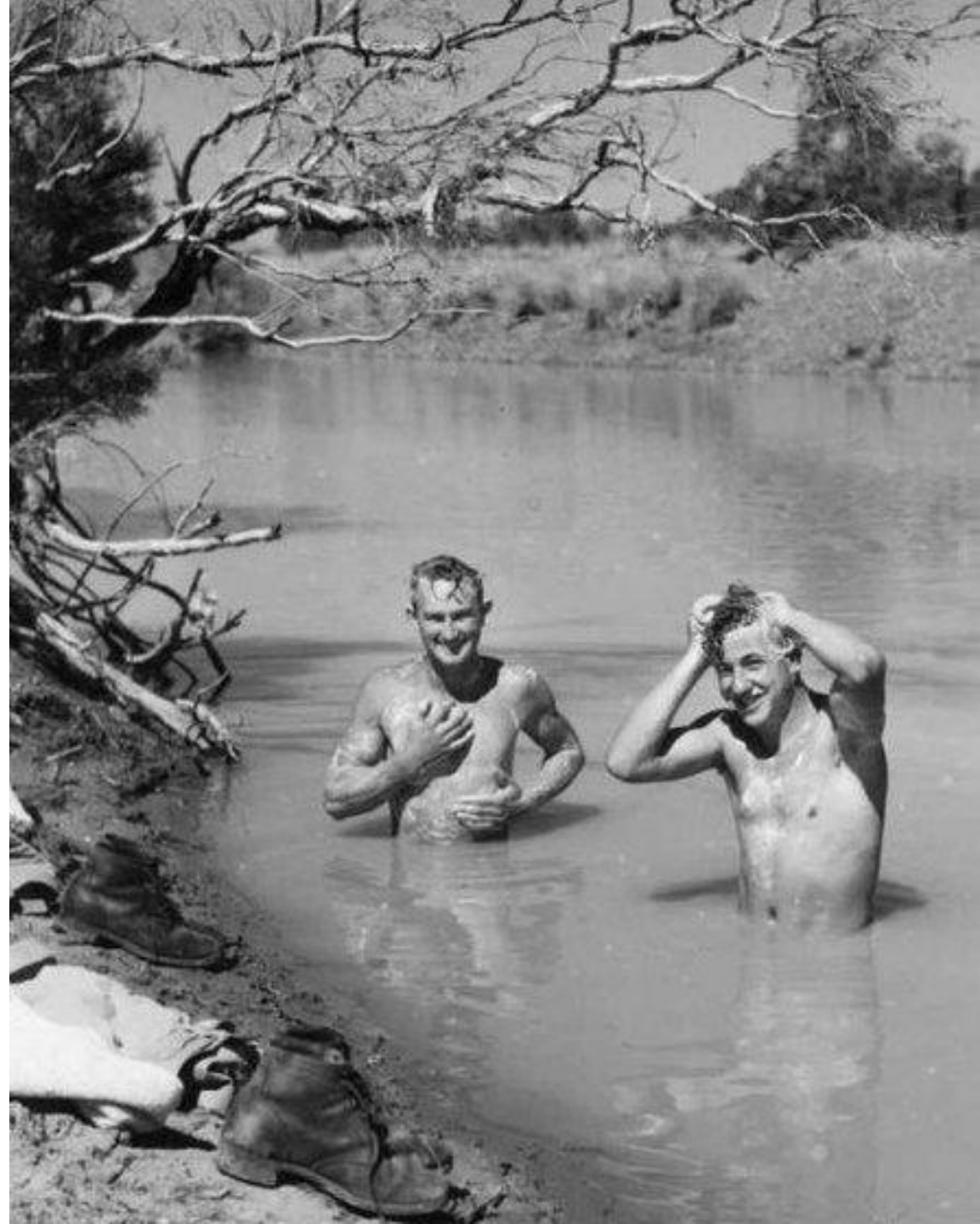


# **PHOTO STUDY (PART 1) AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS BATHING AND SUNBAKING**

**(“Sunbaking” is Australian slang  
for “Sunbathing”)**



IN THIS PHOTO STUDY, YOU WILL NOTICE THAT THE DIGGERS HAD TO GET VERY CREATIVE TO FACILITATE BATHING DUE TO THE CLIMATE, TERRAIN, SCARCITY OF WATER, AND OTHER CONDITIONS THAT PRECLUDED GETTING A DECENT BATH. SOME PHOTOS HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED CONCERNING THE PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS THE POWs EXPERIENCED IN TRYING TO GET CLEAN.

*Also notice the importance of “Mateship” as the Diggers assist each other in some bathing photos.*

*(Effort has been taken to obscure any frontal nudity).*

**These personal snapshots of World War II soldiers bathing and swimming are a record of the unselfconscious camaraderie between young men at war. Troops were encouraged by their superiors to form close “buddy” relationships, and these bonds were often cemented through horseplay.**

**SOLDIERS  
BATHING IN A  
RIVER OR  
STREAM CAN BE  
TRACED BACK  
TO THE  
AMERICAN CIVIL  
WAR IN THIS  
RARE PHOTO.**







**Korea, c. 1950-10.**  
**Standing stark**  
**naked in a stream**  
**near a damaged**  
**bridge, a member**  
**of the 3rd**  
**Battalion, The**  
**Royal Australian**  
**Regiment (3RAR),**  
**lathers up his hair**  
**with soap or**  
**shampoo while he**  
**has a wash.** (Donor I.  
Robertson)



**Three soldiers  
bathing off an  
Australian  
transport that  
was at anchor  
in a harbour,  
possibly on the  
Aegean island  
of Lemnos,  
which was  
used as an  
Allied base  
during the  
Gallipoli  
campaign.**



**Korea, c. 1950-12. Stripped to the waist in a snow-covered winter landscape, a member of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (3RAR), lathers up his face as he has a morning wash. The soldier is using an upturned helmet as a wash basin.**





**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.**



**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.**





# Members of the 1st Australian Light Horse swimming their horses near Cairo.







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

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





**An Australian Light Horse  
Brigade Field Ambulance  
setting up camp shortly  
after arriving at Bally  
Bunion. Two large  
ambulance wagons are  
behind the shelter. Note the  
lamps at the front of the  
wagons. Two men in the  
centre foreground are  
naked probably after having  
taken a bath or swim. This is  
the right hand image in a  
three part panorama. See  
A01984P for the combined  
image.**





**Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey. 22 May 1915. The Turkish envoy who brought the request, for an armistice to enable the Turks to bury their dead, was carried on a stretcher over the trip wires in the water by two naked bathers. The officer had been blindfolded before approaching the entanglements.**



