

**2/23rd Australian Infantry Battalion
(Albury's Own)
Memorial Gates**



On this site on the 20th August, 1940,
the 2/23rd Infantry Battalion was raised.

At the time, the location was the Albury Agricultural Showgrounds.

The Battalion was part of the 26th Brigade,
9th Division of the 2nd Australian Imperial Force.

The Battalion served with distinction in North Africa 1941-1942.

During the Defence of Tobruk.

The Defence of the Alamein Line and El Alamein.

The Salient 1941.

The Battalion also served with distinction in the South West Pacific 1943-1945,

The Defence of Lae-Nadzab, Busu River, Finschafen, Sattelberg, Wareo,
Borneo and Tarakan.

338 Died 773 Wounded

Lest We Forget

PHOTO STUDY OF THE 2/23rd AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

Established at Victoria Barracks, in Melbourne, in June 1940, the **2/23rd Battalion** was raised as part of the all-volunteer Second Australian Imperial Force and assigned to the 26th Brigade. Under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Evans, a small cadre of experienced personnel drawn from Victorian Militia units were concentrated at Victoria Barracks prior to the battalion headquarters being relocated to Albury, New South Wales, where a large number of volunteers were completing their recruit training at the 4th Recruit Training Battalion. Upon the conclusion of this course, the recruits were posted to the 2/23rd and the battalion – over 900 strong– moved to Bonegilla, Victoria, just across the border, where more complex collective training was completed prior to departure overseas. A large majority of the battalion's initial intake of volunteers came from the Albury–Wodonga region and as a result, the 2/23rd became known as "Albury's Own"

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**BURLEIGH HEADS, QUEENSLAND,
AUSTRALIA. 1944-07-14. MEMBERS
OF THE 7TH DIVISION LIFE SAVING
TEAM PRACTISING ON THE BEACH
NEAR THE PHYSICAL TRAINING
CAMP. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:-
WX112 PRIVATE J. DICKIE, 2/23RD
INFANTRY BATTALION (1); SX3453
SERGEANT J. SCALLY, 2/27TH
INFANTRY BATTALION (2); SX18016
PRIVATE D.E. BOWDEN, 2/33RD
INFANTRY BATTALION (3); NX126763
PRIVATE J.F. CHRISTENSEN, 2/27TH
INFANTRY BATTALION (4); QX28537
PRIVATE M.W. BARLTROP, 2/14TH
INFANTRY BATTALION (5).**



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INFANTRY BATTALION (4); NX92115
PRIVATE A. MCGILCHRIST, 2/31ST
INFANTRY BATTALION (5); NX126763
PRIVATE J.F. CHRISTENSEN, 2/27TH
INFANTRY BATTALION (6).**



VX42266 Corporal J L Johnson standing outside his family home in Walwa Victoria on conclusion of his pre-embarkation leave. He was taken to Bonegilla by his cousins in their Nash car (pictured) to rejoin the 2/23rd Battalion at Bonegilla Barracks. The dog in the photograph is his own and named 'Monkey'.



CAIRNS, QLD. 1943-08-01. VX46649 PRIVATE DUNNE (LEFT) AND VX60438 PRIVATE BRAYBON OF THE 2/23RD BATTALION, 26TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, CHOOSE HARD BEDS AND PILLOWS FOR THEIR NAPS.



CAIRNS, QLD. 1943-08-01. VX46698 PRIVATE (PTE) G. E. MOORE (1) OF THE 2/23RD BATTALION, 26TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE, TRIES OUT HIS HAMMOCK WHILE VX61025 PTE J. E. LYNCH (2) AND VX124472 PTE C. BOULTER (3) LOOKS ON.





**DEIR AMA, SYRIA. 1942-03.
ARTIFICIAL CACTUS WAS USED
EXTENSIVELY TO CAMOUFLAGED
PILLBOXES AND GUN POSTS IN THE
2/23RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
BATTALION DEFENCE AREA AT DEIR
AMA, 10 MILES NORTH OF
TRIPOLI.**



DEIR AMA, SYRIA. 1942-03. ARTIFICIAL ROCK CONCEALING A MACHINE GUN POST IN THE 2/23RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION DEFENCE AREA AT DEIR AMA, 10 MILES NORTH OF TRIPOLI. FROM A FEW FEET AWAY IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT THE POST.



**DEIR AMA, SYRIA. 1942-03.
NATIVE LABOURERS
BUILDING AN
UNDERGROUND SLEEPING
BAY FOR EIGHT MEN IN A
FORWARD AREA AT DEIR
AMA, 10 MILES NORTH OF
TRIPOLI. TRENCHES WILL
LEAD FROM THE BAY TO GUN
POSTS AND PILLBOXES.
PRIVATE H. BUTLER OF THE
2/23RD AUSTRALIAN
INFANTRY BATTALION IS
SUPERVISING.**

**TEL EL EISA. 1942-08-01.
CORPORAL V. FAUVEL (RIGHT)
AND PRIVATE R.W.
MCCARTNEY OF 2/23RD
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
BATTALION MORTAR PLATOON
IN THEIR SECTION POST
FRONTING THE GERMAN LINE,
800 YARDS FROM THE ENEMY,
WEST OF TEL EL EISA.**





TEL EL EISA, EGYPT. 1942-08-01. LIEUTENANT H. GRAY OF "A" COMPANY, 2/23RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, WRITING HOME IN THE CUTTING JUST WEST OF TEL EL EISA CAPTURED BY HIS COMPANY AFTER BITTER FIGHTING ON 1942-07-23.



