

AUSTRALIAN CHAPLAINS AT WORK DURING WORLD WAR 1 & 2



ABOARD H.M.A.S. SYDNEY IN AUSTRALIAN WATERS - SHIP'S COMPANY AT PRAYERS ON THE QUARTER DECK. CAPTAIN COLLINS TAKES THE SERVICE AT THE LECTERN WITH THE SHIP'S BAND (IN THE FOREGROUND) AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR A CHURCH ORGAN.



A church service held by the 34th Battalion before leaving Maitland camp to embark overseas. A Chaplain is conducting the service watched by some civilians.



church service
34 Battalion before leaving Maitland camp
for the front
about the 30th 1916.



THE CHAPEL AT THE 69TH AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S ARMY SERVICE BARRACKS; also the interior.



ADELAIDE RIVER, NT. 1943-09-03. VX12722 BRIGADIER E. M. DOLLERY OBE, MC, HANDS OVER THE CHURCH PARADE TO THE SENIOR CHAPLAIN NX234 PADRE F. O. HULME-MOIR. LEFT TO RIGHT:- NX234 SENIOR CHAPLAIN PADRE F. O. HULME-MOIR; VX12722 BRIGADIER E. M. DOLLERY OBE, MC; LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. H. RUSSELL; VX112298 MAJOR N. MCL YOUNG; VX89049 LIEUTENANT COLONEL H. F. STOKES; MAJOR G. F. LEANE; UNKNOWN; LIEUTENANT D. WILSON.



ADELAIDE RIVER, NT. 1943-09-03. CHURCH SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR OF 1939-45. NX234 SENIOR CHAPLAIN PADRE F. O. HULME-MOIR CAN BE SEEN TAKING THE SERVICE, WHILE VX12722 BRIGADIER E. M. DOLLERY OBE, MC, IS IN THE RIGHT FOREGROUND.



ADELAIDE RIVER, NT. 1943-09-03. NORTHERN TERRITORY COASTAL ARTILLERY BAND PLAYING DURING THE OUTDOORS CHURCH SERVICE, ON THE OCCASION OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR 1939-45. AT THE RIGHT CAN BE SEEN NX234 SENIOR CHAPLAIN PADRE F. O. HULME-MOIR, CONDUCTING THE SERVICE.

**ADELAIDE RIVER, NT,
1944. MEMBERS OF
THE AUSTRALIAN
WOMEN'S ARMY
SERVICE (AWAS) IN ST
GEORGE'S CHAPEL.**





**ALICE SPRINGS, AUSTRALIA. 1942-12-24. CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE IN
ALICE SPRINGS CHURCH OF ENGLAND.**



**ALICE SPRINGS, AUSTRALIA. 1942-12-25. PROTESTANT CHURCH SERVICE,
CHRISTMAS DAY, 1942.**

IN THE NEXT PHOTO:

AMBON. CHAPLAIN C. H. PATMORE, RECTOR OF CASTLEMAINE, DIOCESE OF BENDIGO, CONDUCTING A CHURCH SERVICE IN THE PRISONER-OF-WAR CAMP, 8TH DIVISION. CHAPLAIN PATMORE WAS KILLED ON THE ISLAND IN A BOMBING RAID ON THE AERODROME. AFTER RECAPTURE OF THE ISLAND BY AUSTRALIANS A ROLL OF FILM, OF WHICH THIS IS ONE FRAME, WAS FOUND IN THE CAMP. (DONOR: BISHOP C. L. RILEY)



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**AN
AUSTRALIAN
BATTALION
AT CHURCH
PARADE AT
TOCRA.
MARCH
1941.**



IN THE NEXT PHOTO:

ANZAC BEACH, GALLIPOLI. 1923-04-25. THE REVEREND E. WALKER, OF MELBOURNE, ADDRESSING THE CONGREGATION AT AN ANZAC DAY SERVICE ON THE BEACH AT ANZAC COVE. THE HORSE IN THE RIGHT BACKGROUND IS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MOUNTS OF THE 6TH AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT AND HAD LEFT AUSTRALIA IN 1914. THE HORSE WAS OWNED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL C.E. HUGHES.



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**A Polish
Chaplain,
Padre
Nowak,
conducting
a church
service in a
sheltered
wadi in
Tobruk.
OCTOBER
1941.**



**Polish
Chaplain,
Padre Nowak**





A prayer is offered at the funeral service for 426572 Flight Sergeant (Flt Sgt) Cecil Roland Frizzell of No. 467 Squadron, RAAF at Waddington England. Flt Sgt Frizzell was lost on operations over England on 5 December 1943 while flying in a Lancaster of No. 467 Squadron.