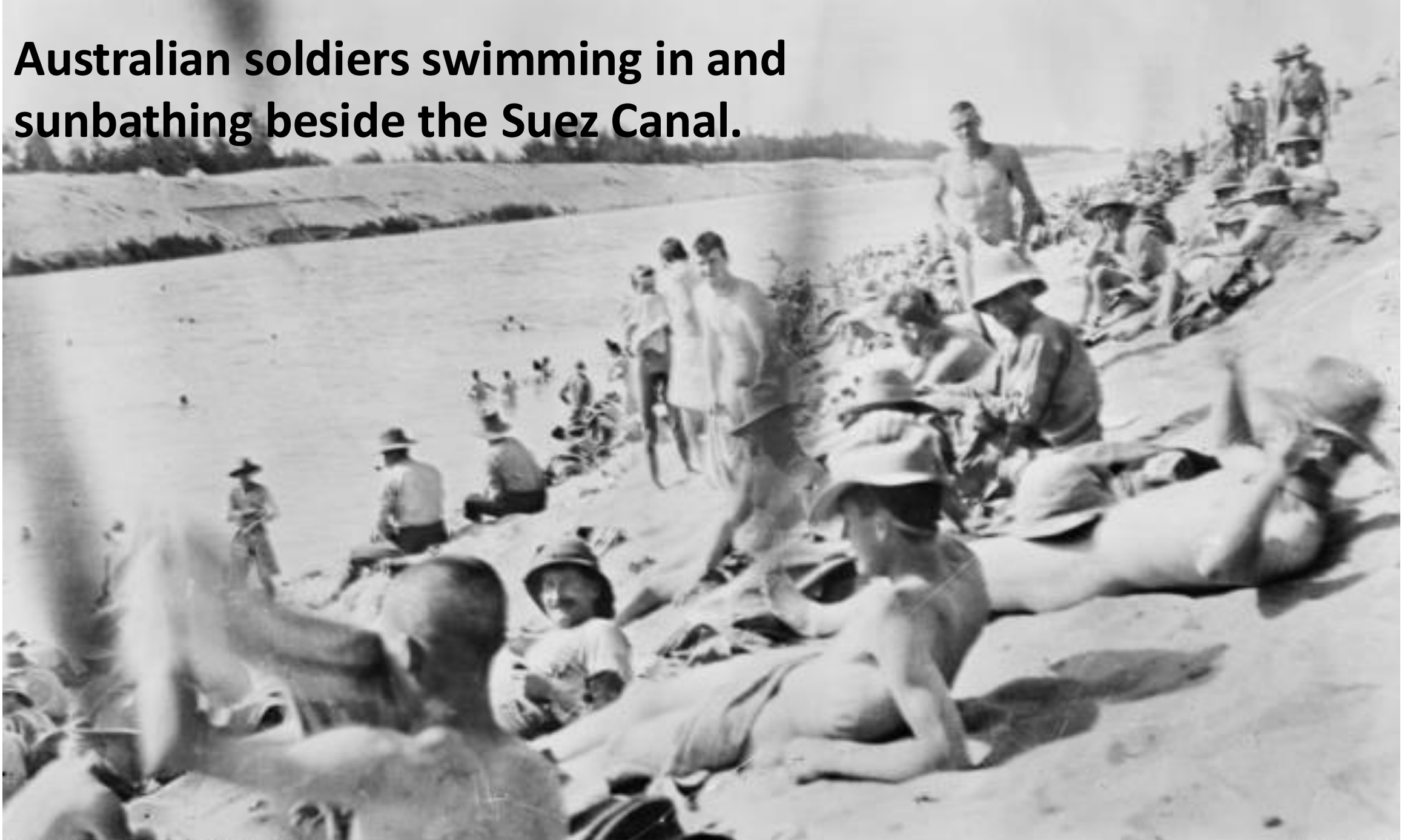
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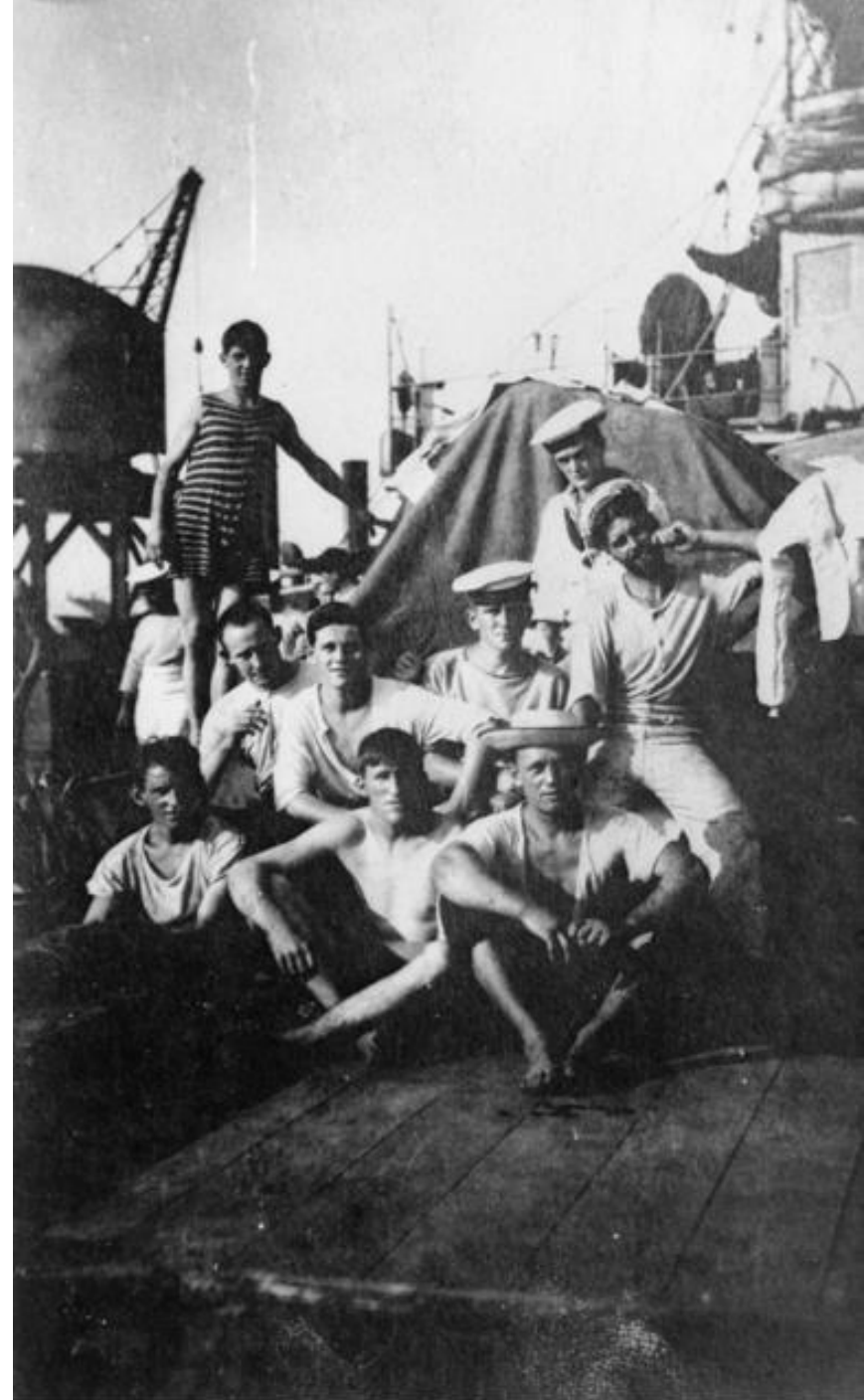
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# Australian soldiers swimming in and sunbathing beside the Suez Canal.