**TEL EL EISA, EGYPT. 1942-08-01.
SCENE IN THE RAILWAY CUTTING
NEAR TEL EL EISA. LIEUTENANT
N.E. MCMASTER, ACTING OFFICER
COMMANDING "A" COMPANY,
2/23RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
BATTALION (RIGHT) HOLDING A
BELT OF MACHINE-GUN BULLETS
FROM THE CAPTURED BREDA
MODEL 37 8MM MACHINE-GUN
AROUND WHICH MEN OF THE
COMPANY ARE GROUPED. "A"
COMPANY WRESTED THIS
POSITION FROM THE GERMANS
AFTER FOUR ATTEMPTS. TWO
OFFICERS AND 10 MEN THEN HELD
THE POSITION FOR 10 HOURS
UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF
REINFORCEMENTS.**



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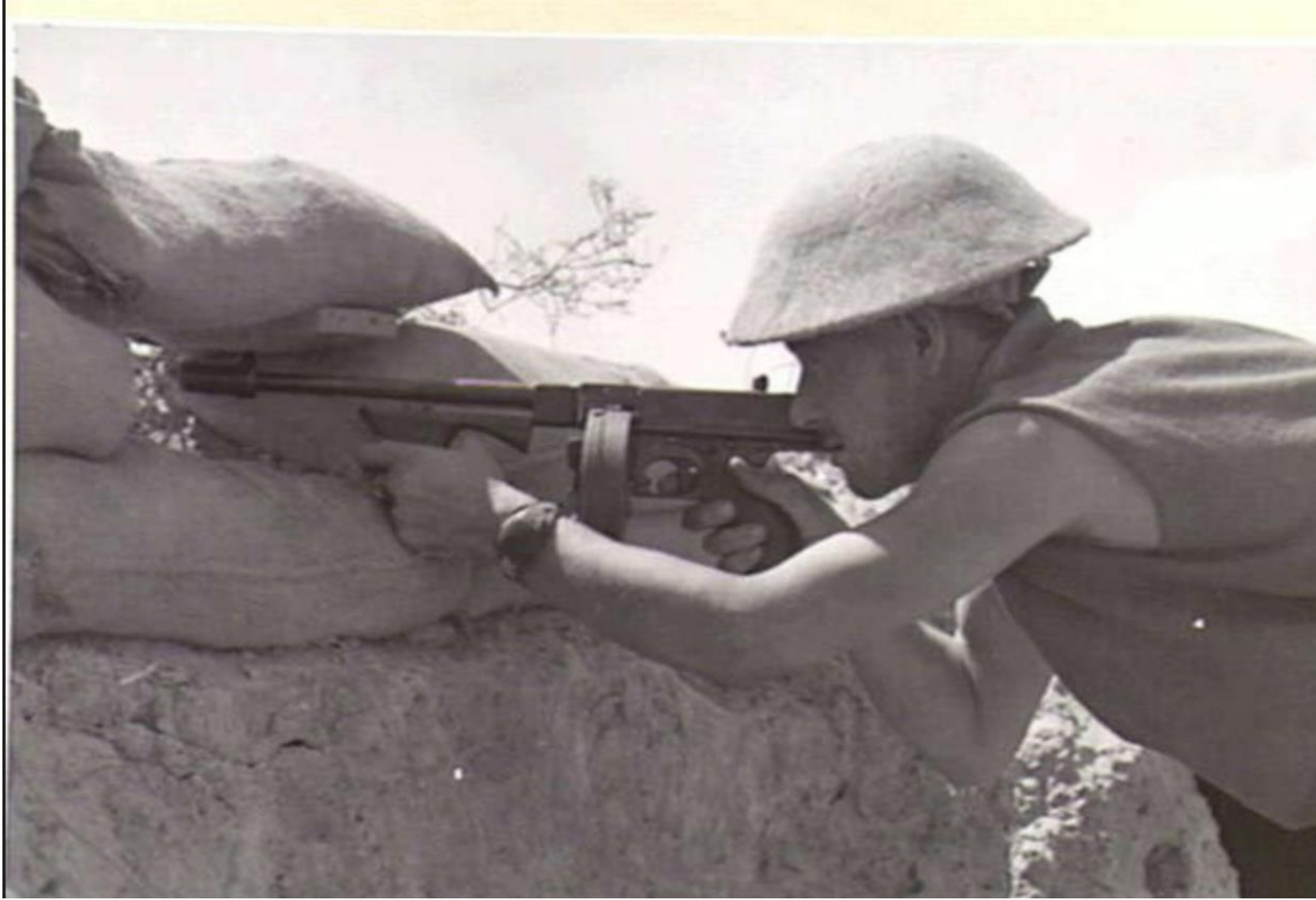
**WESTERN DESERT, EGYPT
. A SECTION OF AIF
INFANTRYMEN (23RD
BATTALION) NOW
FIGHTING IN NORTH
AFRICA AWAIT ZERO
HOUR BEFORE GOING
OUT ON A PATROL IN THE
DESERT. THE MEN HAVE
FIXED BAYONETS AND
ONE MAN IN THE
FOREGROUND IS
CARRYING A THOMPSON
SUBMACHINE GUN
(TOMMY GUN).**



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VX31704 Corporal Warwick (Wally) Brownrigg, of the 2/23rd Infantry Battalion replacing the magazine of his tommy gun. His dugout is typical of fire bays in the Tobruk area.



VX26227 Private (later Corporal) George Edward Jeffs, (killed in action, New Guinea, 17 November 1943) of the 2/23rd Infantry Battalion manning a machine gun post in a forward section, Tobruk.





