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Hoare, William Cunningham

A West Australian railway employee
killed while on military service for their country



Memorial at Railway Workshops
Midland (D.Graham/panoramio)

Rail employment information

Employer: Western Australian Government Railways & Tramways

Branch: Traffic

Designation: Asst. Station Master

Rail employment notes: Born 18/12/1887. Joined WAGR 17/1/1913 aged 25 as Porter, Barton. ("Porter" was a very general category in the WAGR – some had specific roles such as a receiving goods porter, some were general hands while some learnt safe-working and could assist with signals, etc. Mr Hoare must have studied and passed safe-working exams to be promoted to a station officer)

Transferred to York 4/2/1913 and Shunter, Wagin 14/11/1913. Promoted to Assistant Station Master, Venn 2/1/1914.
(When stations were busy enough to warrant more than one officer, the Station Master normally worked day shift 8am – 4pm and had overall responsibility, the Assistant Station Master worked 4pm-midnight and the Night Station Master worked midnight-8am.)

Granted leave to join AIF 31/8/1914 (Service No.932). Wounded at Gallipoli and died of wounds in Egypt 20/5/1915.

Military service information:

Conflict:	First World War 1914-1918
Service:	Australian Imperial Force (AIF)
Military unit:	12th Australian Infantry Battalion
Service number:	932
Date of death:	20 May 1915
Place of death:	Hospital, Egypt (from being wounded in Dardanelles, Turkey)
Age:	27
Rank:	Private

Burial/memorialisation: Chatby Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt

William Hoare enlisted on 19 September 1914, stating that he was 26 years old and nominating as next of kin his mother Mrs Isabella Hoare who was then resident in Musselborough in Scotland. He was allocated to H Company of 12th Infantry battalion and given service number 932.

He embarked from Fremantle on HMAT *Medic* on 31 October 1914.

He was seriously wounded in the early fighting in the Dardanelles and died from his wounds on 20 may 1915 in a military hospital in Alexandria, Egypt.

Further information welcome

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Additional/personal information:

William Hoare was born in Duddington, England but came to WA later. There was no mention of relatives in WA and no notices in the Perth papers after his death so it appears he emigrated alone.

Further information and/or photos may be added as available. Information may also be found on the Australian War Memorial website: *https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search/people*

Abbreviations: WAGR= Western Australian Government Railways (& Tramways at some periods); MRWA= Midland Railway of Western Australia; BDM=Western Australian Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages website; AWM=Australian War Memorial (Canberra and website); CWGC= Commonwealth War Graves Commission (including website). DVA=Department of Veterans' Affairs (including website)

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