A prayer is offered at the graveside service at the funeral for Sergeant (later Flight Sergeant [Flt Sgt]) 426486 John Carman Atherton and other unknown Allied airmen who are buried at Cambridge. Flt Sgt Atherton was lost on operations over the United Kingdom on 24 December 1943.



**ATHERTON, QLD. 1944-
01-17. QX44094
CHAPLAIN C. M. (JOCK)
GEDDES, UNITED
CHURCHES (1) OFFERING
ADVICE TO THE NEWLY
WEDDED COUPLE,
VX61058 DRIVER J.
GILLIES, 158TH GENERAL
TRANSPORT COMPANY,
BRIDEGROOM (2) AND
HIS WIFE, NEE VF398014
SIGNALWOMAN G. M.
AFFORD, 89TH
AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S
ARMY SERVICE
OPERATING SECTION,
ADVANCED LAND
HEADQUARTERS (3) AS
THEY LEAVE FOR THEIR
HONEYMOON.**



ATHERTON, QUEENSLAND. 1945-03-30. CHAPLAIN C.W. CUNNINGHAM, HEADQUARTERS 7 DIVISION, (1), ASSISTED BY CHAPLAIN J. O'CALLAGAN, 2/4 FIELD REGIMENT, (2), RECITES "THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS" DURING THE ROMAN CATHOLIC GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT THE UNIT CHAPEL.



**ATHERTON,
QUEENSLAND. 1945-03-
30. CHAPLAIN R.
THOMAS, READING THE
LESSON DURING THE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
CONDUCTED IN NO. 1
THEATRE BY CHAPLAIN
R.T. FABIAN, 2/2
CASUALTY CLEARING
STATION, (1). THE
SERVICE WAS
ATTENDED BY MEN
FROM MISCELLANEOUS
7 DIVISION UNITS.**





**ATHERTON,
QUEENSLAND. 1945-03-
30. THE ROMAN
CATHOLIC GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE VIEWED FROM
THE ALTAR OF THE 2/4
FIELD REGIMENT CHAPEL.
THE SERVICE WAS
CONDUCTED BY
CHAPLAIN C.W.
CUNNINGHAM,
HEADQUARTERS 7
DIVISION, ASSISTED BY
CHAPLAIN J.
O'CALLAGAN, 2/4 FIELD
REGIMENT.**