**Informal group portrait of nine unidentified seamen from HMAS Sydney who were having a swim while their ship was in port. HMAS Sydney was about to make her way to Brazil in search of the German raider Kron-Prinz Wilhelm. 1915.**





# Australian soldiers enjoying a swim in the Suez Canal during a halt on a route march.



**Near Auja. Eight soldiers swimming in the river after a 'boom' was placed across the Jordan River, a quarter of a mile north of Auja, to prevent floating mines from reaching the Auja bridges.**



**Gallipoli  
Peninsula, Turkey.  
1915. Men bathing,  
enjoying a swim in  
the sea after  
returning from the  
trenches. The men  
are possibly British  
troops at Cape  
Helles.**





**France. c. 1917.  
Canadian Army  
soldiers enjoying a  
swim in a pool made  
from them blocking  
a stream near a  
town. The town was  
close to the front  
line. (Donor  
Canadian Official  
Photograph)**





**Suez Canal, Egypt. 1916-03. Naked soldiers riding on the back of their horses while the horses have a swim. In the background are two ships steaming up the canal.**







**AUSTRALIAN  
LIGHT  
HORSEMEN  
SURFING THEIR  
HORSES IN THE  
SEA NEAR  
MARAKEB,  
BETWEEN RAFA  
AND EL ARISH,  
SINAI, IN 1917-  
01. (DONATED BY MR.  
F.H. SMITH.)**

**THE NEXT 3 PHOTOS SHOW** The Barrage near the Suez Canal. Members of the 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment wait on shore for horses to be led across the canal. The horses were tied to a rope and swam for exercise and **to ascertain which horses could swim**. One of a series of images relating to the service of Lieutenant Fred Harold Tomlins, 1st Australian light Horse Regiment. Signaller Tomlins embarked on 20 October 1914 from Sydney, NSW, aboard HMAT Star of Victoria (A16). In May 1916 Tomlins was promoted to Signalling Sergeant, then Lieutenant (Lt) in October 1917. Lt Tomlins returned to Australia in November 1918 on 1914 Leave (granted to servicemen and women who had enlisted in 1914 and were eligible for early return to Australia).







**Maffra, Victoria. February 1916. First Maffra Platoon recruits swimming in a local pool. The First Platoon and Second Platoon were raised at Maffra in early 1916, when it was the policy of the Defence Department to raise and train troops locally to encourage recruitment.**



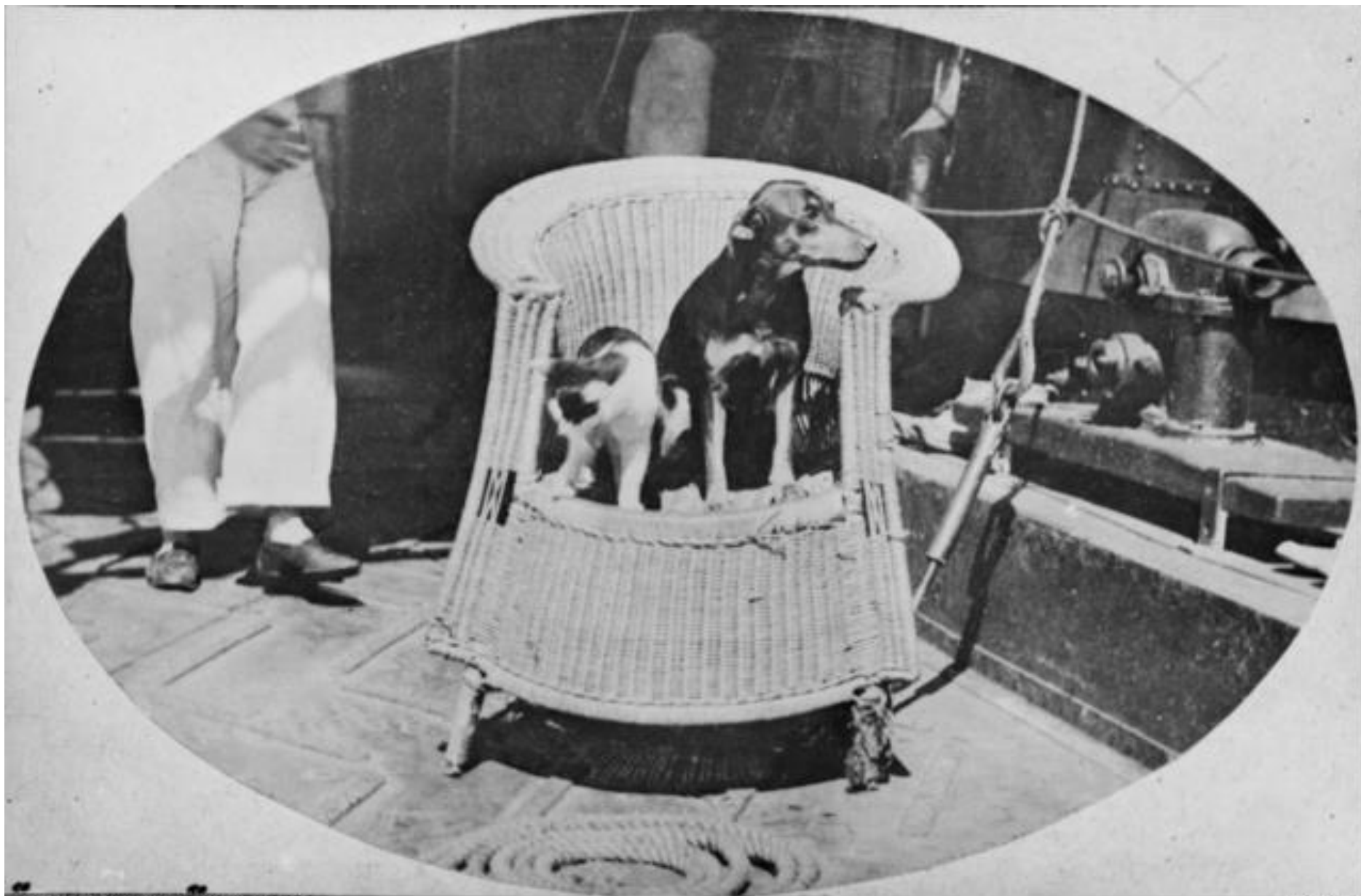


DEAD SEA, PALESTINE. C. 1916. A  
MOTOR LAUNCH, PART OF THE DEAD  
SEA FLOTILLA, WITH MEMBERS OF  
THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY ENGINEERS  
SWIMMING BESIDE IT.



