

**PHOTO STUDY
(PART 2)
AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS
BATHING, SUNBAKING,
SPINEBASHING**

**("Sunbaking" is Australian for Sunbathing)
("Spinebashing" is Australian for loafing and
resting)**



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)**



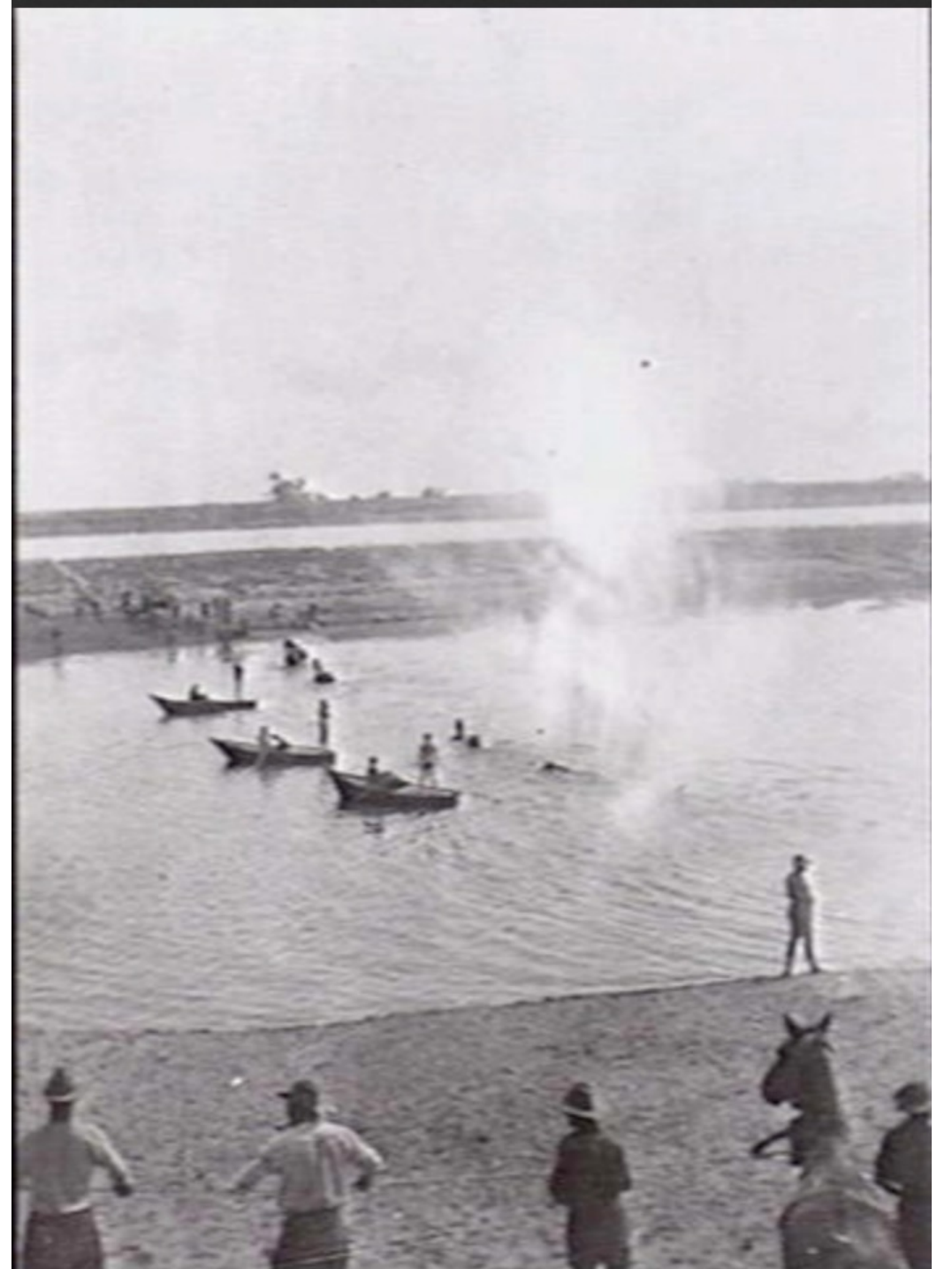


Suez Canal, Egypt. 1916-03. Naked soldiers riding on the back of their horses while the horses have a swim. In the background are two ships steaming up the canal.



