim in a
water hole.**



**Darwin NT. 1942.
A graceful dive by
an Australian
soldier into a cool
stream surrounded
by jungle
vegetation. These
troops are
normally on coast
defence duties.**



**Darwin NT.
1942.
Australian
soldiers on
coast
defence
duties enjoy
the
relaxation of
a swim in a
cool jungle
stream.**



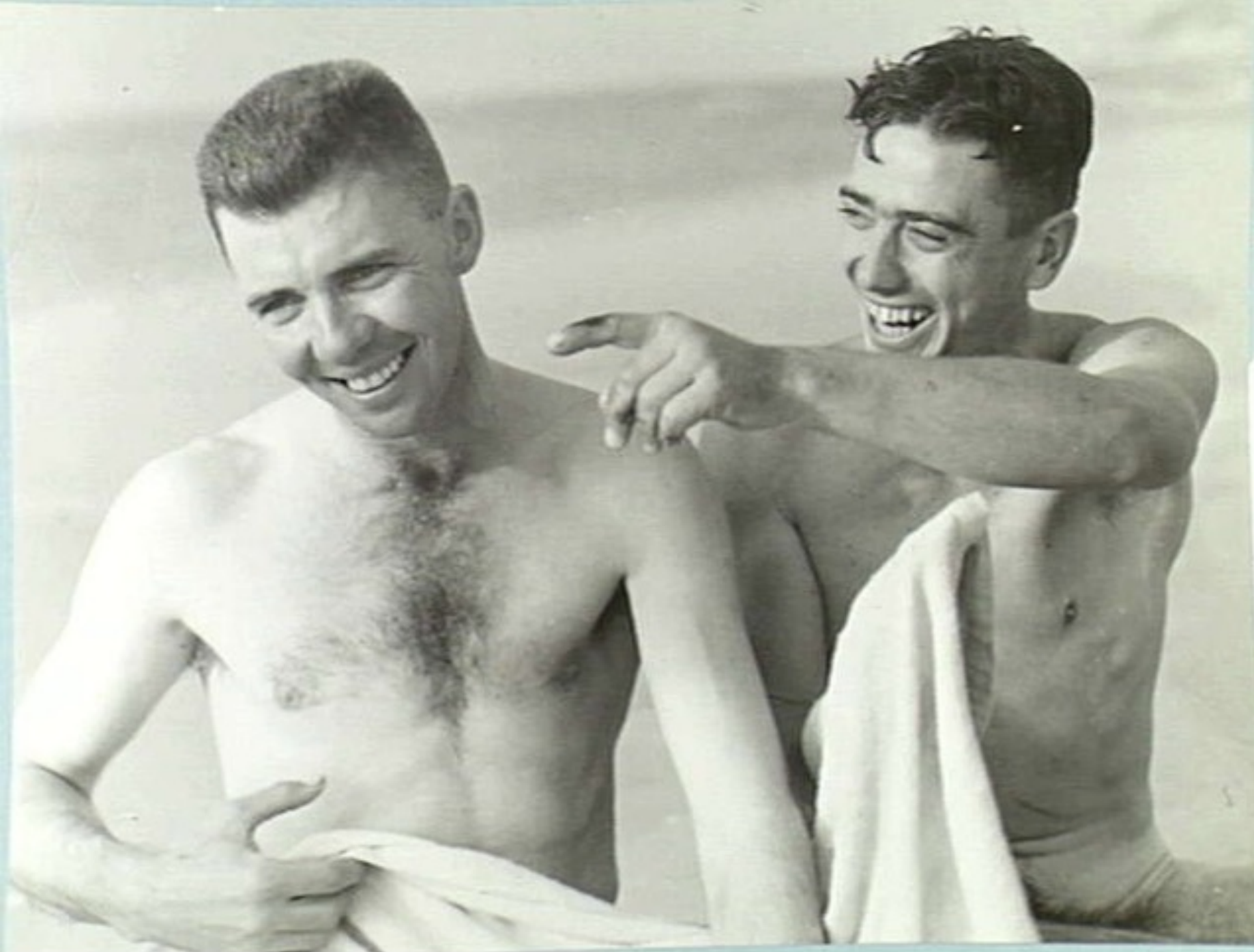
**Darwin NT.
1942.
Australian
soldiers on
coast defence
duties relax in
a cool stream.
Jungle
vegetation
surrounds the
swimming
hole.**



