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McCarthy, Sydney Durham

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 & Tramways
Branch:	Tramways
Designation:	Conductor

Rail employment notes: Born 12/11/1903. Joined Tramways 25/4/1936 aged 22 as Conductor, Perth.

Enlisted in AIF 29/5/1940. Accidentally killed on 3/12/1944.

Military service information

Conflict:	Second World War 1939-1945
Service:	Second Australian Imperial Force
Military unit:	2/16th Australian Infantry battalion
Service number:	WX3008
Date of death:	3 December 1944
Place of death:	Australia
Rank at time of death:	Warrant Officer Class 1
Buried/commemorated:	Atherton War Cemetery, Atherton, Queensland, Australia

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Additional/personal information:

McCarthy was born in Bantry, County Cork, Ireland. By the time he enlisted he was married to Maud Winifred McCarthy, and living in South Perth. McCarthy's nephew, Wing Commander D.N.Milligan DFC was also killed in action.

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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