Remembering Territory families

World War II – frontline

After the bombing of Katherine, civilians were evacuated south and the town became a virtual military camp. Kath’s sister Mim recollected:

I think that’s a different story about the bombing, but we were sent down to Balaklava. It must have been about four or five days after, that we were taken away, or sent away. And we went in convoys on the unsealed Stuart Highway. Actually we left Katherine by train, in the cattle trucks and it stunk like heck. Went as far as, I think it was Birdum, because Larrimah wasn’t there then – I don’t think so.

That’s what I meant to say – I was born in Birdum.
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