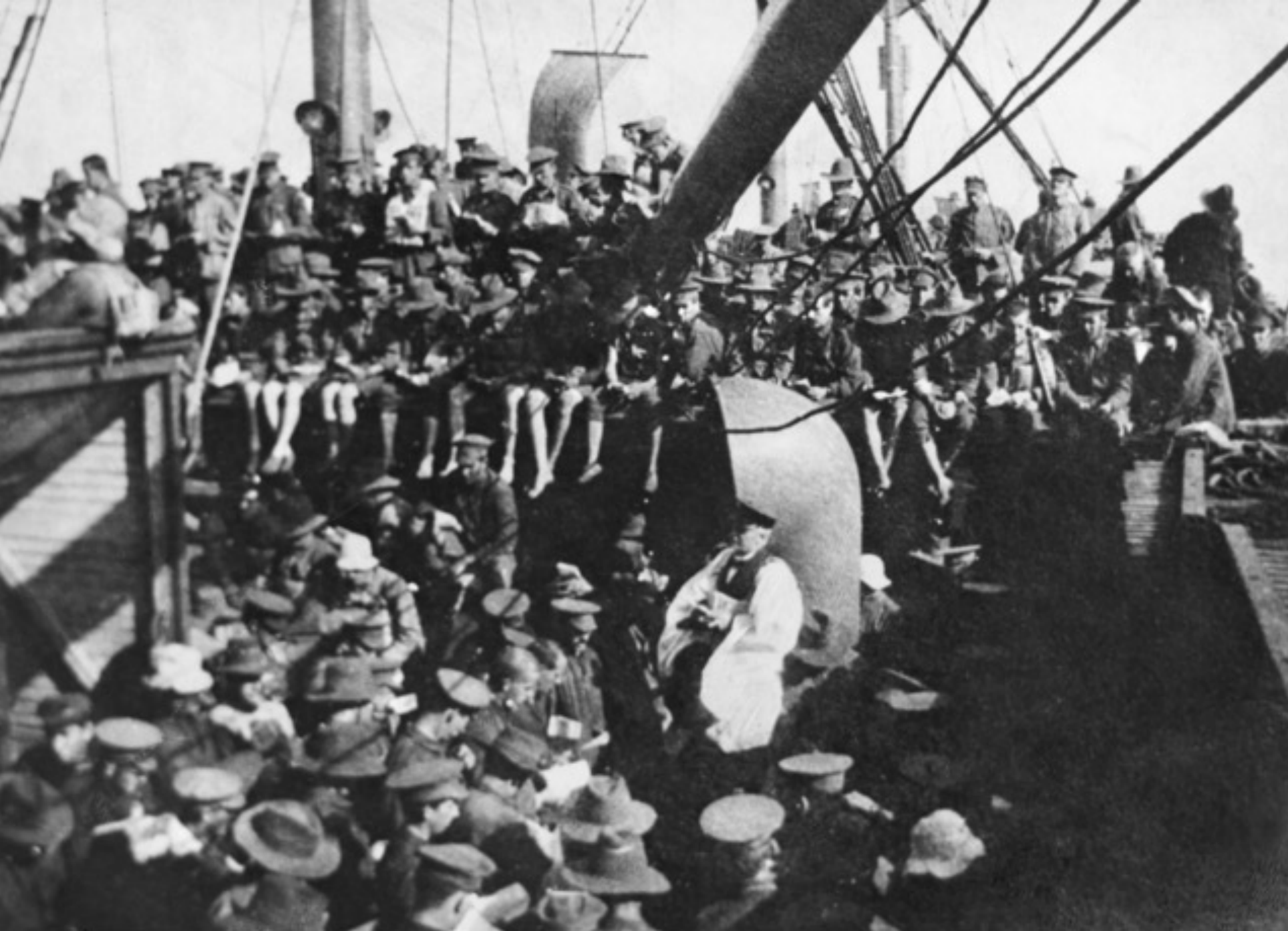
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MISCELLANEOUS 7
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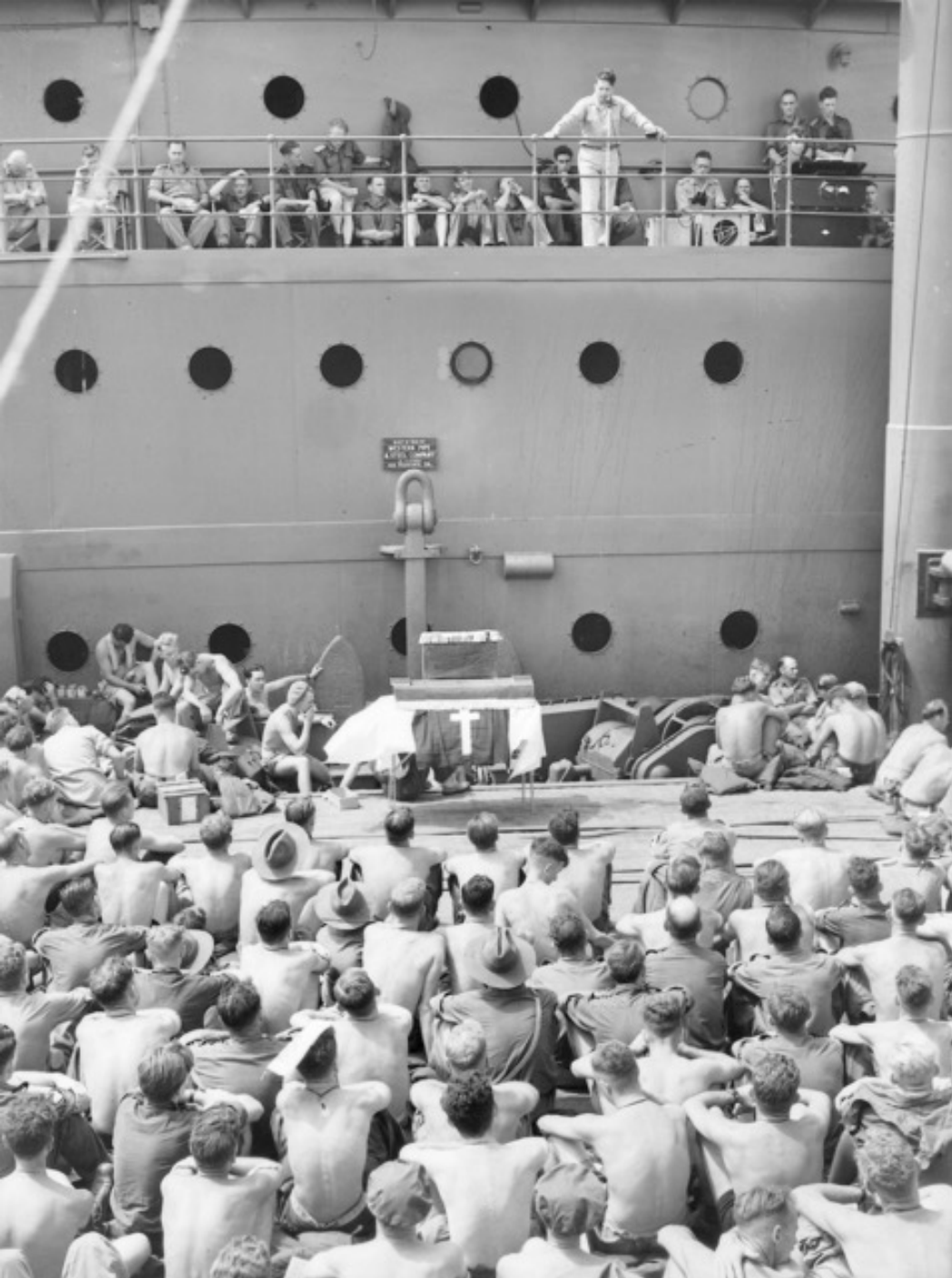
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IN NO. 1 THEATRE BY
CHAPLAIN R.T. FABIAN, 2/2
CASUALTY STATION.
CHAPLAIN R. THOMAS, 2/31
INFANTRY BATTALION,
STANDS IN THE LEFT LOWER
FOREGROUND.**