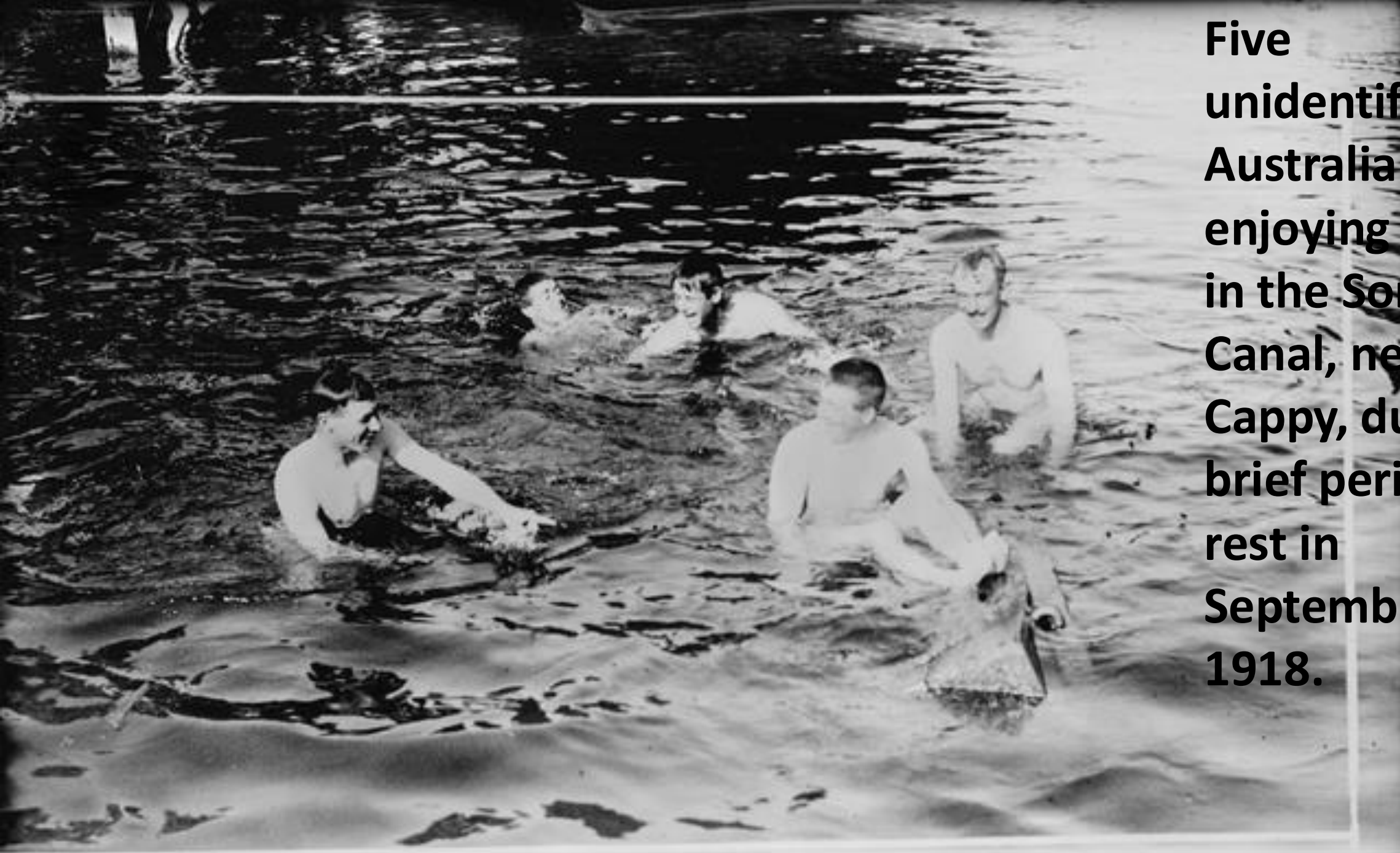


**A cat placed on a chair on deck with a dog called Cabby. The dog was picked up while swimming in the Sepik River, New Guinea, and then served in the Australian Navy New Guinea Flotilla from 1914 to 1919. (Donor Captain A.G. Bond)**



**Men of the 14th  
Artillery Brigade  
swimming and  
relaxing by the  
lake at Querrieu.  
1918.**





**Five  
unidentified  
Australians  
enjoying a swim  
in the Somme  
Canal, near  
Cappy, during a  
brief period of  
rest in  
September  
1918.**



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).





**Members of the 6th Australian Light Horse Regiment leading their horses into a stream. The horses were attached to a rope for exercise and to ascertain which of the horses could swim, preparatory to the campaign on Gallipoli.**



**Soldiers undressing on the beach to go bathing. Some of the men are jumping from the pier in the background.**



**Port Said, Egypt. c. 1918. Australian soldiers travelling on hospital ship Soudan using one of the ship's boats as a platform to swim in the Suez Canal.**



**CAPTAIN  
GOLDENSTEDT DIVING  
IN THE SUEZ CANAL AT  
FERRY POST.** (DONATED BY  
CAPTAIN J.D. CRAMB.)





# MAJOR MILLS DIVING IN THE SUEZ CANAL, AT FERRY POST. (DONATED BY CAPTAIN J.D. CRAMB.)



**Members of the Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance bivouacking in the desert at Great Bitter Lake. Some of the men are under small makeshift shelters to protect them from the heat and sun, while others are removing their clothes, probably to go swimming in the lake which can be seen in the distance. This is the right hand image in a two part panorama.**

See A01981P for the combined image.



Outdoor portrait of Lieutenant Carlton Wallace Gladstone Stewart Lindsay, 3rd Machine Gun Battalion from North Sydney, NSW. He was an Australian swimming representative over sprint distances at the Inter-Allied Games, at Paris in June-July 1919.



**Outdoor portrait of Lieutenant William Longworth, 6th Motor Transport Company from Rose Bay, NSW. An all-round Australian swimming champion and holder of world's records, he represented Australia in the Inter-Allied Games, at Paris in June-July 1919.**



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**Outdoor portrait of Lieutenant John Dexter MC, 53rd Battalion from Randwick, NSW. The holder of the swimming championship of the eastern suburbs of Sydney over middle distances, he was an Australian representative for the Inter-Allied Games, at Paris in June-July 1919.**



**IN THE NEXT PHOTO,** is a Group portrait of the AIF swimming team which competed in the Inter-Allied Games, at Paris in June-July 1919, at Highgate Ponds Baths, London where the team had its training headquarters. Identified from left to right, back row: 3059 Bombardier Ivan Cuthbert Steadman, 14th Battery, Australian Field Artillery (AFA); 3335 Sergeant (Sgt) George William Morris, 1st Pioneer Battalion; 16154 Driver Lewis Tod Solomons, 2nd Division Motor Transport Company; Lieutenant (Lt) Carlton Wallace Gladstone Stewart Lindsay, 3rd Machine Gun Battalion; and 21439 Sapper (Spr) Harold Hampton Hardwick, 2nd Signal Squadron.

Front row: 3209 Sgt Albert William Barry (aka Albert William Swan), AIF Headquarters; Lt John Dexter MC, 53rd Battalion; Lt William Longworth, 6th Motor Transport Company; and 23095 Gunner Sydney Henry Springfield, 12th Battery, AFA.

On the extreme right is Mr May, caretaker of the Highgate Ponds Baths.



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The grave of Lieutenant Cecil Healy, the **Australian Champion swimmer**; 6523 Private (Pte) C. F. Bentin; 3732 Pte C. Cravino, and 1669 Pte W. Vaughan, all members of the 19th Battalion, who fell in the fighting near Peronne on 29 August 1918. Mont St Quentin can be seen at top left corner.





**1010 Sergeant George Edgar Watkins stands with a group of soldiers in their towels. The group had just finished going for a swim. Identified left to right: 609 Private (Pte) James Sydney Thewlis; Brown; 617 Pte Edward Victor; Sergeant Watkins; 1899 Pte Albert Rialland; 1950 Pte Thomas William Martin; 246 Pte John Arkless Watson; White; Williams.**

**An image from the collection of 1010 Sergeant (Sgt) George Edgar Watkins DCM. Sgt Watkins, a painter from Blackburn, Victoria, enlisted on 10 February 1916. He served with the 39th Battalion throughout the war, as a Battalion scout in France and Belgium.**

**IN THE NEXT PHOTO:**



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**THE NEXT PHOTO SHOWS** Visually impaired servicemen rowing in Hyde Park near St Dunstan's Hospital, London. A charitable organisation established in 1914 by newspaper proprietor Arthur Pearson (later Sir Arthur Pearson G.B.E), St Dunstan's sought to assist blind ex-servicemen and women in attaining as normal a life as was possible and earn a living. During the First World War, the newly founded rehabilitation and training centre was based at St Dunstan's Lodge, a large residence in Regent's Park that was loaned by the American banker Otto H. Kahn. "St Dunstaners" could train in physiotherapy, shorthand typing, telephone operating, poultry farming, carpentry, basket and mat making and shoe repair. Braille was also taught. Sport was key part of rehabilitation and they enjoyed rowing, swimming, walking races and tandem cycling. Retaining its name, the charity moved to a new location following the war. St Dunstan's continues to support blind and visually impaired ex-Service men and women today.