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TEL EL EISA, EGYPT. 1942-08-01. VIEW OF MEN OF "A" COMPANY, 2/23RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION, IN THE RAILWAY CUTTING TAKEN FROM THE GERMANS AFTER BITTER FIGHTING ON 1942-07-23. WHEN TAKEN IT WAS HELD BY 2 OFFICERS AND 10 MEN FOR 10 HOURS UNTIL REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED. NOTE THE WATER TINS IN LEFT BOTTOM CORNER.

These three members of the 2/23rd Infantry Battalion, sitting outside their dugout in a forward area, writing letters home.

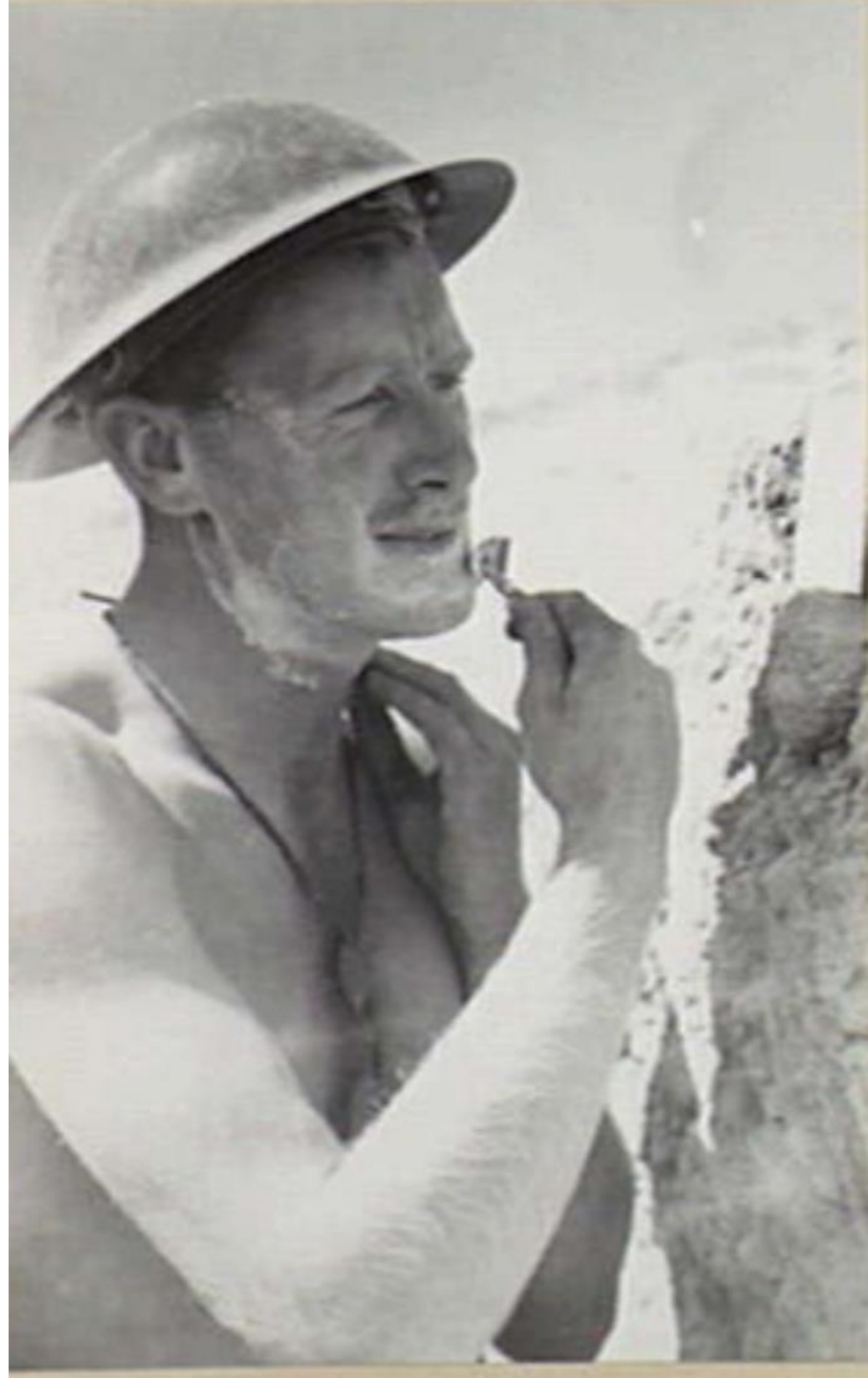


Two members of the 2/23rd Infantry Battalion eating a hasty lunch in a small rock cave in a forward area of Tobruk.





**Private "Chick"
Bridge of the 2/23rd
Infantry Battalion
finding time for a
shave in the front
line at Tobruk.**



**PRIVATE D. E. HAILEY
(LEFT) AND T. M.
CONWAY (RIGHT)
MEMBERS OF 2/23RD
INFANTRY BATTALION
IN THEIR BREN GUN PIT
ON THE FORWARD
SLOPE OF B COMPANY
POSITION DURING THE
ATTACK ON THE
JAPANESE HELD FREDA
FEATURE BY 26TH
INFANTRY BRIGADE.**





**RAVENSHOE AREA, QLD. 1944-12-24.
PRIVATE M HAYES, 2/23RD INFANTRY
BATTALION, CLEANING HIS TEETH
OUTDOORS BEFORE GETTING SPRUCED
UP FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT THE
2/1 CASUALTY CLEARING STATION
DESPITE AN INJURY TO HIS ARM.**

Sergeant Leo Jones of the 2/23rd Infantry Battalion with his improvised banjo made from a kerosene tin and packing case while he was serving in the Tobruk area.





