

## **Leslie John Hubbard**

It would take too much time to write my full story, so I am going to mainly put dates etc. of my five years war service.

Joined at HMAS Leeuwin 6<sup>th</sup> October 1939. Flinders Naval Depot until 26<sup>th</sup> April 1940.

HMAS Swan Australian Station sweeping German miners 29<sup>th</sup> April 1940 until 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1941.

Cerberus, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1941 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 1942. Training HMAS Napier and Norman 31<sup>st</sup> March 1942 to 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1944. Served with British Eastern Fleet in that time. In the Mediterranean, East and South Africa, India and Ceylon, and Indian Ocean. Experienced much action etc. in that time, and sister ship Nestor, was sunk by a German Stuka bomber 100 yards of our port bow.

Came home to dear old Susie in 1944 after 2 years.

Then, after a training session at the Flinders Naval Depot, went to sea on the HMAS Shropshire to finish off the Pacific Campaign with USA 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet. Finishing off the war in Tokio Bay for the signing of the Peace.

Arriving back in Sydney on 15<sup>th</sup> January 1946. The war was over.

I stayed on in the Navy helping to clear the Pacific Islands of mines, depth charges, torpedoes etc and I had volunteered for Rendering Mines Safe and Bomb Disposal duties. Eventually paid off September 6<sup>th</sup> 1948.

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