**Hasluck, Lewis Norman**

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



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

**Rail employment information**

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| Employer: | Western Australian Government Railways |
| Branch: | Chief Mechanical Engineers |
| Designation: | Belt & Shaft Attendant |

Rail employment notes: Born 7/12/1901. Joined WAGR 24/6/1927 aged 15 as Labourer, CME Branch, Midland Workshops. Appointed Turner & Machinist Assistant 2/1/1928 and Belt & Shaft Attendant 23/1/1933.

Enlisted in AIF 15/8/1940. Died of illness in Borneo 6/4/1944.

The WAGR workshops at Midland Junction (now Midland) had numerous machines driven by belts from central shafts. Keeping these running appears to have been Lewis Haslucks' job.

In this 1930s photo taken at Midland Workshops, Lewis Hamilton is seated lower left and is identified as the Treasurer in a committee. RHWA photo P21232




**Military service information:**

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| Conflict: | Second World War 1939-1945 |
| Service: | Australian Army |
| Military unit: | 2/6 Field Park Company |
| Service number: | WX8090 |
| Date of death: | 6 April 1944 |
| Place of death: | Borneo |
| Age: | 43 |
| Rank at time of loss: | Sapper |
| Burial/memorialisation: | Labuan War Cemetery, Labuan, Malaysia |

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Lewis Hasluck enlisted on 16/8/1940 at Claremont in July 1940 and was posted to 2/6 Field Park Company with recruits mainly from Western Australia. The Field Park companies were mainly involved in logistics, workshops and other tasks. This was part of the 8th Division which was sent to Singapore and Malaya and fought against the enemy until the surrender in 1942. Those that survived were made prisoners of war and sent to various locations away from Singapore.

He died of illness in Labuan Camp, Borneo Island on 6 April 1944.

**Additional/personal information:**

Lewis Hasluck was born in Brown Hill (a suburb of Kalgoorlie) WA but was living in Herne Hill (Perth) when he enlisted. He married to Alice Grace Murray in 1927 and they had at least two children.

As with many soldiers and especially those taken prisoners of war, the family did not gain definite information for some time afterwards, so the first family notices were published on the anniversary of his death.

> HASLUCK (Spr L. N.).--ln loving memory of our dear Husband and Father, Lewis Norman. who died of illness while in Japanese hands, April 6, 1944. Ever remembered by his wife Alice and daughters, Jean and Mavis.
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> HASLUCK (Spr L.N.)—Treasured memories and loving thoughts today of our dear Son and Brother, Lewis Norman, who died of illness In Borneo April 6, 1944. Inserted b his loving Dad and Mum and sister Rosa, brother Paul. Both *The West Australian* 6/4/1945p1

Lewis is listed on the Peace Monument at former Railway Workshops, Midland, Western Australia.

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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