Westcott, Charles Walter Samuel

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: Doodlakine

Designation: Assistant Station master

Rail employment notes: Born 29/9/1912. Joined WAGR 11/12/1938 aged 16 as Junior Clerk, Traffic Branch, Narrogin. Transferred to Chief Traffic Manager's Office Perth 5/8/1929, to Cottesloe 15/9/1930, Perth 21/11/1930, Bassendean 24/11/1930 and Perth 17/12/1930.

Appointed Clerk 29/6/1933. Transferred to Merredin 14/8/1934, Narrogin 21/3/1935, Bunbury Goods 16/10/1935 and Merredin 3/2/1936. Promoted to Assistant Station Master, Doodlakine 15/2/1937. Transferred to Clerk, Merredin 19/7/1937 and Geraldton 24/3/1938. Enlisted in AIF 20/7/1940. Died of illness as POW 7/2/1944.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 8 Division Company Signals

Service number: WX6878

Date of death: 7 February 1944

Place of death: Thailand

Rank at time of death: Signalman

Age: 31

Buried/commemorated: Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, Kanchanaburi Province, Thailand

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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*

Additional/personal information:

Charles Westcott was born in Ravensthorpe, WA. When enlisting he gave his Next of kin as Elsie Westcott.

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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