



**AUSTRALIANS USE  
THE GRAPNEL TO  
CROSS A RIVER**



**GORDONVALE, QLD. 1944-03-03.  
QX53202 CAPTAIN R.D. MCINNES OF  
THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION 7TH  
INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3RD DIVISION,  
DISPLAYING THE GRAPNEL WHICH IS  
ATTACHED TO THE RIFLE GRENADE. A  
LIGHT COTTON CORD IS ATTACHED TO  
THE GRAPNEL. USING THIS ASSEMBLY, A  
LIGHT ROPE CAN THEN BE SHOT ACROSS  
RIVERS AND STREAMS. WHEN THIS  
ROPE IS SECURELY ANCHORED THE  
STRONGEST SWIMMER OF THE PARTY  
THEN USES THIS ROPE TO ASSIST HIM  
TO CROSS THE STREAM. AS HE CROSSES  
THE RIVER, HE TAKES WITH HIM, THE  
END OF A HEAVIER ROPE. WHEN HE  
REACHES THE OTHER SIDE, HE SECURELY  
ANCHORS THE ROPE AND THE REST OF  
THE PARTY THEN HAUL THEMSELVES  
ACROSS THE RIVER IN SAFETY.**

**GORDONVALE, QLD. 1944-04-03. QX53202 CAPTAIN R.D. MCINNES (1) AND MEMBERS OF THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 7TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3RD DIVISION, MOVING ALONG THE BANK OF THE FLOODED MULGRAVE RIVER, LOOKING FOR A SPOT TO LAUNCH THEIR LIGHT ROPE GRAPNEL TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE WITH THEIR GRENADE LAUNCHER. WHEN THE LIGHT ROPE IS SECURELY ANCHORED, THE STRONGEST SWIMMER OF THE PARTY CROSSES THE RIVER TAKING WITH HIM THE END OF A MUCH HEAVIER ROPE WHICH HE SECURES TO A ROCK OR TREE SO THAT THE REST OF THE PARTY CAN FOLLOW HIM ACROSS. IDENTIFIED PERSONNEL ARE:- QX35157 PRIVATE G. DRIVER (4); CORPORAL K.E. HUNTER (2); SX31262 PRIVATE N.J. HALLAN (3).**

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**GORDONVALE, QLD. 1944-03-03. THE HEAVY ROPE WHICH IS TO BE USED BY THE SEVEN REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE PARTY FROM THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 7TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3RD DIVISION, TO CROSS THE FLOODED MULGRAVE RIVER. THIS ROPE WAS TAKEN ACROSS THE FLOODED RIVER BY THE STRONGEST SWIMMER OF THE PARTY AND ANCHORED ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE.**

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**GORDONVALE, QLD. 1944-04-03. TROOPS OF THE 25TH INFANTRY BATTALION, 7TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, 3RD DIVISION USING A GRENADE LAUNCHER TO GET A LIGHT COTTON ROPE ACROSS THE FLOODED MULGRAVE RIVER DURING A TRAINING EXERCISE. A GRAPNEL ATTACHED TO THE COTTON CORD IS TIED TO THE GRENADE. THE GRENADE IS THEN FIRED INTO A ROUGH AND ROCKY AREA ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER. WHEN THE GRAPNEL IS SECURELY ANCHORED THE STRONGEST SWIMMER OF THE PARTY USES THE LIGHT CORD TO PULL HIMSELF ACROSS THE RIVER TAKING WITH HIM A HEAVIER ROPE WHICH HE THEN SECURES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER. THE REST OF THE PARTY THEN USE THIS ROPE TO PULL THEMSELVES ACROSS.**

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