**At Sea. c.
1916. A
Church
Service
being
conducted
aboard an
Australian
troopship.**





**AT SEA. C. 1916.
A CHURCH
SERVICE BEING
HELD ABOARD
TROOPSHIP
ARGYLLSHIRE
(A8).**



AT SEA, CAIRNS-MOROTAI. 1945-04-15. CHAPLAIN C. LEDBETTER ADDRESSING TROOPS OF HEADQUARTERS 9 DIVISION WHO ATTENDED THE PROTESTANT CHURCH PARADE ON NO. 3 HATCH. THE MEN ARE ABOARD THE UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT SEA BARB EN ROUTE TO MOROTAI WITH REAR ELEMENTS OF 1 CORPS, 2 BEACH GROUP, AND ELEMENTS OF 9 DIVISION.



**AT SEA, CAIRNS-MOROTAI.
1945-04-15. TROOPS OF
HEADQUARTERS 9 DIVISION
ATTENDING THE PROTESTANT
CHURCH PARADE ON NO. 3
HATCH, WITH THE NEW
GUINEA COAST BETWEEN SIO
AND SAIDOR IN THE
BACKGROUND. THE MEN ARE
ABOARD THE UNITED STATES
ARMY TRANSPORT SEA BARB
DURING MOVEMENT TO
MOROTAI WITH REAR
ELEMENTS OF 1 CORPS, 2
BEACH GROUP, AND
ELEMENTS OF 9 DIVISION.**

AT SEA, 1916-11. CHURCH PARADE ON BOARD HMAT 'ULYSSES'.





**AT SEA, 1945-05. CHURCH SERVICE ON THE QUARTER DECK OF THE TROOPSHIP
HMAS KANIMBLA.**

**AT SEA EN ROUTE FROM
LABUAN. C. 1946-02-19.
FATHER TOM KERR OF
SYDNEY, NSW, SENIOR
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN
FOR NO. 81 FIGHTER WING
RAAF, CONDUCTED A SERVICE
ABOARD HMS GLENGYLE ON
THE VOYAGE TO KURE, JAPAN
FOR OCCUPATION DUTIES.**



**AT SEA EN ROUTE
FROM LABUAN. C.
1946-02-19.
SQUADRON LEADER
KEN BECKETT,
FORMERLY OF
PRESBYTERIAN
INLAND MISSION, NT,
AND FLIGHT
LIEUTENANT CHARLES
H. STAR OF
WODONGA AND
WANGARATTA, VIC,
ANGLICAN CHAPLAIN,
CONDUCTED A
COMBINED SERVICE
FOR NO. 81 FIGHTER
WING RAAF
PERSONNEL, ABOARD
HMS GLENGYLE,
BOUND FOR KURE,
JAPAN.**