**Darwin, NT. June 1942.
A welcome swim in a
cool river for Australian
troops during a break in
training. The soldier on
the tree branch (top
left) guards the
swimmers below from
any unwelcome
intrusions by crocodiles
or other reptiles.**



**DONADABU, NEW GUINEA.
1943-11-09. TROOPS OF THE
7TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
BRIGADE SIGNALS SECTION
AND BATTERY SIGNALS
PLATOONS HOLDING AN
IMPROMPTU SWIMMING
CARNIVAL IN THE LALOKI
RIVER. SHOWN: QX47000
LIEUTENANT L. HATTON, 7TH
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
BRIGADE, SIGNALS SECTION.**

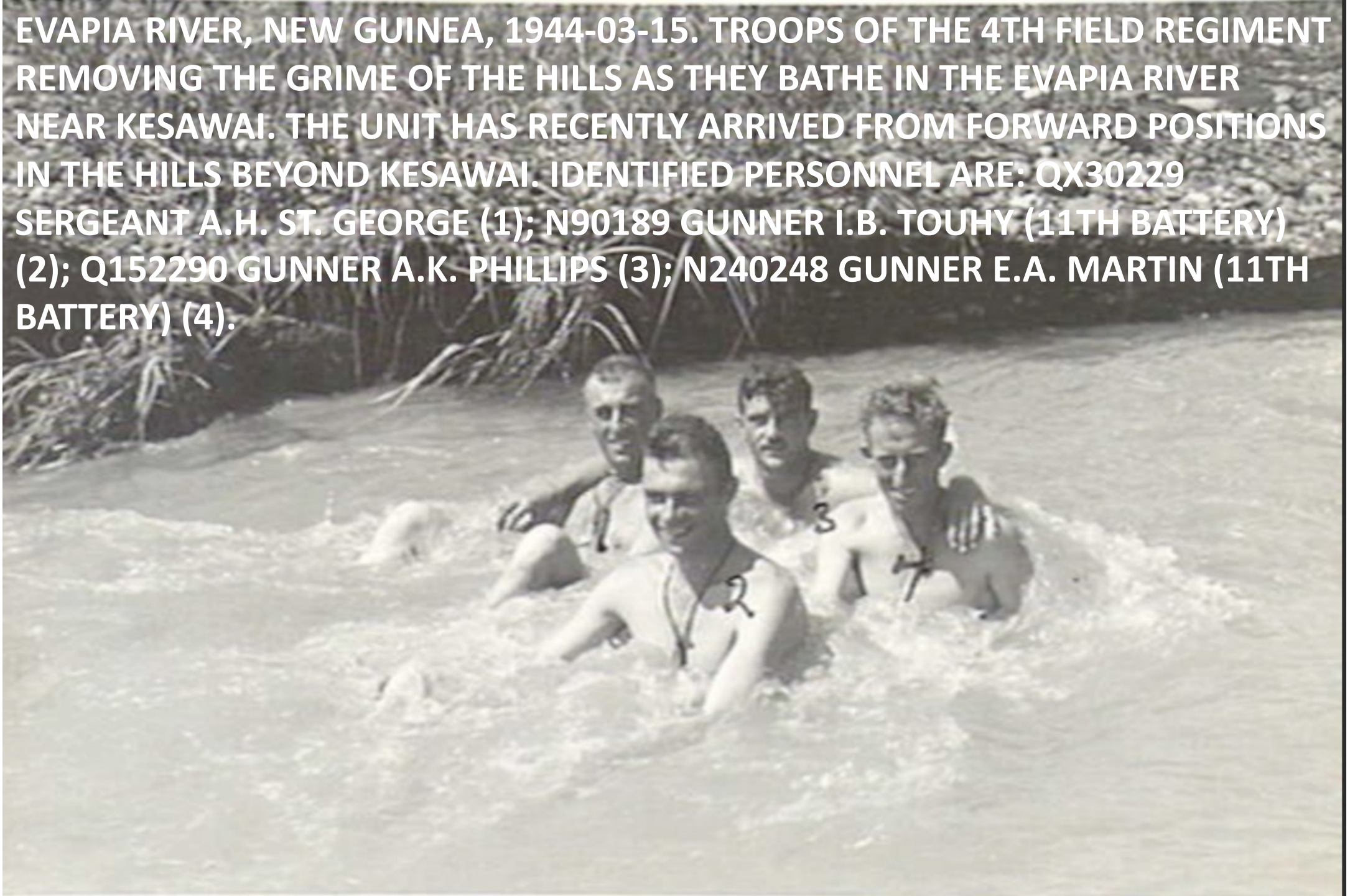


**ESKELON BEACH.
AFTER THE SWIM.
GUNNER A.E. LYNCH
GUNNER F.E. BOLD.
2ND/1ST FIELD
REGIMENT. 1940.**



**Eskelon Beach,
Palestine.
Members of 2/1st
Battalion relax on
the beach.**

EVAPIA RIVER, NEW GUINEA, 1944-03-15. TROOPS OF THE 4TH FIELD REGIMENT REMOVING THE GRIME OF THE HILLS AS THEY BATHE IN THE EVAPIA RIVER NEAR KESAWAI. THE UNIT HAS RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM FORWARD POSITIONS IN THE HILLS BEYOND KESAWAI. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE: QX30229 SERGEANT A.H. ST. GEORGE (1); N90189 GUNNER I.B. TOUHY (11TH BATTERY) (2); Q152290 GUNNER A.K. PHILLIPS (3); N240248 GUNNER E.A. MARTIN (11TH BATTERY) (4).



FINSCHHAFEN AREA, NEW GUINEA, 1943-10-25. TROOPS OF THE 9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SWIMMING BELOW THE FALLS ON THE MAPE RIVER NEAR THE TIMBULUM SAW MILL.