**SNAGS TRACK, TARAKAN.
1945-05-20. ONE OF THE
14 TROOP MATILDA MK II
TANKS OF 2/9
ARMoured REGIMENT
FIRING ITS THREE INCH
HOWITZER AT A JAPANESE
PILLBOX FORWARD OF C
COMPANY 2/23 INFANTRY
BATTALION POSITIONS
ON THE ELBOW. THE FIRE
OF THIS HOWITZER IS
DIRECTED BY PHONE
REPORTS FROM THE
FORWARD TROOPS.**

**SNAGS TRACK, TARAKAN.
1945-05-20. PRIVATE I.
MCARTHUR (1), AND
PRIVATE W.J. MANNIX (2),
OPERATING NO. 2 MORTAR
OF MORTAR PLATOON,
FIRING ON MARGIE
FEATURE, IN SUPPORT OF C
COMPANY 2/23 INFANTRY
BATTALION PERSONNEL ON
ZEBRA HILL. IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE:- PRIVATE
J. BORN (3); PRIVATE M.
SPILLER (4).**



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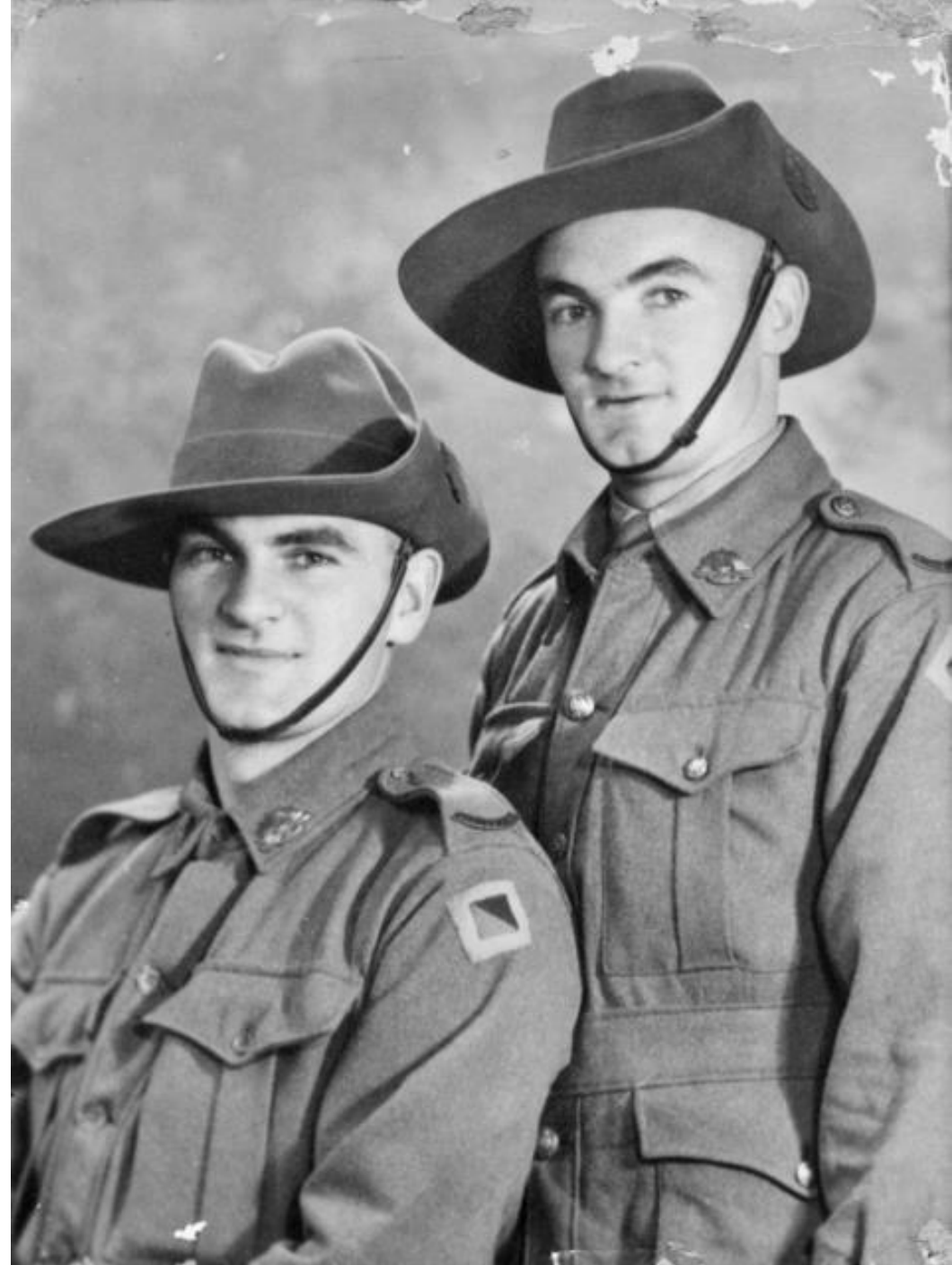


**SNAGS TRACK, TARAKAN.
1945-05-20. PRIVATE J.
LINDSAY (1), HANDING
AMMUNITION TO PRIVATE J.
BORN (2). THE MEN,
MEMBERS OF THE 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION, USE A
BURNT OUT 1939
OLDSMOBILE CAR
ABANDONED BY JAPANESE
FORCES, TO STORE MORTAR
PLATOON'S AMMMUNITION.**

**Souvenir portrait of VX61516
Private (Pte) John Edward Coole,
2/23 Battalion. The portrait has
been inserted into a replica label
of Victoria Brewery Bitter Ale. On
the reverse Pte Coole has written
the message "How do like me on
the label of my favourite fruit",
when he sent it home to his family.**



**Studio portrait of brothers, VX40139
Private (Pte) Lawrence Anthony Egan
(left) and VX42964 Pte Joseph John (Joe)
Egan (right), of Allansford, Vic. Both
enlisted with the 2/23rd Battalion on 29
June 1940, and Pte Joe Egan was killed in
action in Tobruk, Libya, on 17 May 1941,
aged 24.**



Studio portrait of WX22774 Private (Pte) Keith Charles Christmass DCM, 2/24 Battalion, of Northam, WA. Pte Christmass enlisted at Claremont, WA on 15 February 1944. He died of wounds in Borneo on 31 May 1945. He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his 'conspicuous bravery and devotion' south of Droop in May 1945.