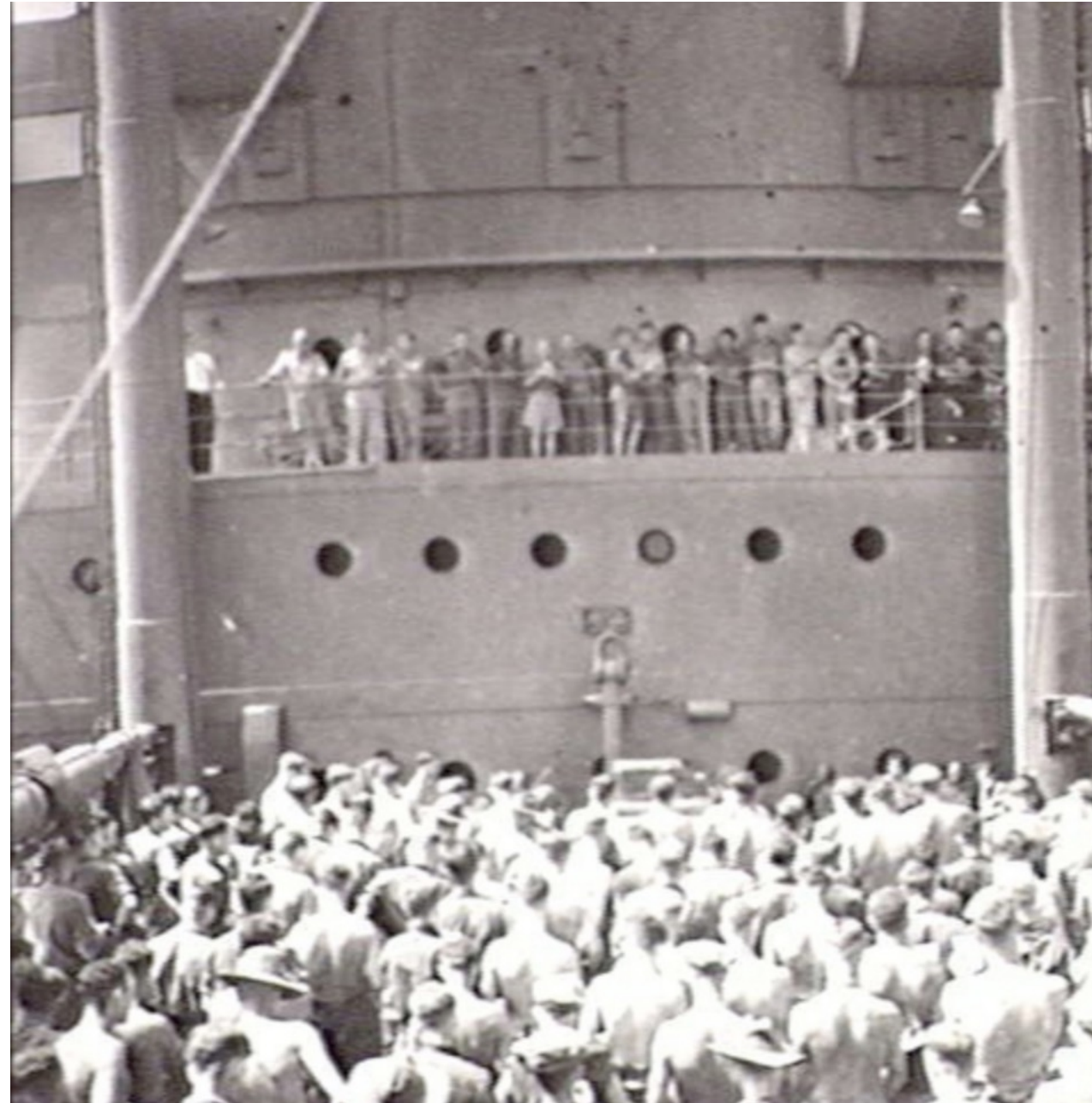
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**AT SEA, EN ROUTE TO
MOROTAI, 15 APRIL 1945.
MEMBERS OF 2/9
ARMOURED REGIMENT
ATTENDING CHURCH
PARADE ON NO 3 HATCH
ABOARD THE UNITED STATES
ARMY TRANSPORT, SS
SEABARB. IN BACKGROUND
CAN BE SEEN THE NEW
GUINEA COAST BETWEEN
SIO AND SAIDOR. THE
SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED
BY CHAPLAIN W JONES, 2/9
ARMOURED REGIMENT.**



**AT SEA, EN ROUTE TO MOROTAI, 15
APRIL 1945. MEMBERS OF 2/9
ARMoured REGIMENT ATTENDING
CHURCH PARADE ON NO 3 HATCH
ABOARD THE UNITED STATES ARMY
TRANSPORT, SS SEABARB. IN
BACKGROUND CAN BE SEEN THE NEW
GUINEA COAST BETWEEN SIO AND
SAIDOR. THE SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED
BY CHAPLAIN W JONES, 2/9
ARMoured REGIMENT. NOTE: SOME
OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS ARE
SHIRTLESS.**



