



The remains of one of the aircraft hangars at the RAAF Base in Darwin.



Another shot of a bomb damaged building. The Post Office and Postmasters Residence.



The Bank of New South Wales after a bombing raid.



This is what remained of a building, situated near Larrakeya Barracks in Darwin.



The Sergeants' Mess at Larrakeyah Barracks.



Nightcliffs, where a number of 7th Bn members were situated.



The Locomotive Sheds of the Northern Territory Railways in Darwin, near Parap.



The junction of the North-South Road and Parap Road, showing the Police Station on the corner. Vestey's Meat-works can be seen in the back ground.



11 Platoon "B" Coy. *From Left to Right, Back Row:* Silv Slitz, Graham Moulton, Andy McLennan, (Unknown), Noel Dew, Kevin Dagge, "Tackle" Block, "Snowy" Ellis, Keith Ellis. *Centre Row:* Cliff Farrell, Bill Bennett, Arthur Bennett, Kay Moore, Eric Hunt. *Front Row:* Stan Bell, Eric Euthenwoldt, Maurie Coughlan, Noel Williamson, "Scobie" Gross, Peter Stobart and Pat Coughlan.



Vickers Gunners at a live firing exercise.



At one stage, during the wet season and during the early months in the North, all sorts of devices were used. Donkeys were tried in carrying stores and equipment through the most impenetrable areas. The idea was not a success and was soon discontinued.



*Left:* Laundry Day. Tom Creeley, Keith Gray, "Ripper" Jamieson, Eric Thompson and Gerry Daly, doing their washing. Empty kerosene tins made good boiling utensils. Washing mainly consisted of shirts, trousers, shorts, towels, socks and sock tops.



Bruce Gross and Maurie Coughlan show off a rock python.



Tom Creeley and Mick "Lofty" Howson soon after their arrival at Noonamah, trying to look fit, but soon found out how un-fit they really were after their first route march.



*Standing:* Jack Baxter, Harold Smith, Allan McDonald. *Front:* "Sharkie" Dave Chambers, Noel Dew, Frank Binney, Jack Woods.



Alan Kennedy in front of one of the many anthills.



Mick Thorne, Porky Kummer, Jack Mill, Theo Pryer and Les "Onions" Conway. Note the dress of members at the time. As they are depicted is exactly how they went on parade at the time.



"B" Coy Mail day in Darwin. Jack Baxter, in centre is dishing out the mail from a wheelbarrow. From left: Noel Williamson, Pat Coughlan, Arthur Bennett, Eric Hunt, Bryan (Doc) Doherty, Noel Dew, Lofty Green, Ron Currie, Eric Euthenwoldt, Jack Baxter, Bill Wilson, Frank Binney, Vern ('Tackle') Block, Cliff Farrell.



This is "D" Coy's area of responsibility during the 7th Battalion's time in the Fortress Area of Darwin. These positions were hurriedly prepared when it was thought that an invasion by the Japanese was imminent.



George Straughan, Ted Clifford and Ken Garth.



"C" Coy members at either Berry's Springs or Howard Springs. Both of these springs were most popular with the troops.



Alan Roe, John "Darkie" Atkinson and another with Roger Walsh and Jim Boswell, all of "C" Coy.



A few of the "C" Coy fellows with their first beer issue in the Northern Territory. *From left to right, standing:* Mick Irwin, George Town, "Rosco" ? and Ivan Milbourne. *Front, L to R:* Jack Lemon, Bill George, Bernie Reddick and Garry Hayes.



"B" and "C" Coy members surrounded by pandanus — 1942.



Bush carpentry — "C" Coy's Messing Area, early in 1942.



Some of "C" Coy. *From left to right, rear:* Ted Clifford, George Ryan, Mick Walsh, Ted Rawle, Doug McGregor. *Front:* Peter Berthon, George Straughan, "Shorty" Weeks and Ken Garth.



More of "C" Coy: "Darky" Atkinson and Roger Walsh. "Darky" along with "Noisy" McEwan were credited with being the persons to fire the first shots of the 7th Bn at the Japanese on Bougainville.



This is typical of the manner in which all members existed during March 1942, at the 11 Mile post (McMinns). The battalion was dug-in astride the North-South Road and expecting an invasion from the Byno Bay direction. No structure of any kind was permitted above the ground. This is how the troops slept of a night and then removed or hid anything that might be visible from the air.



Adelaide River, on the banks of which, during the "Dry" season, numerous market gardens were established.



"Home on the range" with weapons mostly of 1914-18 vintage, the troops did their best, whilst the Armourer did a mansized job after seeing the results of the shoot.



Lewis Guns, the automatic light machine gun of an infantry section of the day. It was a long time before the men were to see a Bren-Gun which was issued to members of the AIF in the Middle East.



A bomb crater on the RAAF airstrip. Members of "B" Coy are *front*: "Bluey" Farley; *at back from L to R*: "Bluey" Maskell, Eric Thompson, "Darkie" Irvine, "Bluey" Riley and Bill O'Connell. The RAAF area was riddled with these craters as it was the main target for the Japanese bombers.



The semi-jungle type growth is typical of the area of Acacia Gap. "B" Coy members, *L to R*: Bill Dillon, Alan Randle, "Tich" Cheeseman, Alan McDonald, Gerry Daly, Athol Teasdale, Ron Currie and "Bluey" Farley, Eric Euthenwoldt, "Lofty" Green, Dave Chambers, Jock Glen, Arthur Rose and Bill Holmes.



A typical tent, in this case without a fly, which was also typical during the dry season. The occupants: *back, l to r*: Graham Moulton, Jack Baxter, Kevin Dagge. *Front*: Silv Slitz and Vern "Tackle" Block.



One of the advantages of living in an area where there are no females, was to be able to wander around naked. This is a typical example. Sgt. Bert Miatke is the subject.



Lt Dave Edwards, who at this time was the Tpt Officer, was the last of those members who came into camp in April, 1941 to be still with the unit in March, 1946.