

WWII - Myles Carrucan

Myles Carrucan, who was the grandson of Patrick Carrucan and Mary OBrien, was born in 1898 in Kew, Victoria. During the First World War, his father Patrick and two of his elder brothers, William and Michael, served in the Australian armed forces, William being killed in action.

On 24th November 1917 he married Phyllis Alberta Kennedy. Phyllis was the daughter of Martin Kennedy and Emily Woodward. Her occupation was a 'confectioner'.

Myles and Phyllis' first child, Monica Kathleen, was born in 1918.

On Saturday 28th July 1923, on page 15, **The Argus** newspaper reported that Phyllis had applied to the Divorce Court for a dissolution of the marriage. At the time, Phyllis was living in Emerald Street, Collingwood and gave Myles' occupation as 'baker'. The **decree nisi** was granted on the basis that Myles had deserted Phyllis.

Myles and Phyllis reconciled and had more children, Phyllis Nola (1928), Patrick Myles (~1930) and Joseph William (1932). The family lived in Abbotsford during this time.

He enlisted on 18th August 1941, served with the 3rd Garrison Brigade, rank sergeant, and was discharged on 29th August 1944. His surname is spelt Carracun on the WWII Nominal Roll. Further, on his marriage certificate, he has signed as 'Miles Carrucun'.

Phyllis died 26th May 1948 and is buried at Fawkner cemetery with her mother.

In 1949, the Electoral Roll showed Myles living in Ringwood.

In 1951, Myles married Ruby Rose Connell. Ruby Rose died in 1965, at which time they had been living in Tatura.

Myles died in Melbourne on 2nd May 1969 from complications after surgery. At that time he was living in Port Melbourne.