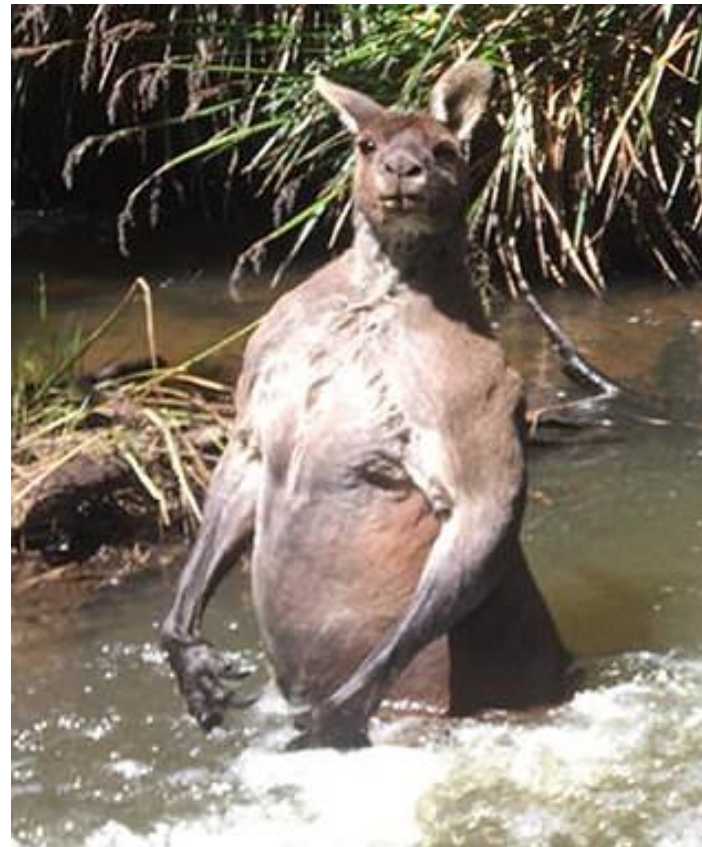


DIGGERS

SWIMMING, BATHING

PHOTO STUDY – (PART 2)

**KANGAROO
TAKES A BATH IN
AUSTRALIA**





WASHING CLOTHES IN RIVER

**Two soldiers rest
after a swim in
the Nacimienta
River on 9 March
1944**

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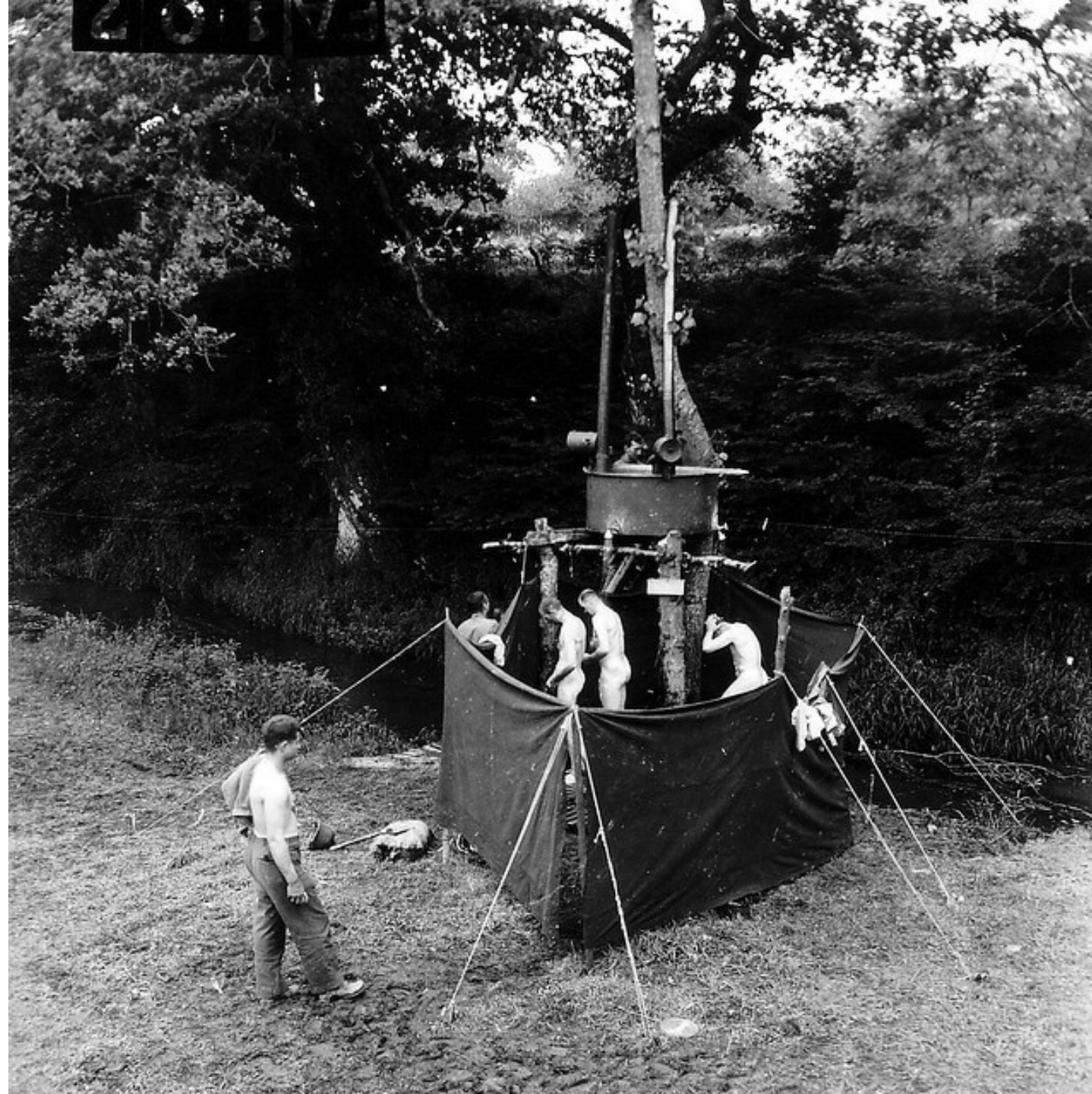


