



Bruce Maher
Christ Church Cathedral
Watercolour facsimile; 29.5 x 21 cm
Northern Territory Library
Donated by Merv Ogram



Unknown photographer
Christ Church Cathedral
showing shattered windows 1942
Photograph; 12.5 x 17.5 cm
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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

This watercolour facsimile of Christ Church Cathedral was painted by Gunner Bruce Maher (Service Number: NX110440).

Bruce worked as a commercial artist for the Newcastle Herald and served with the 70 Australian Mobile Search Light Battery during the Second World War.

A reproduction of his painting was donated to the Northern Territory Library by Gnr Merv Ogram (Service Number: NX148285), who served with Bruce in the same unit and was also a close friend.

Christ Church Cathedral was originally built in 1902 and became a Garrison Church in early 1942. The church and adjacent rectory were damaged in February 1942 by the first Japanese bombing raids.

The Australian Army and Navy repaired both buildings and also added a Memorial porch, fence and gate, which were dedicated in June 1944 to "the memory of those members of all Services who died whilst on active service in the Northern Territory during the Second World War".

Unfortunately, the Church was destroyed during Cyclone Tracy in 1974.