**AT SEA, EN ROUTE TO SINGAPORE.
1945-08-30. MEMBERS OF 2
AUSTRALIAN POW
RECEPTION GROUP
TRAVELLED TO SINGAPORE
ABOARD THE MV
DUNTROON TO ESTABLISH
RECEPTION CAMPS FOR
AUSTRALIAN PRISONERS OF
WAR RELEASED FROM
JAPANESE PRISON CAMPS.
SHOWN, CHAPLAIN J. E.
WARFE, METHODIST,
CONDUCTING A COMBINED
PROTESTANT CHURCH
SERVICE ON THE DECK OF
THE DUNTROON DURING THE
VOYAGE. ALSO IN NEXT
PHOTO:**



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**AT SEA. 29 JUNE 1945.
CHAPLAIN D L REDDING,
CHURCH OF ENGLAND,
HEADQUARTERS 7
DIVISION, HOLDING A
CHURCH SERVICE ON THE
FORWARD TANK DECK OF
LANDING SHIP, TANK (LST)
938, WHILE EN ROUTE TO
BALIKPAPAN FOR THE
OBOE 2 OPERATION.**



AT SEA. 20 JUNE 1945. REVEREND A F BLAIN, TAKING PRAYERS DURING CHURCH SERVICE ON THE QUARTERDECK OF THE RAN CRUISER, HMAS HOBART. NOTE: DUE TO THE EXTREME HEAT, SOME OF THE MEN ARE SHIRTLESS.



AT SEA, TOWNSVILLE-MOROTAI. 1945-04-15. AN AUSTRALIAN STAFF SERGEANT, ORGANIST, ACCOMPANYING THE CHOIR OF CHURCH PARADE NEAR NO. 2 HATCH. THE MEN ARE ABOARD THE UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT SEA BARB EN ROUTE TO MOROTAI WITH REAR ELEMENTS OF 1 CORPS, 2 BEACH GROUP AND ELEMENTS OF 9 DIVISION.

**AT SEA, TOWNSVILLE-MOROTAI.
1945-04-15. CAPTAIN H.C.
JENSON, 4 VISITORS AND
OBSERVERS SECTION (9), WITH A
CHOIR OF OFFICERS FROM
VARIOUS UNITS, SINGING AN
ANTHEM DURING THE
PROTESTANT CHURCH PARADE
ON NO. 3 HATCH. THE MEN ARE
ABOARD THE UNITED STATES
ARMY TRANSPORT SEA BARB EN
ROUTE TO MOROTAI WITH REAR
ELEMENTS OF 1 CORPS, 2 BEACH
GROUP, AND ELEMENTS OF 9
DIVISION.**



**AT SEA, TOWNSVILLE-
MOROTAI. 1945-04-15.
CHAPLAIN W.P.
HOHENHOUSE, DEPUTY
ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN-
GENERAL, CHURCH OF
ENGLAND, HEADQUARTERS 1
CORPS, CELEBRATING HOLY
COMMUNION ABOARD THE
TROOPSHIP USS GENERAL
H.W. BUTNER.**



AT SEA, TOWNSVILLE-MOROTAI. 1945-04-15. THE CHOIR SINGING ON THE BRIDGE NEAR NO. 2 HATCH, DURING CHURCH PARADE. THE MEN ARE ABOARD THE UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORT SEA BARB WITH REAR ELEMENTS OF 1 CORPS, 2 BEACH GROUP, AND ELEMENTS OF 9 DIVISION.



**AT SEA. 1919. TROOPS AND
NURSES AT A RELIGIOUS SERVICE
ABOARD HMAT TAKADA.**



**AUSTRALIAN AND
NEW ZEALAND
SERVICEMEN AT A
COMBINED ANZAC
DAY CHURCH SERVICE.
(RNZAF OFFICIAL
PHOTOGRAPH.) 1945.**



**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW
ZEALAND SERVICEMEN
AT A COMBINED ANZAC
DAY CHURCH SERVICE.
(RNZAF OFFICIAL
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AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE CHURCH PARADE AT MENA CAMP, EGYPT. 1915-04.





Australian soldiers attending church parade at Tel El Kebir. A number of rifles have been piled in the foreground. One of a series of images in an album relating to the wartime service of Lieutenant Harry Downes MC MM, 48th Battalion. MAY 1916.