**SYRIA. 1942-03. THIS
RHESUS MONKEY,
"SMILER", WAS
ACQUIRED BY THE
2/23RD INFANTRY
BATTALION AT AMIRIYA.
HE IS SEEN WITH
DRIVER G. RINTEL WHO
WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
HIS CARE.**



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"SMILER", WAS ACQUIRED BY THE 2/23RD
INFANTRY BATTALION AT AMIRIYA. HE IS SEEN
WITH DRIVERS W.F. SALMON AND G. RINTEL.**





**WESTERN DESERT, EGYPT.
1942-11-04. "SMILER", A
PET MONKEY WHICH IS
THE MASCOT OF 2/23RD
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
BATTALION ("ALBURY'S
OWN") HAS BEEN QUITE A
LOT OF ACTIVE SERVICE, &
IS IN FACT, A BIT "BOMB
HAPPY". HE CAN
DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
OUR PLANES EL GERMANS
& DIVES FOR A SLIT
TRENCH IMMEDIATELY ON
HEARING THE LATTER.**





Wounded being carried through a gap in the barbed wire entanglements around Tobruk near Headquarters, 2/23rd Australian Infantry Battalion. In addition to the stretcher patient another is being carried pick-a-back style.

**TARAKAN, BORNEO.
1945-05-01. A
COMPANY, 2/23
INFANTRY
BATTALION,
ADVANCING
THROUGH WRECKED
OIL STORAGE TANKS
AT TANK HILL.**



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**TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-06.
2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION
TROOPS CLIMB MOUNT API,
DURING ADVANCEMENT AFTER
THE LANDING. OIL STORAGE
TANKS ARE SEEN IN THE
BACKGROUND. IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE:- PRIVATE J.D.
RUSSELL, (1); PRIVATE A. CASH,
(2); PRIVATE CUNNINGHAM, (3);
PRIVATE HARVEY, (4).**



**TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-05.
CORPORAL J.D. BLANTON, (1),
AND PRIVATE F.J. GILES, (2),
MEMBERS OF D COMPANY, 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION, PAUSE
FOR A CUP OF TEA AS THEY PASS
THROUGH THE LINES OF D
COMPANY, 2/24 INFANTRY
BATTALION NEAR THE AIRSTRIP
ON ESSEX RIDGE.**



**TARAKAN, BORNEO. 1945-05-05.
MEMBERS OF D COMPANY, 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION, PAUSE FOR A
CUP OF TEA AS THEY PASS THROUGH
THE LINES OF D COMPANY, 2/24
INFANTRY BATTALION NEAR THE
AIRSTRIp ON ESSEX RIDGE. IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE:- PRIVATE W J
BUTTERLY, (2); PTE R HARLAND, (3); PTE
R SAUNDERS, (4); CORPORAL W M
FITZGIBBON, (5).**





**TARAKAN, BORNEO. 1945-05-05.
PRIVATE J A HUMFREY, D
COMPANY, 2/24 INFANTRY
BATTALION (1), POURING TEA FOR
MEMBERS OF D COMPANY, 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION, AS THEY
PASS THROUGH UNIT LINES NEAR
THE AIRSTRIP ON ESSEX RIDGE.**

TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-09. MEN OF C COMPANY, 2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION COMING OUT OF THE FRONT LINE, MOVING SOUTH ALONG ANZAC HIGHWAY, FOR A REST AFTER 9 DAYS CONTINUOUS FIGHTING AND PATROLLING. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:- PRIVATE T.W. PITT, (4); PRIVATE R.C. ARNOLD, (6); PRIVATE N.O. SPOSITO, (7); PRIVATE H.J. CRUDEN, (8).





TARAKAN, BORNEO. 1945-05-01. MEN OF 17 PLATOON, D COMPANY, 2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION, FIRING FROM STORE KNOLL TO MILKO FEATURE. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:- PTE R.L. STENTIFORD, BREN GUNNER (1); PTE S.F. LAMSON, RIFLEMAN (2); CPL L.S. DAVIDSON, OBSERVER (3).



TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-09. NO. 5 SECTION, 11 PLATOON, B COMPANY, 2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION TROOPS COMING DOWN THE HILL FROM THEIR POSITION AFTER BEING RELIEVED BY 2/24 INFANTRY BATTALION. THEY PASS OVER A JAPANESE PILLBOX PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY 2/24 INFANTRY BATTALION TROOPS AFTER CAPTURING THE AIRSTRIP ON MAY 5.

