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Thompson, Samuel Simpson

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:	Night Station Master

Rail employment notes: Born 7/8/1889. Joined WAGR 14/2/1905 aged 15 as Junior Porter, Perth Goods. Transferred to Fremantle 28/8/1905, Kalgoorlie 20/1/1906, Merredin 13/6/1907, Kalgoorlie 14/3/1909 and Wagin 19/4/1909. Appointed to Porter, Wagin 20/8/1909 and promoted to Clerk 1/12/1910. Transferred to Night Station Master. Merredin 2/4/1911

(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.)

Assistant SM, Karalee 26/11/1911, SRO Grass Valley 4/3/1912, SRO Northam 1/5/1912, Night SM, Coolgardie 10/8/1913, Night SM, Narrogin 17/4/1914, SRO Narrogin 24/8/1914 and Night SM, Wagin 4/3/1915.

Granted leave to join AIF 9/3/1915 (Service No.701). Died of wounds 19/8/1916.

Military service information:

Conflict:	First World War 1914-1918
Service:	Australian Imperial Force (AIF)
Military unit:	28th Australian Infantry Battalion
Service number:	701
Date of death:	19 August 1916
Place of death:	Place not yet found
Age:	27
Rank:	Sergeant

Burial/memorialisation: Boulogne Eastern Cemetery, Boulogne, Nord Pas de Calais, France

Personal information:

Further information

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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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