**AUSTRALIAN
SOLDIERS
VISITING
CHURCH OF THE
AGONY OF
CHRIST AND
GARDEN OF
GETHSEMANE.
DURING WW2.**



THIS AND NEXT 4 PHOTOS:

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST ATTEND A CHURCH PARADE. THE G. O. C. AND THE PADRE. 1942.











THE NEXT PHOTOS ARE RARE, TAKEN DURING WORLD WAR 1, 1918):

BAALBEK, LEBANON, 1918. A CHURCH SERVICE, CONDUCTED BY CHAPLAIN RILEY, HELD ON THE STEPS OF THE RUINS OF THE TEMPLE OF BAAL. THESE RUINS WERE FIRST A CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND LATER A MAHOMEDAN MOSQUE. THIS WAS THE FIRST CHRISTIAN SERVICE HELD IN THE TEMPLE FOR 1,300 YEARS. (DONATED BY COLONEL A.J. MILLS, DSO, VD.)



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BAALBEK, SYRIA, 1918-12-25. ALTAR IN THE RUINS OF THE OLD CHRISTIAN BASILICA, THE BASE OF A PILLAR COVERED WITH A UNION JACK FLAG FROM AN AMBULANCE.



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**BABIANG, NEW GUINEA.
1944-11-07. CHAPLAIN W.M.
ROOKE, (CHURCH OF
ENGLAND) (1A), OF
REGIMENTAL HQ 2/6
COMMANDO SQUADRON
WITH MEMBERS OF 2/10 CDO
SQN CONDUCTING AN
IMPROMPTU CHURCH
PARADE BEFORE A PATROL.
IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:-
LIEUTENANT J.K. LAND (1);
TROOPER F.W. DEAN (2); TPR D.G.
HAMMOND (3); TPR B.W. CRISP
(4); TPR J.S. BLAKE (5); TPR G.E.
WALSH (6); CORPORAL F.
HOLBROOK (7); TPR N.
SHORROCKS (8); CPL W. BANON
(9).**



BALIKPAPAN AREA, BORNEO. 1945-09-07. CHAPLAIN A. I. ABSALOM, PRESBYTERIAN, HQ 21ST INFANTRY BRIGADE, CONDUCTING A CHURCH SERVICE IN THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION HUT AT HQ 2/14TH INFANTRY BATTALION.



**BALIKPAPAN AREA, BORNEO. 1945-08-17.
CHAPLAIN R.A.W. WOTTON, CHURCH OF
ENGLAND, CONDUCTING A THANKSGIVING
SERVICE FOR VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC ON
AUSTER AIRSTRIP FOR MEMBERS OF 2/9TH
INFANTRY BATTALION.**

**BALIKPAPAN AREA,
BORNEO. 1945-08-17.
MEMBERS OF 2/9TH
INFANTRY BATTALION
ENTERING ST MARY'S
CHAPEL, ROMAN
CATHOLIC, TO ATTEND A
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
FOR VICTORY IN THE
PACIFIC.**





**BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO. 1945-08-19.
A SOLEMN HIGH MASS OF
THANKSGIVING FOR PEACE AND
VICTORY WAS HELD AT THE
AMERICAN NAVAL BASE,
BALIKPAPAN, FOR ALL ALLIED
TROOPS WITH AMERICAN AND
AUSTRALIAN CHAPLAINS
OFFICIATING. SHOWN, AUSTRALIAN
MEMBERS OF THE ARMY GUARD
PLATOON AND A SECTION OF THE
CONGREGATION.**





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**SHOWN, THE NATIVE
CHOIR FROM THE
NATIVE MISSION
SINGING HYMNS
BESIDE THE ALTAR
STAND.**



**BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO
1945-12-02. A
SOLEMN REQUIEM
MASS IN THE
AUSTRALIAN
CEMETERY, HELD
AFTER THE OFFICIAL
DEDICATION AND
COMMEMORATION
SERVICE CONCLUDED.**



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BALIKPAPAN, BORNEO. 1945-08-15. MEMBERS OF 7TH DIVISION AND RAN COMMANDOS AT PRAYER DURING THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE HELD IN THE SALVATION ARMY HUT ON MILFORD HIGHWAY ON VICTORY PACIFIC DAY.

Bari, Italy. 1943. Squadron Leader R. Davies, RAAF Padre, conducts a service for an advanced Kittyhawk fighter bomber wing to commemorate the second anniversary of the Battle of Britain. The service is conducted at the front of a hangar and the Australian flag is tied to a Savoia Marchetti SM.79 Three-engined Bomber Monoplane and the Union Jack flag is draped in front of the altar.