**FUKUYAMA, JAPAN.
1947-07-26.
TROOPS FROM
65TH INFANTRY
BATTALION RELAX
AT A SWIMMING
POOL AFTER A
HARD MORNING'S
TRAINING SESSION.**



GAZA - "WE COVER THE WATERFRONT" - PTE. W.J. THORPE, F.A. CLARKE, J.A. MCGREGOR 17TH INF. TRAINING BATTALION, SAY AS THEY WERE SNAPPED WHILE LOOKING AFTER THE INTERESTS OF THEIR MATES ENJOYING A SWIM.



**GOODENOUGH ISLAND,
PAPUA. C. 1944. FLIGHT
SERGEANT G. J. BEECHEY RAAF
OF BALLARAT, VIC, KEEPING
COOL SITTING NAKED IN A
STREAM READING A PAPER.**



**HANSA BAY, NEW
GUINEA. 1944-09-06.
W20037 PRIVATE V.T.
MURPHY, B
COMPANY, 25TH
INFANTRY BATTALION
KEEPING SHARK
WATCH ON THE
BOROI BEACH WHILE
HIS FELLOW UNIT
MEMBERS ENJOY A
SWIM.**



**INVERLOCH, VIC
1945-12-05.
PATIENTS BESIDE THE
SWIMMING POOL AT
THE ROYAL
AUSTRALIAN NAVY
CONVALESCENT
HOSPITAL.**

**JERUSALEM.
WHILE ON LEAVE
MANY OF THE
BOYS AVAIL
THEMSELVES OF
THE
OPPORTUNITY
TO USE THE
FACILITIES AT
THE Y.M.C.A.
THIS IS THE
SWIMMING
POOL. 1940.**





**JESSELTON,
NORTH BORNEO
1945-10-07. MEN
OF "D" COMPANY,
2/32ND
BATTALION NEAR
AN IMPROVISED
DIVING BOARD
ON ONE OF
JESSELTON'S
WHARFS.**

GAZA - AFTERNOON TEA IS ALWAYS POPULAR AND AUST. COMFORTS FUND SEE TO IT THAT THE "DIGS" GET AS MUCH AS THEY WANT AFTER A SWIM AT GAZA. THE LADY HELPERS IN GROUP ARE WIVES OF BRITISH RESIDENTS IN GAZA.





