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Bishop, Benjamin Harvey

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



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

Rail employment information

Employer: Western Australian Government Railways

Branch: Locomotive

Designation: Clerk

Rail employment notes: Born 5/4/1919. Joined WAGR 5/2/1935 aged 15 as Junior Clerk, Locomotive Branch, Geraldton. Transferred to Bunbury 25/4/1938 and appointed Clerk 5/1/1940. Enlisted in RAAF 3/2/1941. Killed in action 11/3/1943.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Military unit: No.158 Squadron (RAF)

Service number: 406557

Date of death: 11 March 1943

Place of death: France

Rank at time of death: Sergeant

Age:

Buried/commemorated: Marson-sur-Barboure Churchyard, Marson-sur-Barboure, Lorraine, France

Enlisted 3/2/1941 with RAAF but later attached to RAF in Britain. Killed in flying battle.

Additional/personal information:

Born in Bunbury WA and aged 23 at time of death.

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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