**TARAKAN, BORNEO,
1945-05-02. PRIVATE J.
HAYWOOD, NO. 9
PLATOON, A
COMPANY, 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION
BEING CARRIED OUT
AFTER RECEIVING A
STOMACH WOUND
FROM A SNIPER'S
BULLET.**



**TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-06.
PRIVATE K.W. ROBINSON, (1), AND
PRIVATE W.F. MOULDEN, (2),
MEMBERS OF C COMPANY, 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION, READ THE
"TARAKAN TIMES" NEWSHEET.**



**TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-
05-05. PRIVATE N.J.
WILSON, HQ COMPANY,
2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION,
MEMBER OF A MORTAR
DETACHMENT, WAITS FOR A
TARGET AT ESSEX RIDGE.**



**TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-06.
CAPTAIN C B W 'CAPPY' RADFORD,
SALVATION ARMY WELFARE OFFICER,
(2), SERVING COFFEE TO 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION TROOPS AT
TACTICAL HEADQUARTERS BESIDE A
WRECKED BUILDING NEAR THE
AIRSTRIIP. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL
ARE:- PRIVATE M. WHITING, (3);
PRIVATE A. FRY, (5).**



TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-06.
2/23RD INFANTRY BATTALION
SIGNALLERS USE A JEEP TRAILER
AS A TABLE WHILE LUNCHING
OUTSIDE A WRECKED BUILDING
ALONGSIDE THE AIRSTRIP.
IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:-
PRIVATE G. GRIFFITHS, (1);
PRIVATE B. SMYTHE, (2);
CORPORAL W. FEARNE, (3);
PRIVATE G. PAINTER, (4);
PRIVATE R. GALLAGHER, (5);
PRIVATE F. FIRTH, (6).



**TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-01.
SAPPER C.R. LANGE, 2/13 FIELD
COMPANY, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN
ENGINEERS, MEMBER OF A
"BANGALORE TORPEDO" PARTY
RESTS ON THE TRAIL
APPROXIMATELY 1-1/2 MILES FROM
THE BEACH WITHIN THE 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION AREA.**



**TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-09.
SERGEANT A.J. BUCKLEY, (1),
AND CORPORAL S. ONGLEY, (2),
BOTH OF 2/24 INFANTRY
BATTALION EXAMINE THE CRUDE
HEADSTONES MADE OF JAM TIN
LIDS WITH NAMES AND
NUMBERS PUNCHED WITH A
NAIL, MARKING THE GRAVES OF
PRIVATE M.H. DUGGAN, PRIVATE
R.H. DAVISON, AND PRIVATE F.
MOLONEY, MEMBERS OF THE
2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION, WHO
WERE KILLED IN THE AREA 3
DAYS BEFORE.**



TARAKAN, BORNEO, 1945-05-09. THE "TARAKAN TAXI" OPERATED BY 3 PLATOON, HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION TROOPS (OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "REBELS"). THE CAR, CAPTURED AT HOSPITAL SPUR, ON MAY 4 HAS BEEN USED TO CARRY WOUNDED, AMMUNITION, EQUIPMENT AND WATER; IT IS SHOWN MOVING NORTHWARDS ALONG ANZAC HIGHWAY BEYOND THE AIRSTRIP.



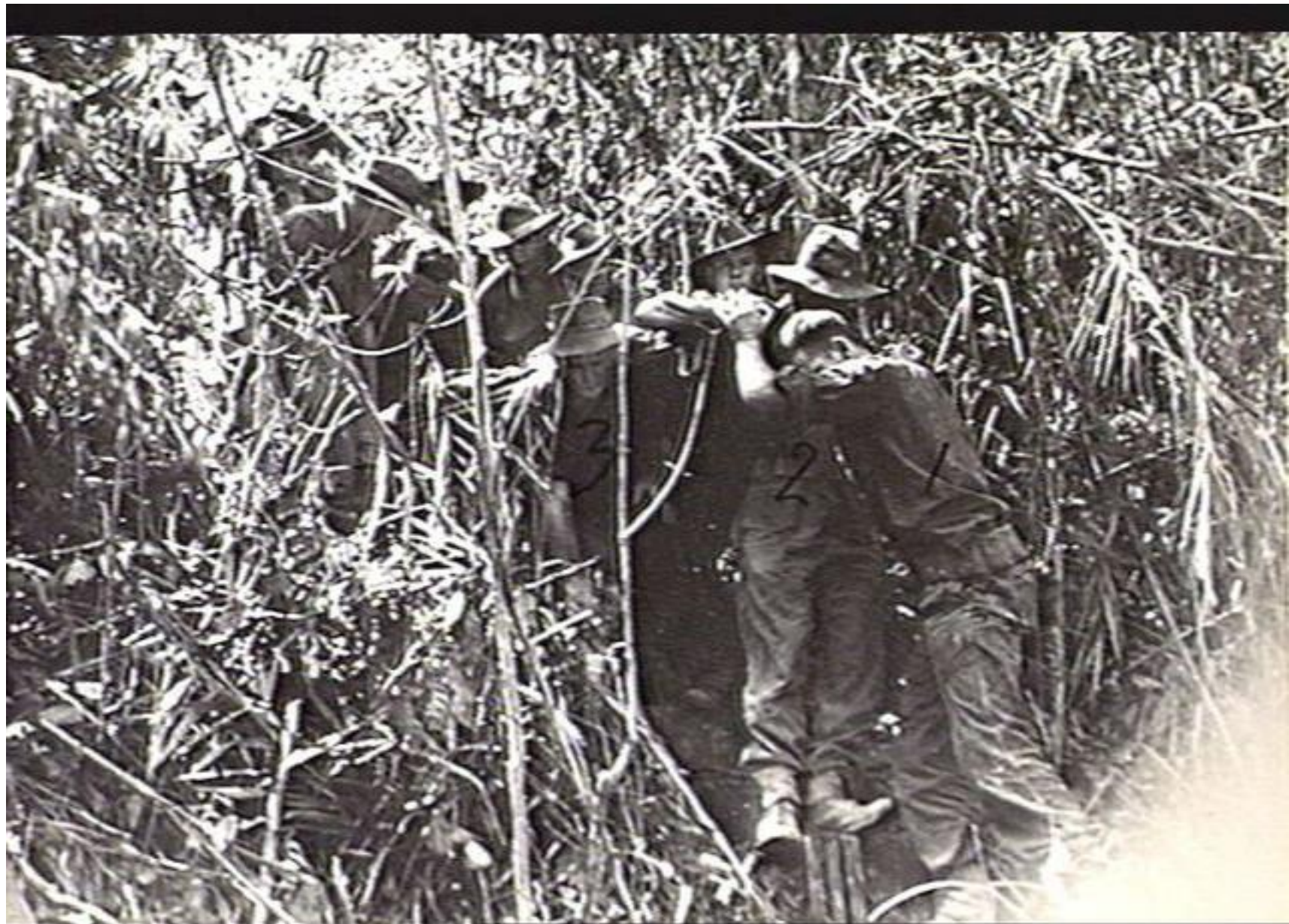
**TARAKAN ISLAND,
BORNEO, 1945-05-02. A
MEMBER OF THE 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION
KILLED IN ACTION DURING
THE FIGHTING FOR
TARAKAN HILL AND
OILFIELDS.**