**THE NEXT PHOTO SHOWS** Informal outdoor group portrait of unidentified blind Australian servicemen, two nursing staff and a boy in the grounds of St Dunstan's Hospital, London. A charitable organisation established in 1914 by newspaper proprietor Arthur Pearson (later Sir Arthur Pearson G.B.E), St Dunstan's sought to assist blind ex-servicemen and women in attaining as normal a life as was possible and earn a living. During the First World War, the newly founded rehabilitation and training centre was based at St Dunstan's Lodge, a large residence in Regent's Park that was loaned by the American banker Otto H. Kahn. "St Dunstaners" could train in physiotherapy, shorthand typing, telephone operating, poultry farming, carpentry, basket and mat making and shoe repair. Braille was also taught. Sport was key part of rehabilitation and they enjoyed rowing, swimming, walking races and tandem cycling. Retaining its name, the charity moved to a new location following the war. St Dunstan's continues to support blind and visually impaired ex-Service men and women today.



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**Visually impaired  
servicemen rowing in  
Hyde Park near St  
Dunstan's Hospital,  
London.**

**THE NEXT PHOTO TELLS AN INTERESTING STORY.** Informal outdoor portrait of 722 Trooper Ernest Charles Matheson and an unidentified VAD at St Dunstan's Hospital. Born in Cairns, Queensland, Ernest Charles Matheson was working in South Australia as a labourer when he enlisted in the AIF on 25 November 1914, at the age of 22. He was assigned to the 1st Reinforcements, 9th Light Horse Regiment, and after initial training, embarked for overseas service from Melbourne, aboard the troopship HMAT Surada (A52), on 6 February 1915. Tooper Matheson joined his regiment in Egypt on 8 April and was posted to A Squadron. The regiment arrived on Gallipoli in May. Matheson was wounded in the face at Lone Pine on 7 August 1915 and was immediately evacuated to Egypt and then on to England to the 3rd London General Hospital. He lost his left eye and also the sight in his right eye. Once his wounds had healed he was admitted to St Dunstan's Hospital for the blind in November 1915 where he underwent rehabilitation and training for work in civilian life for the next two years. He was discharged from St Dunstan's on 25 November 1917, described as being 'fully trained in mat making', and returned to Australia two days later. He was discharged from the army at the end of January 1918. Although blind, Matheson was able to find his way around parts of London with little assistance. In 1917 he was noticed by a British artist, Claire Sheridan, in Regent's Park, dressed in his uniform. She later recalled that Matheson had attracted her attention 'by the way he walked alone, with his head held high and an inspired expression on his face. He was beautiful and resigned and patient'. His appearance inspired her to create a small painted plaster statue of Matheson, now in the War Memorial collection as ART19568. She replaced the cane he normally carried with the figure of a woman to guide him. Ernest Matheson died in Adelaide in December 1965. St Dunstan's continues to support blind and visually impaired ex-Service men and women today.



<b>Date of enlistment</b>	<b>25 November 1914</b>
<b>Date of embarkation</b>	<b>06 February 1915</b>
<b>Date returned to Australia</b>	<b>25 November 1917</b>
<b>Date of death</b>	<b>1965-12</b>



**A swimming  
party from  
HMS Psyche  
at Car Nicobar  
Island.**

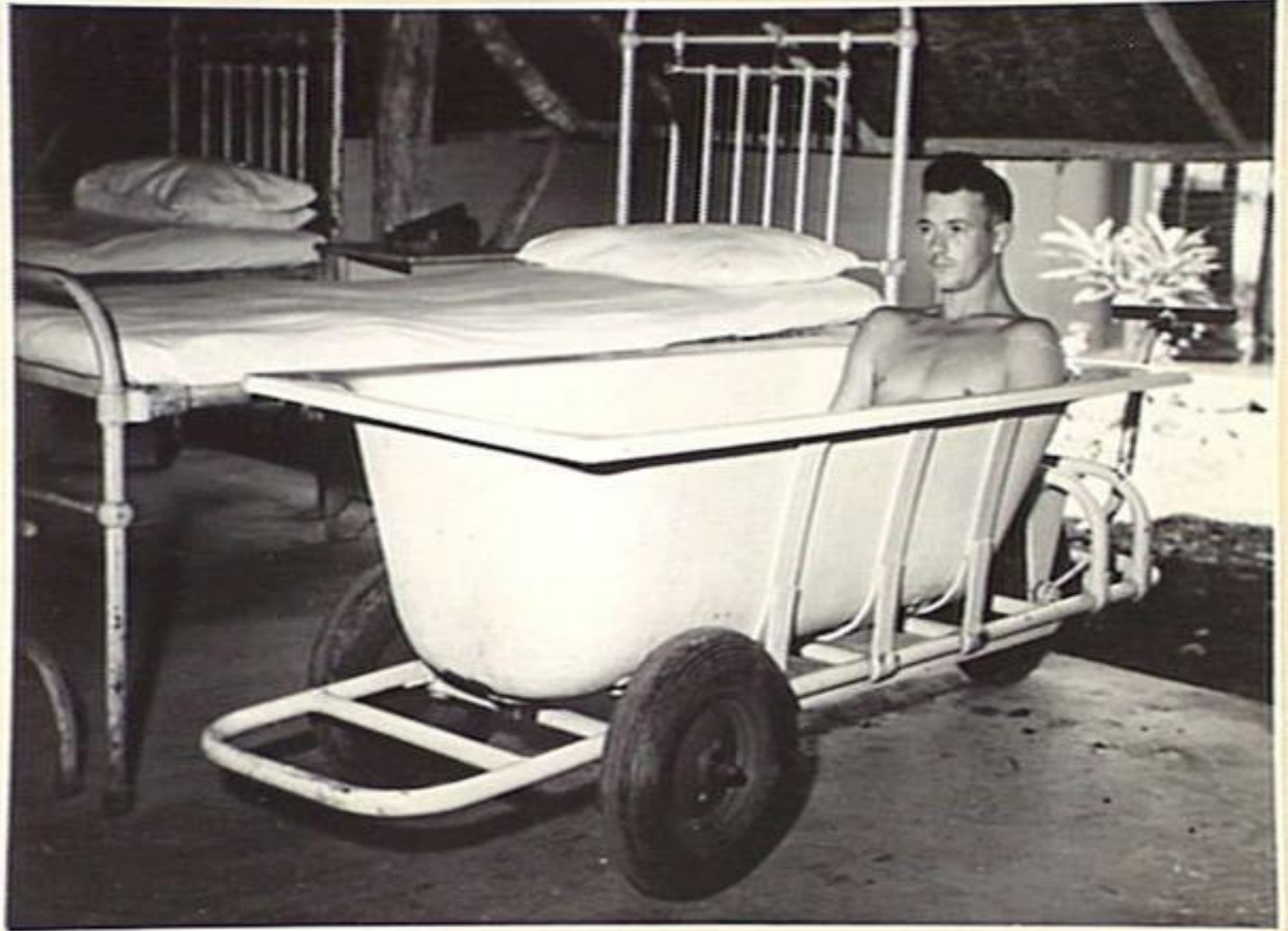


**Mena, Egypt. c.  
1915. Members  
of the 8th  
Australian Light  
Horse Regiment  
relaxing in a  
swimming pool.**  
(Donor J.P. Campbell)





**LAE AREA, NEW  
GUINEA. 1945-08-  
11. SERGEANT G.  
ANDERSON HAVING  
TREATMENT FOR  
BURNS IN A BATH  
USED FOR ALL BURN  
CASES AT 2/7  
GENERAL HOSPITAL.**