Diggers bathing and washing their clothes in a body of water.





After the storm
9 Platoon Showers



**SHOWER
TOPSIDE
ON A SUB**







**RED SEA -
IN THE
MEN'S
SWIMMING
POOL ON
BOARD U.1.
ARMY. ON
BOARD
SHIP.**



REMPI, NEW GUINEA. 1944-05-09. MEMBERS OF "A" COMPANY, 35TH INFANTRY BATTALION DUSTING WITH "TALC POWDER" AFTER AN ENJOYABLE SWIM IN A STREAM NEAR REMPI. THE TALCUM POWDER IS BEING USED TO PREVENT CHAFING OF THE SKIN. PERSON SHOWN ARE:- NX135927 LANCE-CORPORAL J. REYNOLDS (1); NX120430 CORPORAL W. S. PEARN (2); NX120659 PRIVATE A. R. BRYAN (3); N257384 PRIVATE L.E. SIMPSON (4); NX120795 CORPORAL W.H. CAIRNS (5); NX131588 PRIVATE H.G. BURNS ().





**ROCKY CREEK, QLD.
1943-08-16. STAFF OF
THE 2/2ND AUSTRALIAN
GENERAL HOSPITAL,
RELAX IN THE UNIT
SWIMMING POOL.
SFX11710 SISTER M. M.
HONNER CAN BE SEEN
CLIMBING LADDER OUT
OF POOL.**

**SEYMOUR - MEN OF
THE 2/2 PIONEERS
COOL OFF IN THE
GOULBURN RIVER
DURING A HALT IN THE
ROUTE MARCH.**





Soldiers, most of them stark naked, dive from lifeboats or landing boats into the waters of the Mediterranean for a swim in Mudros Harbour. The boats are tethered to the side of a troopship (left). 1915.



**Soputa, Papua.
December 1942. A
very welcome
cool off and wash
in a river for
troops of the 7th
Australian
Division who were
engaged in the
fighting for Buna.**



**SOWI RIVER, NEW GUINEA. 1943-
12-29. AUSTRALIAN TROOPS
REMOVING THE SWEAT AND
GRIME OF THE JUNGLE MARCH IN
A SHALLOW MOUNTAIN STREAM.**



**SWIMMING,
DIVING AND
WATER POLO
CHAMPIONSHIPS
HELD AT AN
OPERATIONAL
BASE IN NORTHERN
AUSTRALIA WERE A
WELCOME BREAK
IN THE ROUTINE
OF ARMY LIFE. THIS
PICTURE SHOWS
ONE OF THE
DIVING EVENT.**



**"SWIMMING TO HIS
RESCUE" (BRITISH AIR
MINISTRY PHOTO
PPG352)
[PARACHUTIST IN
WATER. BOAT GOING
TO HIS RESCUE]**



TARAKAN ISLAND. 20 JUNE 1945. MEMBERS OF C COMPANY, 2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION ARRIVING AT THE TOWN SWIMMING POOL FOR THEIR ONE HOUR SWIM. IT TOOK THEM 2 1/2 HOURS TO COME FROM FORWARD POSITIONS AND THEY WILL RETURN TO DUTY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SWIM. THE POOL WAS REPAIRED BY MEMBERS OF 2 FIELD COMPANY AND ITS USE ROSTERED AMONG UNITS ON THE ISLAND.







