Dobie, John Logan

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

Branch: Workshops

Designation: Apprentice Car & Wagon Builder

Rail employment notes: Born 24/12/1921. Joined WAGR 12/9/1938 aged 16 as Apprentice Car & Wagon Builder, CME Branch, Midland Workshops. Enlisted in RAN 31/3/1941. Died at HMAS Leeuwin, WA 9/4/1942.

Military service information:

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Royal Australian Navy

Military unit: HMAS *Leeuwin*

Service number: F3519

Date of death: 9 April 1942

Place of death: Australia

Age: 20

Rank at time of loss: Able Seaman

Burial/memorialisation: Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Perth, Western Australia, Australia

John Dobie enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy on 7 April 1941. He died on 9 April 1942 while posted at HMAS Leeuwin, the naval training and supply base at East Fremantle.

Additional/personal information:

John Dobie was born in Fremantle in 1921, the son of Thomas Dalgliesh Dobie and Alison Glendinning Dobie (nee Blaikie).

In 1942 he was taken to Hollywood Military Hospital, but the cause is not shown in publicly available records.

> DOBIE.—At Hollywood Military Hospital, on April 9, John Logan, RAN, loved eldest son of Thomas and Alison Dobie, loving brother of William (RAN), Thomas, Alison and Janet (90 Beatty-avenue, Carlisle); aged 20 years.
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> DOBIE.—At Hollywood Hospital, April 9, beloved nephew of Grace and Alex, cousin of Tom, Jack, Levina and Ellen Thomson (45 Hubert-street, Victoria Park). In God's keeping.
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> DOBIE (John Logan).—At Hollywood Hospital, April 9, John Logan, dearly loved nephew of Bill and Edie Blaikie, cousin of Frank; aged 20 years. Peacefully sleeping. All: *The West Australian* 10/4/1942p1

John's younger brother William Dobie also enlisted in the Navy, also serving as an Able Seaman at HMAS *Leeuwin* but survived the war to marry Elvie and have a family.

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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