

Thomas Joseph Calnin – WW2

Thomas Joseph (Tom) Calnin, born 7th December 1910 in Clifton Hill, Melbourne, was one of 10 children born to James Nicholas (Jim) Calnin and Anne (Babe) Carrucan. He was a grand child of Patrick Carrucan and Mary O'Brien.

He married Marie Norton in the 1930's and they had 3 children, Carmel and Maureen (b 1936 as twins) and John, born 1941.

Tom enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force on 29th April 1942 and was posted to Darwin. At one stage, he was injured while on active duty and sent to the Repatriation Hospital in Heidelberg, Melbourne.

He was discharged on 6th December 1945 and returned to his previous secretarial/clerical job with the State Electricity Commission in Ballarat.

He died in 1995 and Marie died in 2003.

His WWII Service Record reads as follows

Service Record	
<u>Name</u>	CALNIN, THOMAS JOSEPH
<u>Service</u>	Royal Australian Air Force
<u>Service Number</u>	54768
<u>Date of Birth</u>	7 Dec 1910
<u>Place of Birth</u>	HEIDELBERG, VIC
<u>Date of Enlistment</u>	29 Apr 1942
<u>Locality on Enlistment</u>	BALLARAT
<u>Place of Enlistment</u>	MELBOURNE, VIC
<u>Next of Kin</u>	CALNIN, FLORENCE
<u>Date of Discharge</u>	6 Dec 1945
<u>Rank</u>	Leading Aircraftman
<u>Posting at Discharge</u>	1 ENGINEERING SCHOOL (STAFF)
<u>WW2 Honours and Gallantry</u>	<u>None for display</u>
<u>Prisoner of War</u>	No