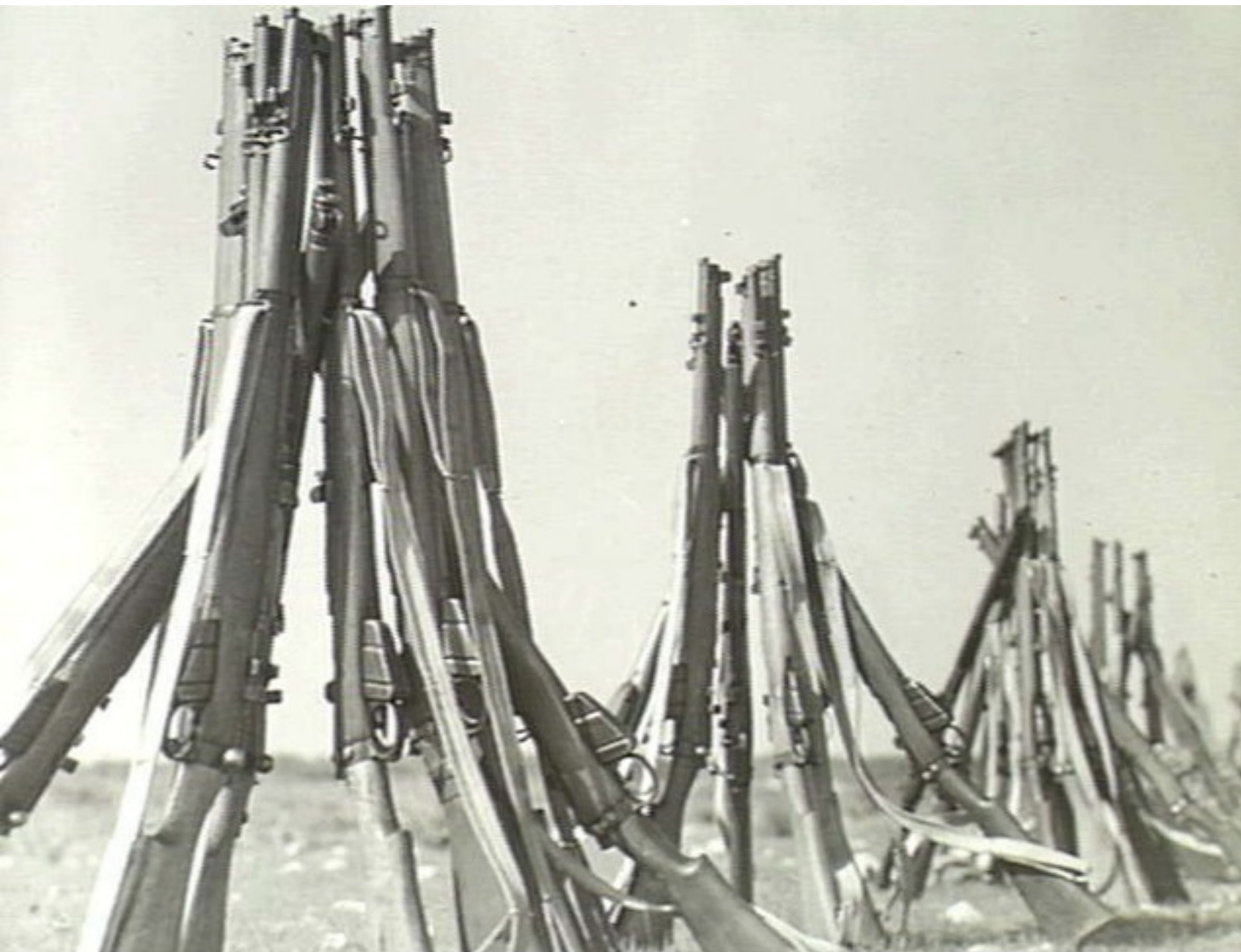




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**BARRACA. PILED ARMS.
THEY ARE STACKED WHILE
THEIR OWNERS ARE AT
CHURCH PARADE.
(NEGATIVE BY DAMIEN
PARER). HE WAS A
FAMOUS AUSTRALIAN
WAR PHOTOGRAPHER
NOTED FOR HIS PHOTOS
AND FILMS OF THE
KODOKA TRACK
CAMPAIGN.**



**BARRACA. THE 8TH
BATTALION
RETURNING FROM
CHURCH PARADE.
(NEGATIVE BY D.
PARER).**