

CORPORAL EDWIN HERBERT RUDOLF WOHLING – BETHANY

Second World War

Edwin Herbert Rudolf Wohling was born in Eudunda on 17 September 1911. Edwin enlisted in Adelaide on 15 June 1940 in the Australian Military Forces.

He was in the 9th Australian Division Provost Company which played a major role in the 1st and 2nd Battle of El Alamein, which turned the North Africa Campaign in favour of the Allies.

Edwin was also one of the 14,000 Rats of Tobruk – soldiers of the Australian-led Allied garrison which, during the Siege of Tobruk lasting 8 months from 11 April 1941 to 10 December 1941, held the Libyan port of Tobruk against the Afrika Corps.

The Rats of Tobruk were described due to the men living like rats in underground dug-outs and caves.

Edwin married Sylvia Lindner of Bethany and together they had 3 children.

Corporal Edwin Herbert Rudolf Wohling was discharged on 28 November 1944. Edwin died on 31 August 1979 and is buried in the Bethany Cemetery.

Lest We Forget