**KAJARVITKIN -
CONVALESCENT
DEPOT. PATIENTS
RETURN FROM
THEIR SWIM.**



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





KARAWOP, NEW GUINEA, 1945-09-18. MEMBERS OF 2/6 CAVALRY COMMANDO REGIMENT PLAYING THE CARD GAME 500. FOLLOWING THE JAPANESE SURRENDER MOST OF THEIR SPARE TIME IS SPENT SWIMMING OR PLAYING CARDS.



**KEKRE CREEK,
BOUGAINVILLE
1945-08-30.
MEMBERS OF
2/4
ARMOURED
REGIMENT
WORKSHOP
SWIMMING IN
THE CREEK.
PORTABLE
LAUNDRY
OPERATING IN
FOREGROUND.**

KELANOVA AREA, NEW GUINEA. 1944-01-22.
TROOPS OF THE 2/15TH INFANTRY BATTALION
WASHING THEIR CLOTHES AND SWIMMING IN THE
FRESH WATER AT THE MOUTH OF THE SAZOMU
RIVER, AFTER HAVING MARCHED FROM SIO THE
PREVIOUS DAY. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:-
QX30839 LANCE CORPORAL J.D. DUNN (1);
QX42042 PRIVATE J.R. GULLIFORD (2); QX5802
CORPORAL R.C. NORRIS, MM., (3); QX10533
CORPORAL O.D. LUCAS (4). (IN NEXT PHOTO):



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**KILIGIA, PAPUA, NEW
GUINEA. 1944-04-03.
TROOPS FROM
HEADQUARTERS 5TH
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
ON THE 50 YARD
BEACH WHICH IS JUST
DEEP ENOUGH TO
PERMIT BATHERS TO
STRETCH OUT.
SWIMMERS NEED TO
PICK THEIR WAY PAST
CORAL TO DEEP
WATER.**



**KIRIWINA,
TROBRIAND
ISLANDS, PAPUA.
1944-01-31. BEACH
SCENE AT THE RAAF
BATTLE STATION
WHERE THE MEN
FIND THEIR ONLY
RESPITE FROM THE
GRIME OF BATTLE IN
SWIMMING AND
BOATING.**



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ISLANDS, PAPUA.
1944-01-31. BEACH
SCENE AT THE RAAF
BATTLE STATION
WHERE THE MEN
FIND THEIR ONLY
RESPITE FROM THE
GRIME OF BATTLE
IN SWIMMING AND
BOATING.**

**LAKE BARRINE,
QLD. 1943-08-
16. PATIENTS
OF THE 2/1ST
AUSTRALIAN
CONVALESCENT
DEPOT, ON THE
JETTY AFTER A
SWIM IN THE
LAKE.**





**LAKE EACHAM,
ATHERTON
TABLELAND,
QLD. 1944-12-27.
A HQ 1 CORPS
MEMBER
SUNBATHING
OUTSIDE HIS
MOSQUITO NET
IN THE CAMP
BIVOUAC AREA.
THE MEN HAD
MARCHED 12
MILES FROM
BARRINE TO
SPEND A FULL
DAY RESTING
AND SWIMMING
ON THE LAKE.**



**LAKE
EACHAM,
ATHERTON
TABLELAND,
QLD. 1944-12.
1 CORPS AREA
TROOPS
ALONGSIDE
THE DIVING
BOARDS ON
CHRISTMAS
DAY. THE LAKE
IS ONE OF THE
TOURIST
RESORTS OF
THE
TABLELANDS.**







