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Membrey, Harold Osmond

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: Cleaner

Rail employment notes: Born 16/4/1918. Joined WAGR 15/12/1937 aged 19 as Cleaner Locomotive Branch, East Perth. ("Cleaner" in this case was a position in the Locomotive branch, cleaning and otherwise working around locomotives whilst training to be a Fireman, the next step up the ladder), Transferred to Amery 15/11/1938, Kulja 23/1/1939 and Merredin 27/11/1939.

Enlisted in RAAF 3/7/1940. Died 31/8/1945.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Military unit: 5 Personnel Depot Perth

Service number: 17178

Date of death: 31 August 1945

Place of death: Wooroloo, Western Australia

Rank at time of death: Sergeant

Age:

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

Enlisted in RAAF 3/7/1940. Died of illness 31/8/1945.

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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