**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.

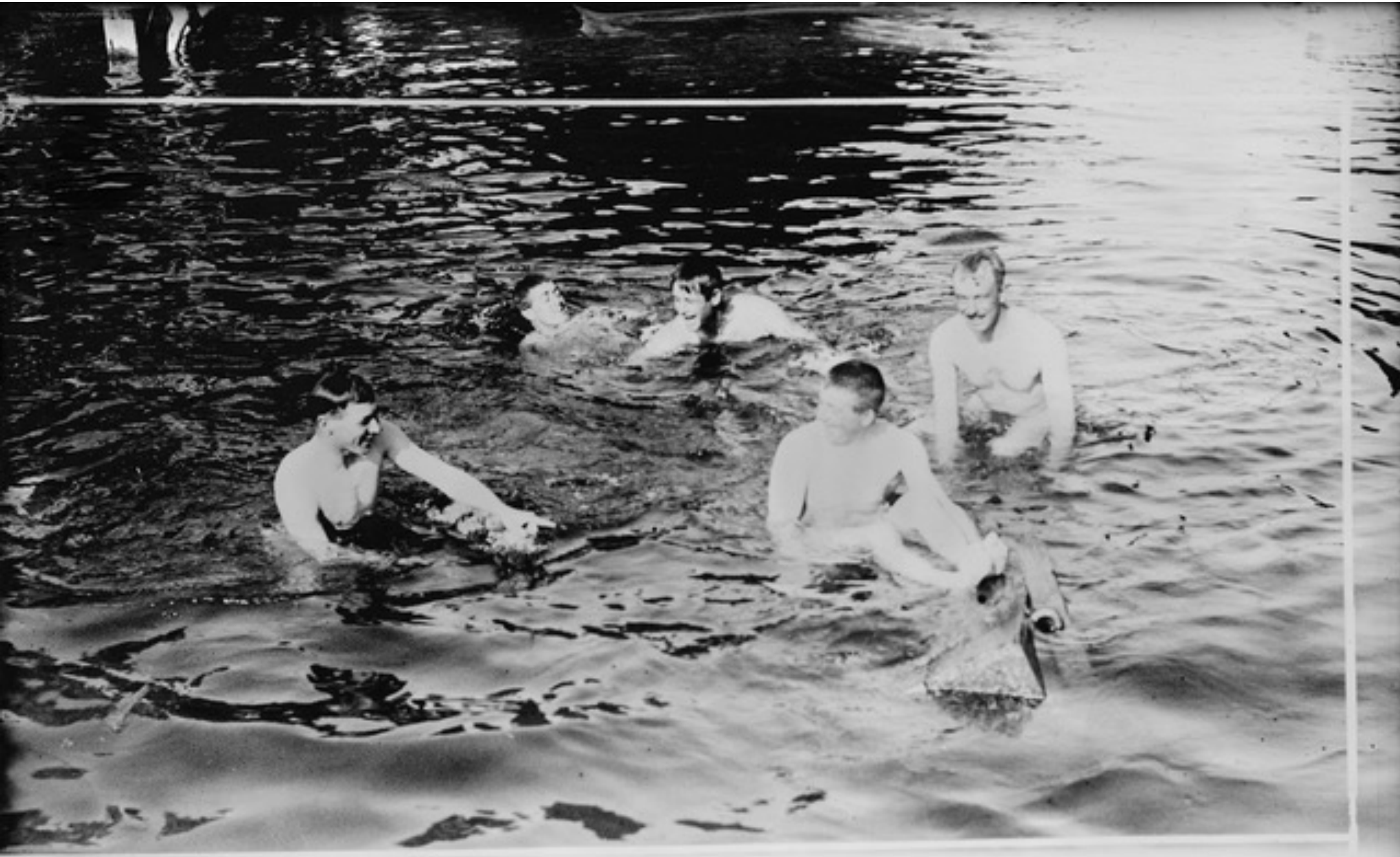


A cat placed on a chair on deck with a dog called Cabby. The dog was picked up while swimming in the Sepik River, New Guinea, and then served in the Australian Navy New Guinea Flotilla from 1914 to 1919. (Donor Captain A.G. Bond)



