

of kerchiefs in the salt water. Ralph stopped right off & splashed about for a minute or two, but the water was on the cold side. The last time we had a swim, Ralph sat down on a rock & cut his posterior. We told him an octopus must have bit him. We often have a good laugh over things like this.

On one day during the week, our section went out on a reconnaissance of a certain part of the country in this area. We went in our truck & had an interesting day, taking our lunch & boiling the billy - ~~carried~~ on a primus carried on the truck. My word, we went over some rough places, up slopes with rocks sticking up everywhere. All the trucks in these parts have very big & strong tyres. They need them to stand up to desert conditions. Three of us sat up on top just behind the cab, & had a grand view of every-