

ORDINARY SIGNALMAN - ERIC NEVILLE REDMOND

My Uncle was Eric Redmond who from early on in my childhood I heard about regularly. His photo was proudly displayed on my Grandparents mantelpiece in their home in Walcott St. Mount Lawley, Perth. Eric was the eldest of five children. Two boys and three girls. My father Keith Redmond was his younger and adoring brother.

When World War II broke out Eric signed up with the Navy and Keith signed up with the Army. They both served many years at war, my father coming home at the end of the War and sadly Eric's duty ending with the sinking of the 'Sydney'.

In our family we have Eric's service medals, a poem written by one of his shipmates about the battle of Matapan in which he participated, in fact he was afterward known as 'Matapan Red'. I have also a treasured photo album of his with photos of many of the Navy's destroyers, detailed account of battles, the ships Eric served on, which were 'Stuart' 'Vendetta' 'Waterhen' 'Vampire' and finally the 'Sydney'.

With the finding of the 'Sydney' I had very mixed emotions, relief that she had been found and disappointment that my father passed away 7 years ago and never knew his brother's final resting place.

I will pass Eric's photo album on to my son who is very respectful of the men who served Australia in the World Wars and know he will also treasure this piece of history.

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