Madang, New Guinea, 1945-08-15. During their celebrations for Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day, RAAF servicemen from Headquarters, RAAF Northern Command (NORCOM), sit on an upturned boat or dinghy after enjoying a swim in the bay behind them. The men are stark naked except for pieces of foliage of various shapes and sizes that most of them have strategically positioned as fig-leaves. The group includes: Flight Lieutenant (Flt Lt) Gordon Grainger, wearing large fig-leaf (fifth from left); Flt Lt Toby Clay (sixth from left); 82586 Flying Officer (FO) Allen Robert Griffiths, Administrative and Special Duties (A&SD) Intelligence (seventh from left).

**MALTA. 1946.
MEMBERS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN VICTORY
CONTINGENT AND
SHIPS COMPANY ENJOY
A SWIM IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN ON
THE WAY FROM MALTA
TO PORT SAID. THE
DEPTH OF THE WATER
HERE WAS
APPROXIMATELY 1000
FATHOMS.**





MILNE BAY, PAPUA. C.1944-02. AIRMEN FROM NO. 75 SQUADRON RAAF DIVING INTO MILNE BAY TO COOL OFF WITH A SWIM WHILE THEIR SHIP IS WAITING FOR CONVOY TO LAE. NOTE THE MAN WITH RIFLE IN TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER TO SCARE SHARKS AWAY.



**MILNE BAY, PAPUA. C.1944-02.
AIRMEN OF NO. 75 SQUADRON RAAF
LINING THE SIDE OF THE SHIP TO
WATCH SWIMMERS (OUT OF SIGHT)
HAVING A RACE ALONGSIDE THE
SHIP.**



**MOROTAI ISLAND,
HALMAHERA ISLANDS,
NETHERLANDS EAST
INDIES. 1945-04-29.
JACK JARRETT, BILL
RAFTERY, IAN CAMPBELL
AND NORM LEYSON
RELAXING IN THE
WATER WITH A CRAFT
POWERED BY A 3 1/2
H.P. JAPANESE ENGINE.
OTHER SERVICEMEN ON
"STAND-DOWN" PREFER
SWIMMING TO THE
HEAT AND SWEATING
OF FOOTBALL AND
CRICKET IN THE
TROPICS.**



**MOUNT GARNET, QLD.
1943-07-13. NX85007
PRIVATE G. D. CAMPBELL
(LYING ON ROCK);
VX91419 PRIVATE B.
BLAIR (IN WATER) AND
NX104155 CORPORAL J.
GARLAND (CENTRE
BACKGROUND) OF THE
2/12TH AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTALION,
COOL OFF IN WILD
RIVER.**



Near Suda Bay, Crete. 1941-04. A group of naked members of the 6th Division Signals relaxing on rocks after enjoying a swim at camp. This was before the German invasion of Crete.



**NEW GUINEA. C.
1943. AIRMAN
DIVING FROM A
BOAT WHILE
OTHER MEMBERS
OF THE RAAF
LOOK ON.**



**NEW GUINEA. C.
1943. NAKED RAAF
AIRMEN BATHE IN
A JUNGLE STREAM.**



**NEW GUINEA. C.
1943-12. TWO
RAAF AIRMEN
ENJOY A SWIM IN
A MOUNTAIN
STREAM IN THE
JUNGLE.**

New Guinea. RAAF airmen enjoying a cool dip in an icy stream after returning from a bombing raid.





**NEW GUINEA. 1944-03-10.
VX10828 CAPTAIN J. SMITH (1),
OFFICER COMMANDING THE 5TH
DIVISION RECEPTION CAMP,
WITH OFFICERS AND MEN OF
THE CAMP WHO ARE HOSING
EACH OTHER DOWN AFTER A
BATHE IN THE BAY. THE CAMP,
SITUATED IN A COCONUT
PLANTATION, HAS FRESH WATER
ONLY A FEW YARDS FROM THE
SEA.**





