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McCormish, Arnold George

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:	Way and Works
Designation:	Blacksmith

Rail employment notes: Blacksmith, Ways & Works Branch.
Career details have not been located, however the Way and Works Branch (later the Chief Civil Engineer's branch) was responsible for track and structures and had a substantial workshop at West Midland where blacksmith might have been engaged on building new trackwork components, etc..

3rd Field Artillery AIF (Service No.2582). Killed in action 23/7/1916 aged 25.

Military service information:

Conflict:	First World War 1914-1918
Service:	Australian Imperial Force (AIF)
Military unit:	3rd Field Company, Australian Engineers
Service number:	2582
Date of death:	23 July 1916
Place of death:	France
Age:	25
Rank:	Sapper
Burial/memorialisation:	Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, Picardie, France

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Unfortunately Sapper McComishs's body has not been located. He is remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial.

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The Australian War memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Australian soldiers killed in France, whose bodies could be found for relocation, are buried and marked by the rows of gravestones seen to left and right.

The wing walls to both sides of the central watch tower record, carved in stone, the names of Australian soldiers killed in France but with no known grave – tragically, more than 11 000 men. The largest number recorded from one unit is from 28th Battalion – some 365 West Australians.



Additional/personal information:

Arnold McComish was born in North Fremantle. He was married to Violet Lily McComish.

Further information

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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