**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.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

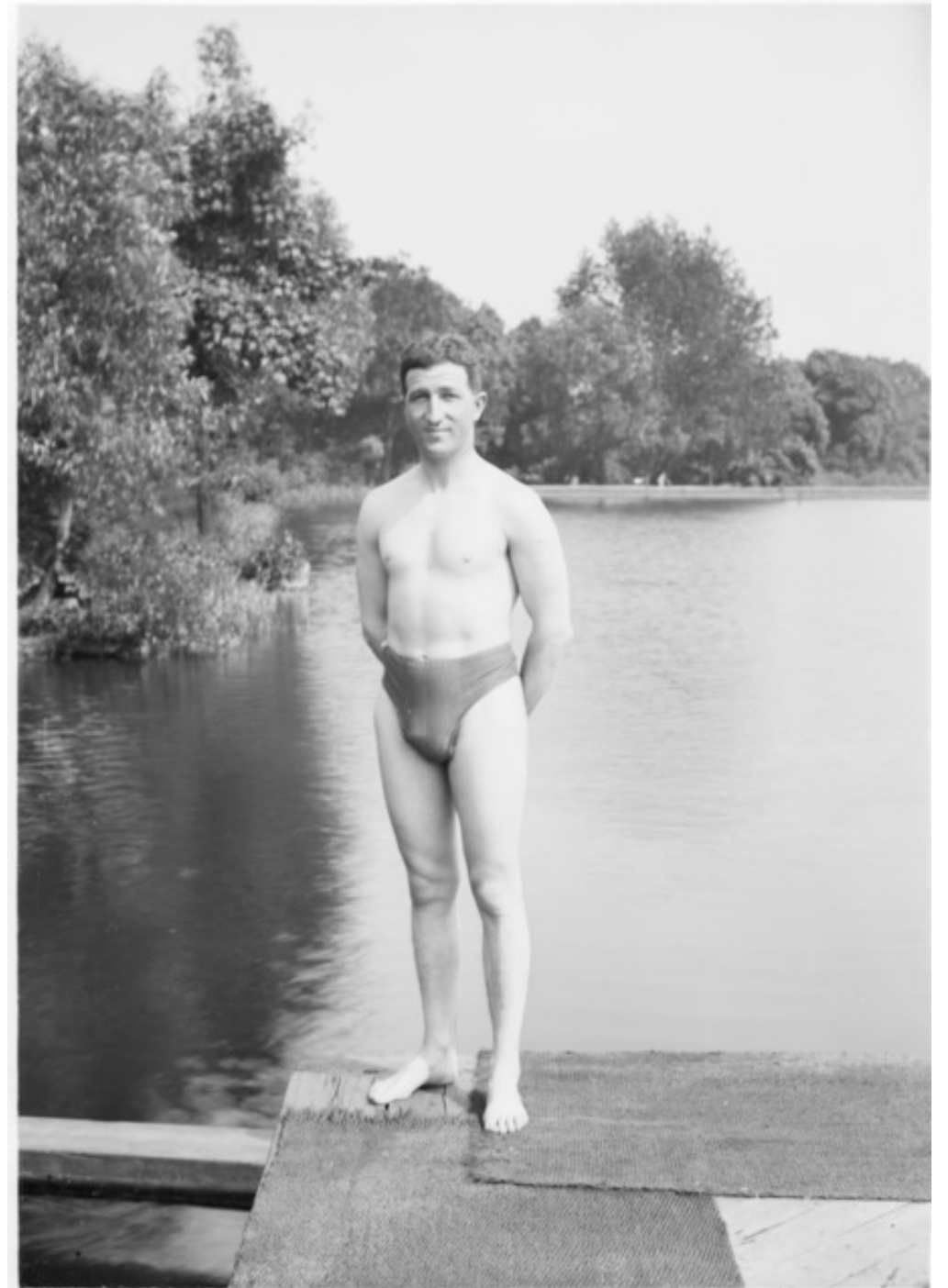
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Outdoor portrait of Lieutenant John Dexter MC, 53rd Battalion from Randwick, NSW. The holder of the swimming championship of the eastern suburbs of Sydney over middle distances, he was an Australian representative for the Inter-Allied Games, at Paris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