**LATAKIA, SYRIA, 1942-  
04-02. 9TH  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
MOBILE BATH UNIT, IN  
OPERATION IN THE  
LINES OF THE 2/17TH  
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY  
BATTALION. CANOPY  
OF TRAILER IS USED AS  
A SHOWER RECESS. SIX  
SHOWER ROSES ARE  
INSTALLED IN THE  
ROOF.**



**LATTAQUIE, SYRIA,  
1942-04-02. THE  
BOILER TRUCK WITH  
THIMBLE BOILER AND  
RUTHERFORD  
BURNER, OF THE 9TH  
AUSTRALIAN DIVISION  
MOBILE BATH UNIT, IN  
OPERATION.**







**MELKONG RIVER,  
NEW BRITAIN. 1945-  
02-20. TROOPS OF  
THE 2/14TH FIELD  
REGIMENT, ENJOYING  
A BATH OR A WASH  
IN THE SHALLOWS OF  
THE RIVER NEAR  
THEIR CAMP.**

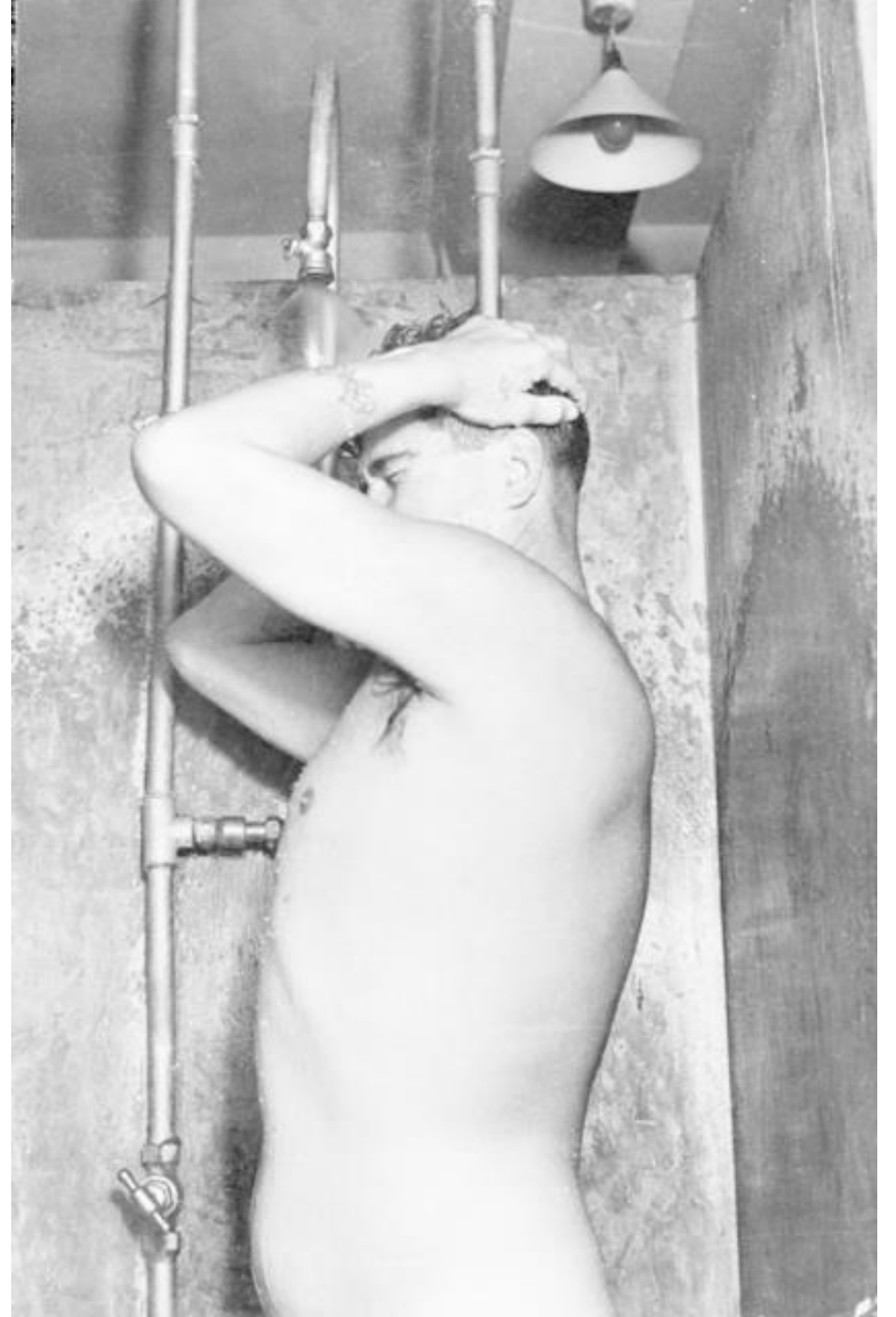




**LIBYA. 1941-12.  
LEADING-  
AIRCRAFTMAN R.D.  
ALLAN OF NO. 3  
SQUADRON, RAAF,  
HAVING A SPONGE  
BATH IN THE  
WESTERN DESERT.**



**""Lofty' takes a bath." This image is from the collection of Claude Jabez Powter who served in the First World War and with the Australian Contingent for the Coronation of King George VI on 12 May 1937.**



**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)**

**IN THE NEXT PHOTO:**







**MALAYA. MIXED BATHING  
NOT ALLOWED, SO THE  
CROCODILES HAVE IT ALL  
TO THEMSELVES.** (NEGATIVE BY M.  
NICHOLS).



## 6 DIVISION SIGNALS



**Soputa, Papua.  
December 1942.  
Australian troops  
bathing in the  
River Basari at  
Soputa. Two men  
are standing on a  
wooden platform  
while they dry  
themselves  
(right).**





**9TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION  
TROOPS  
DOING  
PHYSICAL  
TRAINING  
AND SUN  
BATHING ON  
AFTER DECK,  
WHILE  
ENROUTE TO  
AUSTRALIA.**



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**"A Study in Spinebashing"  
(*Australian slang for having a rest  
or loafing*). At sea off Macassar,  
WX21543 [unable to be verified]  
Trooper W. Lindsay and NX98667  
[unable to be verified] Private R.  
J. Ferguson sunbaking on the  
upper deck of the United States  
Victory ship SS Winchester  
Victory. The men were returning  
home to Australia after serving  
with the Australian Forces of  
Occupation in the Celebes.**



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**AUSSIES ENJOY  
THE SUN.  
TROOPS OF THE  
A.I.F.  
RETURNING BY  
TROOPSHIP  
FROM THE  
MIDDLE EAST  
RELAX ON DECK.**



**BALIKPAPAN,  
BORNEO. 1945-  
09-07. CORPORAL  
H. GROSS, LANCE  
CORPORAL  
(L/CPL) H.  
THOMPSON AND  
L/CPL L. J.  
MOORE,  
MEMBERS OF  
2/14TH INFANTRY  
BATTALION,  
SUNBAKING ON  
THE WRECKAGE  
OF A JAPANESE  
LAUNCH ON THE  
BEACH NEAR THE  
UNIT CAMP.**





**BRUNEI, NORTH  
WEST BORNEO  
1945-11-24. TWO  
MEN OF THE  
2/15TH  
BATTALION  
SUNNING  
THEMSELVES  
BESIDE A DEEP  
POOL WHICH WAS  
A POPULAR  
SWIMMING SPOT  
FOR AUSTRALIAN  
TROOPS IN THE  
AREA.** (PHOTOGRAPHER  
SGT F. A. C. BURKE)



