Hobson, Roy Napoleon

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



Grave marker in Villers-Bretonneux (A.Pearson)

Rail employment information

Employer: Western Australian Government Railways & Tramways

Branch: Traffic

Designation: Junior Porter

Rail employment notes: Born 30/4/1897. Joined WAGR 12/5/1914 aged 17 as Junior Porter, Perth. Transferred to East Perth 3/9/1914, to Fremantle 12/8/1915 and to Fremantle Goods 10/11/1915. Granted leave to join AIF 10/1/1916 (Service No.89). Killed in action 5/4/1918.

Military service information:

Conflict: First World War 1914-1918

Service: Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 44th Battalion.

Service number: 89

Date of death: 5 April 1918

Place of death: Sailly Le Sec, Somme, Picardie, France

Age: 20

Rank at time: Private

Buried/commemorated: Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Somme, Picardie;, France

He enlisted on 10 January 1916 and was an original member of the 44th Battalion. He served in England, France and Belgium before being killed in action in France on 5 April 1918.

Additional/personal information:

Roy Hobson was born in Fremantle, Western Australia in 1897. He attended school in White Gum Valley and was a Naval Cadet before enlisting. He was single at the time of enlistment.

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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