

The Japanese Commander Responsible for the Bombing of Darwin Committed his Life to Christ.

The Power of Forgiveness

Japanese leader Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited Darwin on the 17th November 2018, honouring those killed during the Japanese bombing of the city in World War II. He thanked Territorians for welcoming him with "heartwarming hospitality".

Before discussing closer military ties and strategic partnerships in the two day visit, [Mr Abe and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison](#) laid wreaths for those killed [during the bombing of Darwin](#) on February 19, 1942.

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You may be interested in the story of Commander Mitsuo Fuchida and the [raid on Darwin](#). The Darwin area suffered 62 further raids in 1942 and 1943, but the first was the worst with the death of 245 people.

Captain Fuchida also led the devastating attack on Pearl Harbour which led to the United States entering WW11.

After the war Fuchida became a Christian when reading a Pocket Testament League leaflet which told the story of Jacob DeShazer who was in the first bombing of Japan with the famous Doolittle Raiders.

DeShazer's plane ran out of fuel on the way to safety in China after the bombing and crashed in Japanese held territory becoming a POW. Jacob DeShazer suffered immensely at the hands of his Japanese torturers, then had the opportunity to read the Bible where he became a Christian. He determined to go back after the war as a missionary as his heart was turned from hatred to love and forgiveness towards the Japanese.

You can read the stories of both Mitsuo Fuchida and Jacob DeShazer who led Fuchida to Christ.

Read Fuchida's story [here](#) and hear him tell his story by clicking [here](#). You can see this [short video](#) of Jacob DeShazer story and how he led Fuchido to Christ. Also you can read DeShazer's very powerful story [here](#)