

**IN WW1, 2 & VIETNAM, DIGGERS DIDN'T MIND STRIPPING
OFF TO WORK IN STREAMS AND RIVERS.**

**THEY ALSO
WORKED IN
SHORTS, SWIM
SUITS, AND FLIP-
FLOPS, IN THE
EXTREME HEAT.**





**Naked
unidentified
soldier
salving
limbers from
the Jordan
River at
Ghoraniyeh.
The limbers
were washed
into the river
after heavy
rain.
1917**

SARANG, NEW GUINEA. 1944-05-31. TROOPS AND STORES OF THE 37/52ND INFANTRY BATTALION BEING LANDED AT THE BEACH. THE AREA IS IN USE AS A FORWARD BASE IN PREPARING FOR THE ATTACK AGAINST KARKAR ISLAND. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:- V255764 PRIVATE V.L. HENDRICKSON (1); VX132301 PRIVATE H.THOMAS (2); VX104196 LIEUTENANT F.E MCKELLAR, DETAIL ISSUE DEPOT, AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS (3); VX137577 PRIVATE L.G. HUNTER (4); V129159 PRIVATE R.E. PEARCE (5); V285288 PRIVATE R.L. FORD (6).



An unidentified naked soldier of the 61st Battalion crouches on a barrel bridge he is constructing over a stream at a camp in southern England. Several of his mates watch from the bank. 1917.



Soldiers and officers of the 61st Battalion look on as a naked soldier lifts a limber onto an improvised punt so as to ferry it across the Nadder River. The Battalion was engaged in training exercises near their camp on the Salisbury Plain.



JORDAN RIVER, PALESTINE. C.1918. A FLOATING PONTON BRIDGE OVER THE JORDAN RIVER WITH NAKED AUSTRALIAN TROOPS WORKING AND BATHING. BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES COX IS STANDING ON THE BRIDGE (WITH BALD WHITE HEAD) WAITING TO SWIM. (DONOR: B. LEONARD)





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**Four horses and limbers crossing the pontoon bridge over the River Jordan.
Soldiers are swimming nude.**







**BOUGAINVILLE,
1945-07-31. TROOPS
OF 29 INFANTRY
BRIGADE WASHING
THE HEAVY MUD OF
THE BUIN ROAD OFF
THEIR VEHICLES IN
THE OGORATA RIVER
AND FINDING NO
SHORTAGE OF
WATER.**



**MILNE BAY, NEW
GUINEA. 1943-06-26.
DRIVERS OF
HEADQUARTERS,
5TH AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION WASHING
THEIR VEHICLES AT
HAGITI BRIDGE ON
THE KALOHI CREEK.**









AITAPE AREA, NEW GUINEA, 1944-11. TROOPS OF 22 FIELD COMPANY, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS, USE WATER PRESSURE TO DRIVE PILES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY HALF WAY BETWEEN AITAPE AND THE DRINIUMOR RIVER TO CARRY MOTOR TRANSPORT ACROSS THE AKANAI RIVER.



**SOLDIERS
PREPARING
THE FISHING
TRAP, 1942.**







Henry Reid Bay, New Britain, 20 March 1945. A jeep and trailer, laden with boxes of rations, are ferried across a jungle river on a pontoon floating on empty fuel drums as Australian troops move up to a forward area to attack the Japanese







Photos from the Horseshoe

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