**Nidania, Arakan, Burma.
30 March 1945. RAAF
pilots in No. 615
'Churchill's Own' (Spitfire)
Squadron RAF take a
rubber dinghy with them
for a swim on a surf beach
in the Arakan. Left to
right: 409953 Warrant
Officer (WO) John E.
Payne of Hampton, Vic;
412782 Pilot Officer A. L.
(Pud) Whiteman of
Mosman, NSW, and
formerly of Gunnedah,
NSW; 409608 WO Ray
Staff of Eltham, Vic;
412579 WO D. G. (Blue)
Fletcher of Manly, NSW,
and formerly of Parkes,
NSW.**



NORTHERN PALESTINE IS NOTED FOR ITS MANY SPRINGS, AND THE EXCELLENCE OF ITS SPRING WATER. THE SPRING WATER IS LED IN CONDUITS TO WATER POINTS, WHICH HAVE BECOME THE FOCAL POINT OF BATHERS AS WELL AS THE VILLAGE CATTLE. THIS OVERFLOW IS USED FOR IRRIGATION.
(PHOTOGRAPHER: R. HURLEY).



PAPUA, NEW GUINEA. 1942-09. MEN OF THE 2/31ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION HAVING A BATHE IN THE BROWN RIVER, BETWEEN NAURO AND MENARI. IT WAS THEIR FIRST WASH FOR ABOUT 5 DAYS, DURING THE ADVANCE OF THE 25TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, CHASING THE JAPS ACROSS THE OWEN STANLEY RANGES, THE BREN GUNNER ON THE LEFT IS ON WATCH FOR ANY STRAY JAPS WHO MAY STILL BE IN THE AREA.





**PAPUA, NEW GUINEA.
1942-08. YOUTHFUL
AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
MANNING A
FORWARD POST IN
NEW GUINEA HAVE
TAKEN UP RESIDENCE
IN A DESERTED NATIVE
VILLAGE. THIS PICTURE
SHOWS THEM SETTING
OUT FOR A SWIM IN A
NEARBY RIVER.**



**PORT MORESBY,
PAPUA. 1942-07.
RELAXING AFTER A
LONG ROUTE
MARCH,
AUSTRALIAN
TROOPS ENJOY THE
FRESHNESS OF A
NEW GUINEA
MOUNTAIN
STREAM.**



**PORT MORESBY, PAPUA, 1942-
07-20. HAVING ENJOYED A
SWIM AFTER A DAY'S WORK,
THESE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS
LOOSEN UP WITH A BRISK RUN
ALONG THE BEACH.**





