

## **Marjorie Patience**

### **A story my mother told me many years ago – Robert Patience**

Marjorie Patience (nee Morrissey) a 25 year old war widow. Having been widowed Mum had two young children to care for.

Marj was employed as a barmaid in Geraldton where an army base was. During the night many military personnel would drink there. Marj noted that a man used to sit in a corner every night and only have 1 or 2 drinks. She didn't tell anybody, only her 19 year old sister Joy Morrissey. They took it upon themselves to find out. So they followed him down to the sand hills south of the town, to their amazement they found him with a signal lamp signalling out to sea. Replies were coming in. They immediately went to the police and led them back where he was apprehended.

I have no dates as to when this happened. I hope this gives Marjorie and Joy recognition as heroines of Australia.

Later Marjorie remarried a returned soldier William Stanley Vagg of White Gum Valley. They lived for over 30 years. Marjorie died in 1987. Joy died in 2002.

My father died 5 Nov 1943 in New Guinea.