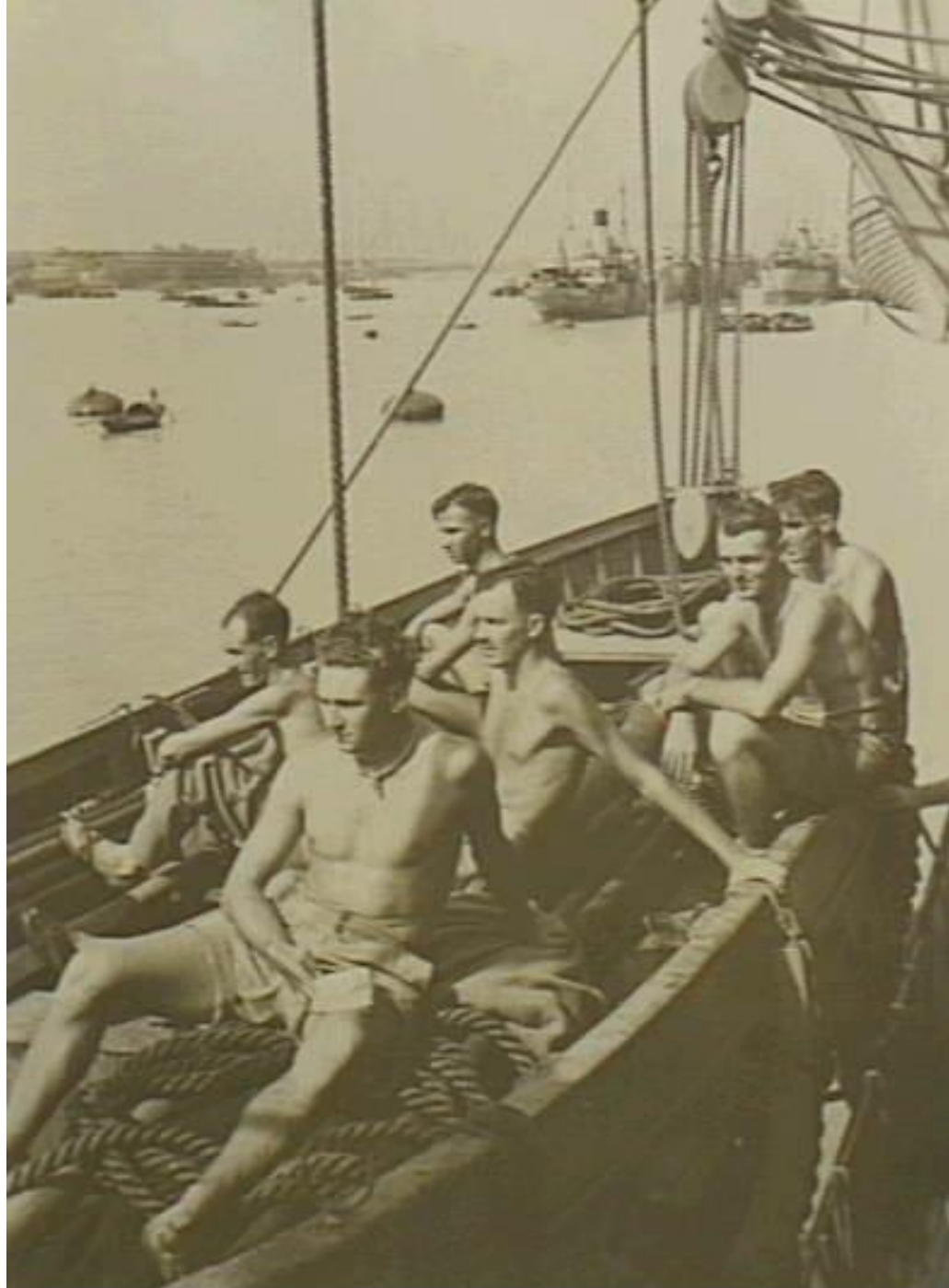
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**Calcutta, India. c. October 1945. After being identified with all phases of the aerial war in Mountbatten's South East Asia Command, the first large draft of RAAF aircrew to leave since Japan's capitulation embarked on the SS Sontay. They are due to arrive at Fremantle, NSW, on 17 October 1945 and Sydney, NSW, on 27 October 1945. Sun-tanning in a lifeboat, the Australians take a last look at Calcutta with the recently built Howrah Bridge in the background. Before making open sea the SS Sontay had to steam downstream in Hooghly River for two days.**





**DUGUMUR BAY, NEW  
GUINEA. 1944-06-14.  
MEMBERS OF 4TH  
INFANTRY BATTALION  
SUNBAKING ON THE  
BEACH UNDER THE  
GUARD OF A SENTRY, AT A  
TWO POUNDER ANTI-  
TANK GUN SITED FOR  
BEACH DEFENCE AGAINST  
BARGE ATTACK.**





**GERALDTON,  
AUSTRALIA. 1942-  
10. PHOTOGRAPH  
TAKEN DURING  
FIELD EXERCISES BY  
2ND AND 4TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISIONS, OF A  
MEMBER OF A  
FLYING COLUMN  
SUNBAKING AND  
WRITING LETTERS  
HOME WHILST  
RESTING IN THE  
"FORWARD" AREA.**





**Gibraltar. C.  
1945-04. A  
Lockheed  
Ventura aircraft  
of RAF Coastal  
Command flies  
off the end of  
the runway  
over some  
sunbathers  
resting on the  
sand after a  
swim.**



**H.M. TRANSPORT,  
ORCADES, AT SEA.  
1942-03. WITH  
LIFEBELTS AS PILLOWS,  
TROOPS OF THE A.I.F.  
RETURNING FROM THE  
MIDDLE EAST ENJOY  
THE SUN ON DECK.**





**HUMBOLT  
BAY, NEW  
GUINEA.  
1944-09/08.  
"OFF  
WATCH"  
RATINGS  
ENJOYING A  
GOOD  
SUNBAKE  
ON THE  
FORECASTLE  
OF THE RAN  
COVETTE,  
GEELONG.**



**JACQUINOT BAY, NEW  
BRITAIN. 1944-12-18-20.  
PERSONNEL OF THE  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF  
ORDNANCE SERVICES,  
5TH DIVISION,  
SUNBAKING AT "BONDI  
BEACH" NEAR THEIR  
CAMP. IDENTIFIED  
PERSONNEL ARE:-  
QX34585 WARRANT  
OFFICER II, A.W. HAYES  
(1); QX51028 PRIVATE  
H.R. PROWSE (2);  
SX35392 PRIVATE L.W.  
KLOEDEN (3).**



