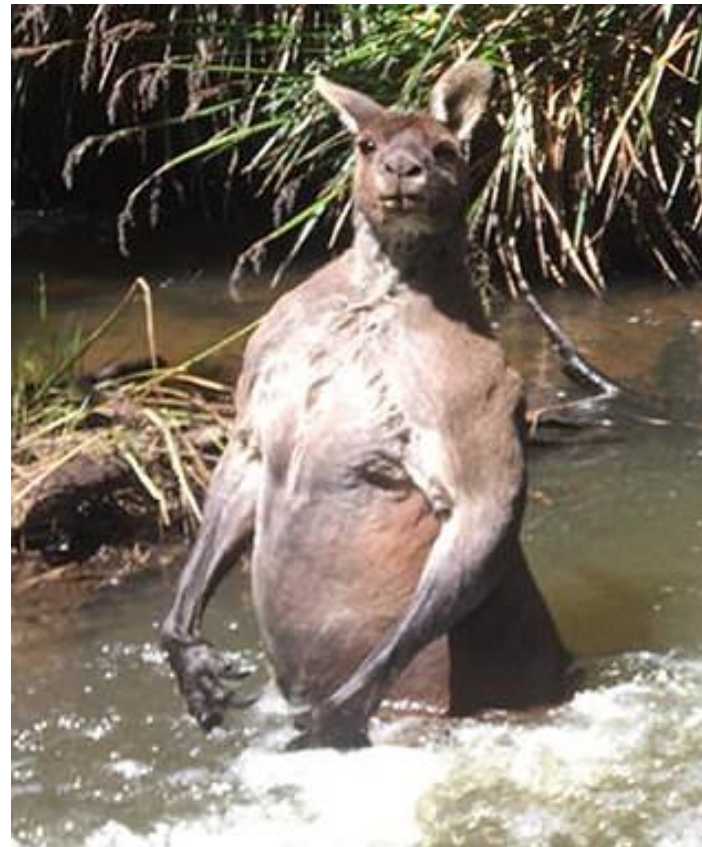


DIGGERS

SWIMMING, BATHING

PHOTO STUDY - Vietnam

**KANGAROO
TAKES A BATH IN
AUSTRALIA**





Creek Swim. Photo supplied by Keith Oliver [1968]



**Greg Rieper having a
bomb crater swim at
FSPB Lion (Op Capital).**

**Photo supplied by Greg Rieper.
[1968]**

**Kerry Shoan,
Trevor
Gordon,
Scotty Wilson
and
Derek Stainer
at Back Beach,
Vung Tau. Photo
supplied by Trevor
Gordon. [1969]**













