

WWII – David Augustus West

David Augustus West (b 1918) was one of 6 children born to Jack West and Ada Dobbins in Brisbane, Queensland. He was a great grandson of Bridget Carrucan and John Coleman. He was also one of a set of twins with his brother Francis. Twins are relatively uncommon in the Carrucan family.

On 2nd July 1940, aged 22, he married Dorothy Helmes. Six days later, he enlisted in the Australian Army and was shipped overseas, eventually serving as one of the Rats of Tobruk.

He was discharged from service on 2nd December 1943 and returned to his civilian life. From 1944 to 1953, he and Dorothy had 6 children, some born in Brisbane and some born in Darwin where they eventually moved.

After many years together, Dorothy returned to Brisbane and David remarried. However, after 26 years apart, they got back together again and are still sharing their old age together.

His war service extract reads as follows

Name	WEST, DAVID AUGUSTUS
Service	Australian Army
Service Number	QX14318
Date of Birth	28 Jun 1918
Place of Birth	BRISBANE, QLD
Date of Enlistment	8 Jul 1940
Locality on Enlistment	DOOMBEN, QLD
Place of Enlistment	KELVIN GROVE, QLD
Next of Kin	WEST, DOROTHY
Date of Discharge	2 Dec 1943
Rank	Bombardier
Posting at Discharge	3 ATK REGT