TARAKAN ISLAND, 1945-05-29. MEMBERS OF D COMPANY, 2/23RD INFANTRY BATTALION, CARRYING CORPORAL (CPL) JOHNSON (4), A UNIT CASUALTY, DOWN THE STEEP TRACK FROM HILL 105 TO THE UNIT ADVANCED DRESSING STATION. PRIVATE (PTE) D. A. NICHOL (1); PTE J. J. MCGURK (2); PTE P. J. LOONERTY (3); CORPORAL W. FITZGIBBON (5); PTE S. I. MCEWAN (6); PTE F. J. GILES (7).

TARAKAN ISLAND, 1945-05-29. MEMBERS OF D COMPANY, 2/23RD INFANTRY BATTALION, CARRYING ONE OF THE UNIT CASUALTIES DOWN THE STEEP TRACK FROM HILL 105 TO THE UNIT ADVANCED DRESSING STATION. PERSONNEL ARE: VX94912 PRIVATE (PTE) R. HARLAND (1); NX104106 PTE W. M. FITZGIBBONS (2); VX140987 PTE F. T. GILES (3); VX87276 PTE D. A. NICOL.



TARAKAN ISLAND, 1945-05-22. MEMBERS OF PIONEER PLATOON, HQ COMPANY, 2/23RD INFANTRY BATTALION, MOVING ALONG THE CREST OF THE ELBOW AFTER DELOUSING JAPANESE BOOBY TRAPS AND CUTTING STEPS IN THE VARIOUS SLOPES TO FACILITATE THE EVACUATION OF THE WOUNDED DURING THE COMING ATTACK ON JAPANESE POSITIONS.



**TARAKAN ISLAND. 1945-06-01. MEMBERS OF
PIONEER PLATOON, 2/23 INFANTRY
BATTALION, CAREFULLY SEARCHING FOR THE
BODIES OF THREE MEMBERS OF D
COMPANY, WHO WERE BURIED IN A LARGE
FALL OF EARTH DURING THE UNIT ATTACK
ON JAPANESE POSITIONS ON MARGY
FEATURE.**



TARAKAN ISLAND, 1945-05-22. MEMBERS OF 13TH BATTERY, 2/7TH FIELD REGIMENT BRINGING UP SECTIONS OF A CAPTURED JAPANESE 75MM GUN WHICH THEY ARE TO USE DURING THE ATTACK ON JAPANESE POSITIONS ON FREDA FEATURE IN SUPPORT OF 2/23RD INFANTRY BATTALION.



**TARAKAN ISLAND, 1945-
05-22. MEMBERS OF 13TH
BATTERY, 2/7TH FIELD
REGIMENT RESTING
WHILE TRANSPORTING
SECTIONS OF A
CAPTURED JAPANESE
75MM GUN TO A
POSITION WHERE THEY
CAN BOMBARD THE
JAPANESE POSITIONS ON
FREDA FEATURE IN
SUPPORT OF 2/23RD
INFANTRY BATTALION.
IDENTIFIED IS GUNNER L
N OLIVER (LEFT).**



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**TARAKAN ISLAND.
1945-06-01. THE BODY
OF ONE OF A NUMBER
OF JAPANESE
SOLDIERS ACCOUNTED
FOR BY D COMPANY,
2/23 INFANTRY
BATTALION, DURING
THEIR ATTACK ON
ENEMY POSITIONS ON
MARGY FEATURE.
(RESTRICTED).**



**TARAKAN ISLAND, 1945-05-26.
TROOPS TAKING SHELTER
FROM FLYING SHRAPNEL AT A
MACHINE GUN POSITION AND
OBSERVATION POST. PRIVATE
(PTE) J. MORRISH, 2/23RD
INFANTRY BATTALION (4) IS IN
BACKGROUND MANNING A
VICKERS MACHINE GUN.
IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:
LIEUTENANT H.G. SLEMENTS,
2/7TH FIELD REGIMENT (1);
LIEUTENANT R.M. FALKINER,
2/7TH FIELD REGIMENT (2),
PTE A.P. EGAN, 2/23RD
INFANTRY BATTALION (3).**



TARAKAN ISLAND.
INFANTRY BATTALION
AN ORNATE JAPANESE
DURING THE FIGHT
CORRECT NAME IS
KINROSS, WHEN H







TARAKAN ISLAND, 1945-05-22. MEMBERS OF 13 BATTERY, 2/7TH FIELD REGIMENT BRINGING UP SECTIONS OF A CAPTURED JAPANESE 75MM GUN WHICH THEY ARE TO USE DURING THE ATTACK ON FRED A FEATURE IN SUPPORT OF 2/23RD INFANTRY BATTALION. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE: GUNNER (GNR) J. SPENCER (1); SERGEANT (SGT) W. HORSNELL (2); GNR R.N.CRAFT (3); GNR D. GILMOUR (4); SGT A.G. DABINET (5).