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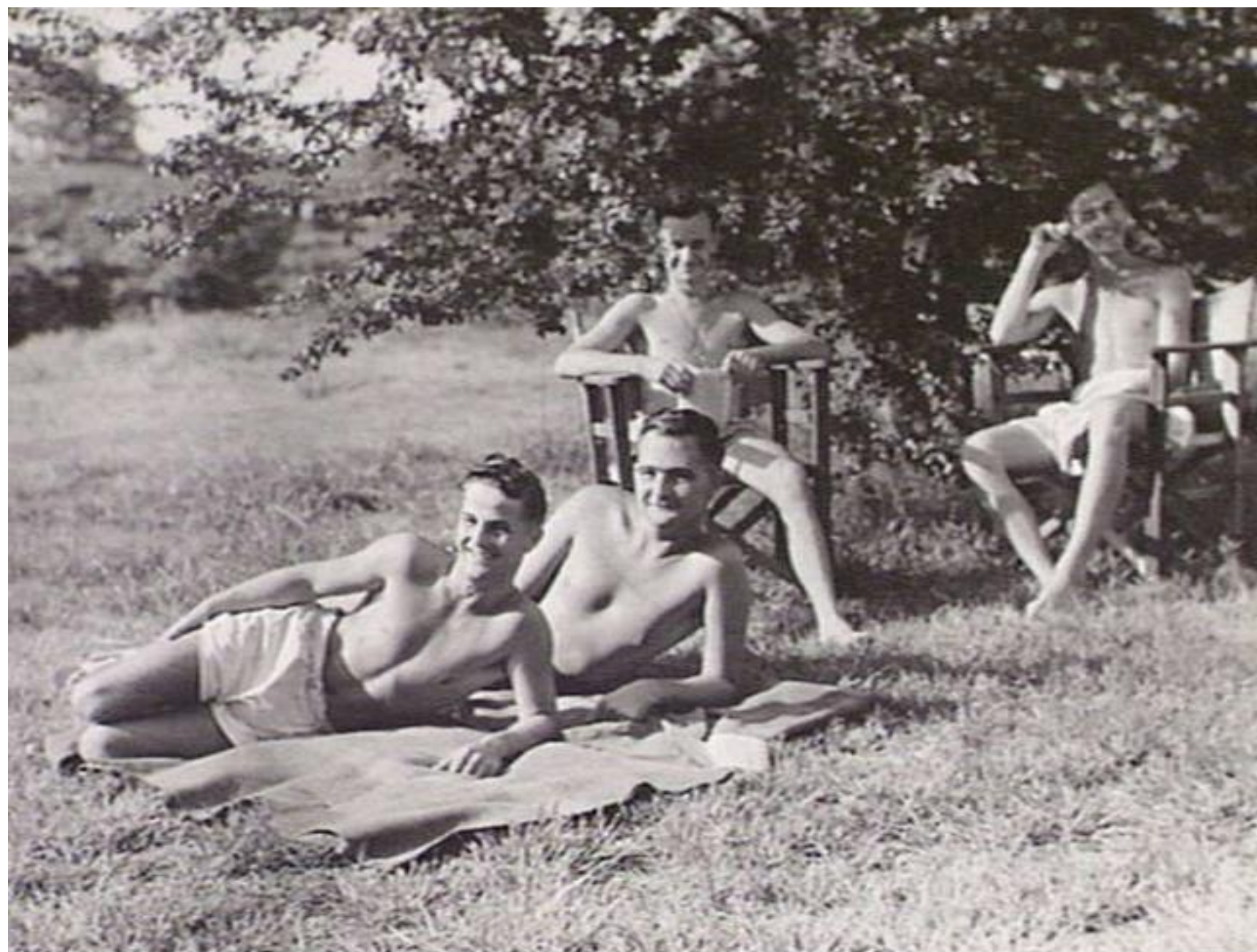
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**BALIKPAPAN,  
BORNEO. 1945-  
09-07. MEMBERS  
OF 2/14TH  
INFANTRY  
BATTALION,  
SUNBAKING ON  
THE BEACH NEAR  
THE UNIT CAMP.**





**MANILA, PHILIPPINES 1945-11-01.**  
**MEN FROM THE 37TH AUSTRALIAN**  
**HEAVY WIRELESS UNIT AND**  
**ADVANCED LAND HEADQUARTERS**  
**SIGNALS, "A" DETACHMENT, WERE**  
**THE ONLY AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL**  
**REMAINING IN THE AREA. THEY**  
**WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR**  
**MAINTAINING THE ONLY LINE OF**  
**COMMUNICATION BETWEEN**  
**AUSTRALIA AND COMMONWEALTH**  
**FORCES IN TOKYO. LEFT TO RIGHT:**  
**WX38754 SIGNALMAN (SIG) K.**  
**MORT (BUNDABERG, QLD);**  
**VX106967 SIG MCCARTHY**  
**(BENTLEIGH, VIC); VX138842 SIG W.**  
**W. ESAT (BRIGHTON, VIC); AND**  
**VX106987 SIG E. W. WARDELL**  
**SUNBAKING ON THEIR REST DAY.**  
**(PHOTOGRAPHER SGT F. BUTT)**



**M.S. SOPHOCLES. AT SEA: ONE OF THE  
CREW TAKES TIME OFF FOR A  
SUNBAKE. (NEGATIVE BY D. PARER).**





**M.S. SOPHOCLES.  
AT SEA: THROUGH  
THE PORTHOLE  
OF THE CABIN WE  
SEE HOW THE  
TROOPS SPEND  
THEIR TIME  
GETTING A LITTLE  
OF THE SUNTAN  
WITH WHICH  
THEY WILL  
DAZZLE THE  
LASSES AT BONDI.**  
(NEGATIVE BY D. PARER).





**New Guinea.  
Private Henry  
Williams of  
Ayr, Qld,  
spends his  
rest-day  
sunbaking on  
the beach and  
drinking the  
milk from a  
green  
coconut.**



**North Africa. C. 1943-09. Portrait of Flight Sergeant (F Sgt) A. R. Dick of Melbourne, Vic, and F Sgt J. F. Power of St John's, Newfoundland, who find something to attract them while they sunbathe at a rest camp on the North African Coast for aircrew of the North African Coastal Air Force.**



**ON BOARD HMT  
NIEUW  
AMSTERDAM, AT  
SEA. 1943-02.  
RETURN OF 9TH  
AUSTRALIAN  
DIVISION AND  
HEADQUARTERS  
A.I.F.(M.E.) TO  
AUSTRALIA  
FROM THE  
MIDDLE EAST.  
TROOPS  
SUNBAKING ON  
DECK, WHILE  
THOSE IN THE  
BACKGROUND  
WATCH A BOXING  
BOUT.**



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**ON BOARD HM  
TRANSPORT DUNTROON,  
AT SEA. 1942-04. THESE  
AUSTRALIANS RETURNING  
WITH THE A.I.F. FROM THE  
MIDDLE EAST, TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF THE  
TROPICAL SUN FOR SUN-  
BATHING.**





**PATIENTS AT 105 (ADELAIDE)  
MILITARY HOSPITAL  
SUNBATHING OUTSIDE THEIR  
WARD. IDENTIFIED  
PERSONNEL ARE:- SIGNAL G.T.  
RENSHAW, 9 DIVISION  
SIGNALS (1); PRIVATE L.R.  
ALLEN, 2/43 INFANTRY  
BATTALION (2); PTE F.  
CHEETHAM, 4 AUSTRALIAN  
DEPOT ADVANCED  
AMMUNITION DEPOT (3);  
WARRANT OFFICER I, K.J.  
MARTIN, 2/14 FIELD  
REGIMENT (4); PTE A.W.  
KIRBY, 2/43 INF BN (5).**



**Space is limited on the  
convoy ship so that  
every member of No.  
450 (Kittyhawk)  
Squadron RAAF has  
taken advantage of a  
seat wherever it may  
be found. The men  
read and sunbathe  
while waiting for their  
transport ship to begin  
the crossing of the  
Mediterranean taking  
them to Malta to take  
part in operations  
mounted from there.**



**WAREO, NEW GUINEA.  
1943-12. TROOPS OF  
THE 2/23RD  
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY  
BATTALION, TRYING TO  
GET A SUNTAN DURING  
ONE OF THEIR STAND  
DOWN PERIODS.  
IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL  
ARE: VX73862 PRIVATE  
F. T. MADDY (1);  
VX51694 PRIVATE L. W.  
BIRD (2); VX47986  
PRIVATE J. CONSTABLE  
(3).**





**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.**

