

Gordon John Manning

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My father Gordon John Manning, after losing his job and with little education, a family of 5, limited his choices and increased his urgency to find work, joined the Air Force in 1940. Demobbed in 1945, still no work, went to join the Army, they found he had T.B. He spent 2 years in Hollywood with little or no financial support, it was a bad time for us. On hospital discharge, worked as a labourer in the building trade, was always a very hard worker and stayed with the one firm for many years, until the firm folded soon after they built Perth Council building. In the mean time fathered 2 more children making a total of 7. Found other work with Good Samaritans, retired at 75 years to care for his ill wife 3 years till she passed on. Went to live with a younger daughter ending his days in Busselton and died in his 90th year, and although he never drank or smoked in his life, died of lung cancer, no doubt contracted from his years working with asbestos in the building trade.