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McDonough, Francis Lawrence Stafford

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



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

Rail employment information

Employer:	Western Australian Government Railways
Branch:	Workshops
Designation:	
Rail employment notes:	Details to be confirmed

Military service information:

Conflict:	Second World War 1939-1945
Service:	Australian Army
Military unit:	8 Supply Depot AASC
Service number:	WX17311
Date of death:	13 January 1947
Place of death:	Australia
Rank at time of loss:	Private
Age:	39
Memorialised:	Listed on Peace Monument at former Railway Workshops, Midland, Western Australia.

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AWM records show McDonough died of illness from his war service.

Additional/personal information:

WA BDM records show his birth as registered in the Perth district in 1907 (ref 1282/1907). According to death notices in the *Daily News* (13/1/1947 p9a and subsequent), 'Frank' McDonough died in Hollywood Military Hospital after long illness, possibly dysentery. The first notice was inserted by his wife Kathleen, but there is no mention of him having children. Other notices describe him as the third son of Frederick and Catherine McDonough.

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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