**ZEBRA HILL, TARAKAN. 1945-05-20.
PRIVATE R.D. PIGRAM, 2 PLATOON,
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2/23
INFANTRY BATTALION, BREWING
HIMSELF A BILLY OF TEA ON THE
REVERSE SLOPE OF ZEBRA HILL, WHILE
OFF DUTY DURING WAIT FOR
AIRSTRIKE WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY
CANCELLED.**

**ZEBRA HILL, TARAKAN.
1945-05-20. PRIVATE W.F.
WORDEN (1), AND
PRIVATE D.K. SPOSITO (2),
BOTH OF C COMPANY,
2/23 INFANTRY
BATTALION, DISPLAYING
AN AUTOGRAPHED
JAPANESE FLAG TAKEN BY
PRIVATE SPOSITO FROM A
TUNNEL OVERLOOKING
SNAGS TRACK.**





TARAKAN ISLAND. 1 JULY 1945. SERGEANT C L ALCOCK, 2/9 ARMoured REGIMENT (1) AND PRIVATE D CUTHBERT, 11 PLATOON, B COMPANY, 2/3 PIONEER BATTALION (2) TAKING FRESH BREAD AND TINNED FOOD ASHORE TO MEMBERS OF A PATROL FROM 10 PLATOON, 2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION. THE MEN ARE PART OF A 24 HOUR PATROL AROUND THE NORTH COAST OF THE ISLAND IN A LANDING CRAFT MECHANISED.

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.





**IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE:-
PRIVATE M I OSBORNE
(1); LIEUTENANT F
HYNES (2); PTE J E L
MURPHY (3); PTE G R
BATCHLOR (4); PTE A H
MILES (5); PTE R A
PARISH (6); PTE R
LAMBERT (7).**





**IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE:-
PRIVATE R WHELAN;
PTE M I OSBORNE; PTE
G R BATCHLOR; PTE A
H MILES.**

**TARAKAN ISLAND. 1945-09-30.
FOUR CHAPLAINS
CONDUCTING THE CENOTAPH
DEDICATION CEREMONY AT
THE TARAKAN WAR
CEMETERY. IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE:- CHAPLAIN
W. D. MCALISTER, CHURCH OF
ENGLAND, 2/3RD PIONEER
BATTALION; CHAPLAIN F. L.
CUTTRISS, RAAF; CHAPLAIN G.
S. UDY, 2/23RD INFANTRY
BATTALION; CHAPLAIN W. R.
COWPER, METHODIST, HQ, 1
CORPS TROOPS.**





TARAKAN ISLAND, 10 JULY 1945. METHODIST CHAPLAIN, CAPTAIN G S UDY, CALLED THE FIGHTING PADRE, OF 2/23 INFANTRY BATTALION, NEGOTIATING A VERY MUDDY SECTION OF ANZAC HIGHWAY ON HIS MOTORCYCLE.



**WAREO, NEW GUINEA. 1943-
12-09. MEMBERS OF C
COMPANY 2/23RD
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
BATTALION MOVING UP THE
LINE. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL
ARE: VX40097 PRIVATE (PTE)
E. F. LAWRENCE (1); VX42874
PTE L. EDMONDS (2); VX25366
SERGEANT E. J. NORTON (3);
VX42856 PTE A. F. CARMODY
(4); VX71314 PTE E. J.
JOHNSTON (6); VX60986 PTE F.
H. PATRICK (7).**

**WAREO, NEW GUINEA. 1943-12-09.
TROOPS OF THE 2/23RD
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
WITH THE BELL FROM THE MISSION
CHURCH WHICH THEY ARE SENDING
TO ALBURY, NSW. IDENTIFIED
PERSONNEL ARE: VX46775 PRIVATE
(PTE) R. E. HARTLE OF BLACK ROCK,
VIC (1); VX27774 ACTING SERGEANT
G. W. HARRIS OF NORTHCOTE, VIC
(2); VX48803 PTE J. D. DARLEY OF
TOTTENHAM, VIC (3); VX69426 PTE
W. J. HUNTER OF NORTHCOTE, VIC
(4); NX72402 PTE N. E. NICHOLLS OF
BONDI, NSW (5); VX43788 PTE W. P.
ZAMPATTI OF MARYBOROUGH, VIC
(6).**



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**WAREO, NEW GUINEA. 1943-
12-09. VX26054 SERGEANT C.
GAUNT OF TRAFALGAR, VIC
(LEFT); VX51267 CORPORAL J.
R. BROWN OF BRUNSWICK,
VIC (RIGHT); VICKERS
MACHINE GUN CREW OF C
COMPANY, 2/23RD
AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY
BATTALION MANNING A
CAPTURED JAPANESE
POSITION ON THE OUTER
CAMP PERIMETER.**



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WAREO, NEW GUINEA. 1943-12-09. VX24595 PRIVATE (PTE) H. C. CONGDON OF PEAK HILL, VIC (1) AND FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE 2/23RD AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION EXAMINING A JAPANESE SWORD WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE AREA. SHOWN ARE: VX24595 PTE H. C. CONGDON (1); VX4277 PTE C. ROBINSON (2); VX40724 PTE C. F. PAYNE (3); VX60884 PTE M. J. WHITING (4); VX34331 PTE K. WILSON (5); VX56908 PTE A. A. MARTIN (6); VX26054 SERGEANT C. GAUNT (7).