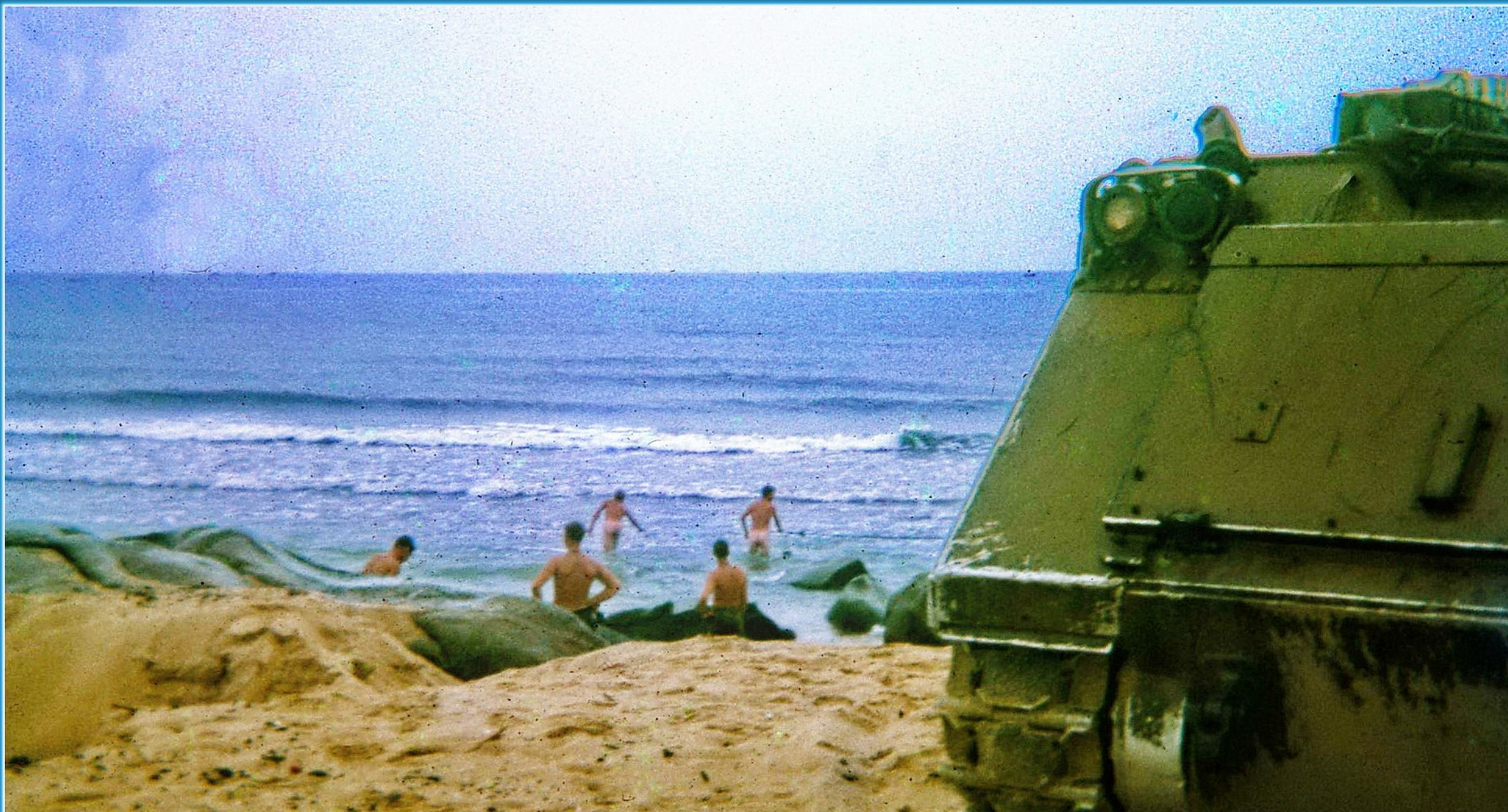


**Neville
Williams,
and Doug
Purcell at
back beach,
Vung
Tau Photo
supplied by
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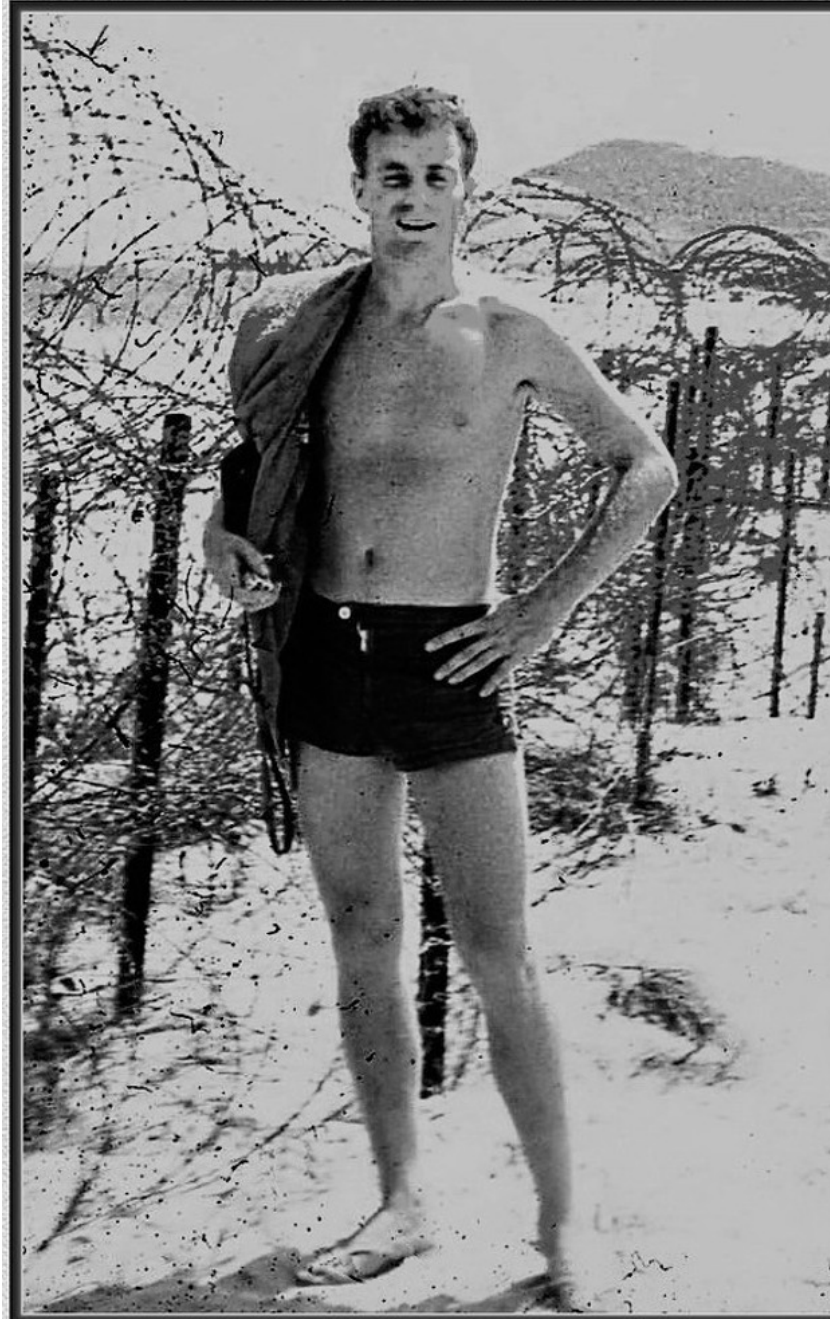


South China Sea in Phuoc Tuy (now Baria-Vung Tau) Province





**Stan Middleton
at Back Beach Vung Tau 1968**



Members of A Company, 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR), leave an assault craft to search through mangrove swamps, after having been ferried by boat across a deep alligator infested tributary of the Song Rai River by the Battalion's Assault Pioneers during Operation Portsea.



During a break in Operation Portsea, 12877 Warrant Officer Christian Andrew (Chris) Pope, Company Sergeant Major of D (Delta) Company, 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR), takes the opportunity to wash his socks with soap in the South China Sea. Behind him, other company members are refreshing themselves with a swim







Malaya. c. 1960. Unidentified members of B Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR), bathing naked in a dobie (improvised bath) after returning from a military exercise near the border with Thailand. The dobie in this case is a Landrover trailer lined with canvas. (Donor B. Betts)



5 RAR Digger stands guard while his Mates swim.





**South Vietnam.
January 1971.
Troops enjoy five minutes off from operations for a quick swim in the South China Sea, while the gunner of an armoured personnel carrier (APC) stands guard. The troops were soldiers of 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (7RAR), who were operating in the east of Phuoc Tuy Province.**

South Vietnam. January 1971. Troops dry off on their armoured personnel carrier (APC) after a quick swim in the South China Sea. These soldiers of the 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (7RAR), were operating in the east of Phuoc Tuy Province. They are, Sergeant John Pepper of Springwood, NSW (on gun); Corporal Ken Eaton of West Ryde, NSW (top of APC), left to right: Privates John Hanley of Port Augusta, SA; Ross Roberts of Uralla, NSW; Phil Ryan of Canberra, ACT, and Peter Holding of Camp Hill, Qld (with uniform).





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.







Members of C Company relaxing after a quick game of rugby league during a brief respite on Operation

Nowra. Identified, left to right: Private Glen "Bubbles" Cox, C Company, Private Fred Alderman "The Butcher of Wyong", C Company, Gunner Smith, 12th Field Regiment, Private Brian Payne, C Company, and unidentified.



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





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