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**THE SOLOMON ISLANDS,
1945-02-26. AUSTRALIAN
AND NEW ZEALAND
SERVICEMEN TAKING IT
EASY IN RIVER RAPIDS
AND POOL. (RNZAF
OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH.)**



**TOBRUK, LIBYA. 1941. BATH DAY,
TOBRUK. GREAT ECONOMY WAS
NECESSARY WITH WATER DURING THE
SIEGE, BUT MEN COULD, IN MOST
INSTANCES, BATHE IN THE SEA.**

**TRIPOLI, SYRIA. 1942-05-15.
AQUATIC EXERCISES AT THE
SPECIAL PHYSICAL TRAINING
SCHOOL FOR THOSE ABOUT TO
BECOME COMMANDOS.
SWIMMERS LEAVING THE SEA
AFTER AN EXERCISE IN WHICH
THEIR KIT AND EQUIPMENT IS
FLOATED AHEAD OF THEM. THIS
PART OF THE COURSE FITS THE
STUDENTS FOR COASTAL LANDS
OR THE FORDING OF WIDE AND
DEEP RIVERS. HERE THEY ARE
SEEN LANDING ON A
SUBMERGED ROCKY LEDGE.**



**TRIPOLI, SYRIA. 1941-07. THE FORESHORE,
WHERE SOME OF THE LOCAL INHABITANTS
SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME FISHING AND
SWIMMING.**



**TRIPOLI, SYRIA.
1942-06. VIEW OF
BEACH AT TRIPOLI
WITH TROOPS
BATHING. PARTIES
OF TROOPS FROM
ALL UNITS VISITED
THE BEACH EVERY
DAY. THE SMALL
HEAPS IN THE
FOREGROUND ARE
THE CLOTHES OF
THE BATHERS.**



TROOPS OF THE 5TH AUSTRALIAN FARM COMPANY ENJOY A SWIM IN THE BARRON RIVER AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK. THEY ARE: VX51105 PRIVATE (PTE) W. J. MELOURY (1); W12250 PTE A. T. FORTH (2); N165903 PTE A. J. CRISPIN (3); WX18225 CORPORAL (CPL) H. W. NEWTON (4); NX37936 PTE W. MOORE (5); VX72334 PTE S. WOOLCOMB (6); NX27023 LANCE CORPORAL C. J. JACKSON (7); QX10837 CPL R. O. SHIELDS (8); NX33279 SERGEANT A. H. SKEPPER (9).



**TWEED HEADS, NSW.
1943-12-05.
PERSONNEL OF THE 4TH
AUSTRALIAN
ARMOURED BRIGADE
LINED UP FOR THEIR
SWIMMING LESSONS
ON THE BANKS OF THE
TWEED RIVER.** IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE: CORPORAL W.
A. FUREY (1); CORPORAL A. A.
TOWN (2); SERGEANT R. N.
NICHOLSON (3); TROOPER
FISHER (4); TROOPER W. F.
GEHAN (5); CRAFTSMAN
MURPHY (6); CORPORAL
TUNBRIDGE (8).







**TWEED HEADS,
NSW. Australia.
1943-12-05.
MEMBERS OF THE
4TH AUSTRALIAN
ARMOURED
BRIGADE
RECEIVING
SWIMMING
LESSONS.
IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE:
TROOPER
MACDONALD (1);
TROOPER W. F.
GEHAN (2);
CORPORAL A. A.
TOWN (3);
CORPORAL W. A.
FUREY (5);
SERGEANT R. N.
NICHOLSON (7);
SERGEANT C. H.
KING (9); SERGEANT
FISHER (11).**





**WESTERN DESERT,
EGYPT. 1942-07-
28. AUSTRALIAN
SOLDIERS
SWIMMING IN
THEIR HOME-
MADE BATHE AT
A LAGOON NEAR
EL ALAMEIN.
NOTE THE TIN
CANOE IN
FOREGROUND.**



WHITSUNDAY PASSAGE, QUEENSLAND. 1945-11-07. THE CREW OF HMAS ROCKHAMPTON SPEND A MORNING OFF FROM THEIR SHIP ON AN ISLAND IN WHITSUNDAY PASSAGE. LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER DWYER, CAPTAIN OF HMAS ROCKHAMPTON WADING OUT FROM THE BEACH TO DEEPER WATER FOR A SWIM.

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.



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.