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Bryen, Frank Sydney

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: CCE

Designation: Repairer

Rail employment notes: Born 7/6/1912. Joined WAGR 20/2/1940 aged 27 as Temporary Repairer, CCE Branch, Glen Forrest. Transferred to Robb Jetty 1/4/1940, Boddington 7/5/1940, Pinjarra 10/6/1940 and Perth 2/7/1940. Appointed Repairer, Boddington 23/7/1940 and transferred to Wyalkatchem 12/5/1941.

("Repairer" was a track maintenance worker in a gang responsible for upkeep of an allocated section of railway line. A typical gang might include between 3 and 6 Repairers with one Leading Hand Repairer and a Ganger in charge, with many at very small settlements or tent camps.)

Enlisted in AIF 8/1/1942. Died of illness at Hollywood Hospital, WA 3/2/1945.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Second Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 2/28th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX18830

Date of death: 03 February 1945

Place of death: Perth, Western Australia

Rank at time of death: Private

Age:

Buried/commemorated: Perth War Cemetery and Annex, Perth Western Australia

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Additional/personal information:

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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