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16 December 1941
Evacuation Order proclaimed in Darwin.

20 January 1942
Japanese I-124 submarine sunk outside Darwin Harbour.

15 February 1942
Fall of Singapore.

19 February 1942
Air attacks on Darwin by 188, and then 54 aircraft, over two raids. 235 Allied deaths; 11 ships sink, 30 aircraft destroyed.

4 March 1942
Air attack against Darwin’s RAAF Base.

22 March 1942
Air raid on Katherine.

9 May 1943
Air attacks against Milingimbi.

11 November 1943
Final air raid against the Territory around Batchelor, Adelaide River, Pell airfield and Coomalie.

COMMEMORATIVE DATES

MV Neptuna’s cargo of depth charges explodes post-raid in Darwin Harbour, 19 February 1942.

Red Cross members after inspection by Lord Gowrie in Darwin, 1941.

Tiwi Islanders and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sisters playing on the wreckage of the Douglas C-53 located at the Bathurst Island Mission airstrip. The plane was strafed by Japanese Zeroes on 19 February 1942.

Three soldiers standing behind a range finder, used to calculate distance to a target.

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Post Office, Mitchell Street, 1942.

P-40 Kittyhawk, shot down in the 19 February raid defending Darwin.

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