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Before WWII I was employed as a senior radio technician at J.A. Hicks Coy Kalgoorlie W.A., building and servicing radio receivers. Hicks were then senior partners in radio station 6KG Kalgoorlie and I worked part-time at the transmission station.

August 1940 I joined the Australian Army 28th Battalion as a Signal Cpl. We operated throughout Western Australia and with the event of Japan entering the war, we moved to Darwin in 1942. In late 1943 we landed in Jaquinot Bay, New Brittain, pushing the Japanese army back to Rabaul. My Unit was situated at Toll Plantation. After the Japanese surrender in Rabaul we returned to Australia in December 1945.

We learnt of the Japanese surrender on radio in our signal office and we were returning to Australia. The relieved feeling was beyond description. On return and discharge I had a senior position waiting and I returned to work without a problem.