**AT AN
UNDISCLOSED
OPERATIONAL
BASE.
AUSTRALIAN
TROOPS COOL
OFF WHILE
MATES MOUNT
CROCODILE
GUARD.**





**BERRY SPRINGS, NT.
1943-07-14. HIGH
DIVING TOWER AT
THE SWIMMING
POOL OF THE 18TH
AUSTRALIAN
PERSONNEL STAGING
CAMP.**

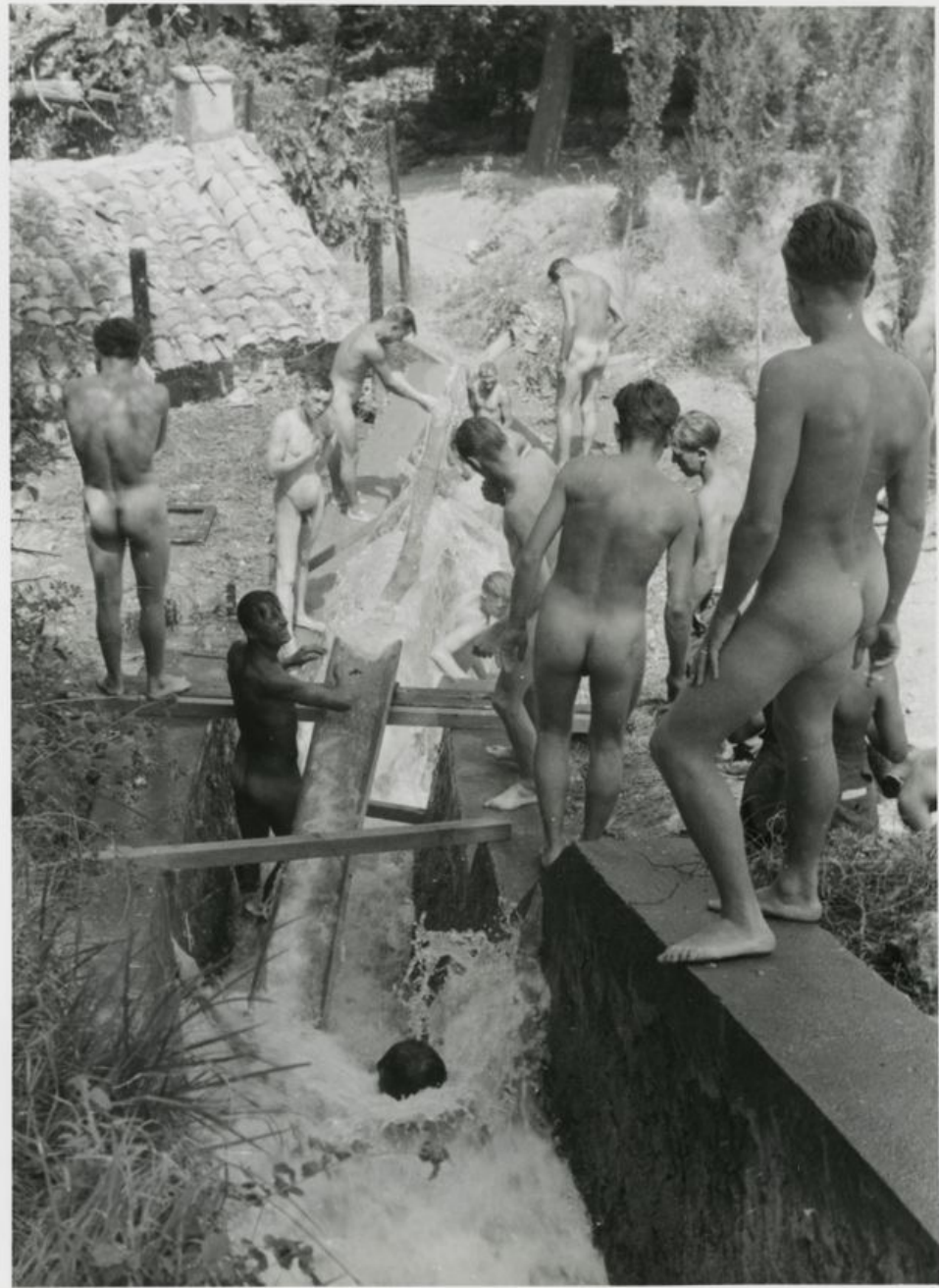
IN THE NEXT TWO PHOTOS, BELOW:

Brencassi (Brankassi), Thailand. c. September 1945.

Servicemen enjoying the swimming hole at Brencassi. They are possibly members of the War Graves Commission survey party or the Military History Section Field Team. These groups were involved in searching for cemeteries and recovering records from individual graves. These records had been placed there, unbeknown to the Japanese, by senior prisoner of war (POW) officers for post-war recovery. Brencassi is 208 kilometres north of Nong Pladuk (also known as Non Pladuk), or 206 kilometres south of Thanbyuzayat.









**PORT TEWFIK, EGYPT.
1942-02. TROOPS OF THE
A.I.F. RETURNING TO
AUSTRALIA FROM THE
MIDDLE EAST ENJOYING
THEMSELVES IN THE
SWIMMING POOL ON
BOARD THE TROOPSHIP,
A CONVERTED
PASSENGER LINER.**





PTE. SAL. CORONA OF CALIFORNIA USES A BOMB CRATER AS A SWIMMING POOL. THE CRATER IS ON THE MAIN STRIP AT BUNA AND, WHEN THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN, JAPANESE WERE ONLY 100 YARDS AWAY.