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Whitford, Allan Pluis

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: Accounts & Audit

Designation: Junior Clerk

Rail employment notes: Born 23/2/1921. Joined WAGR 4/1/1938 aged 16 as Junior Clerk, Accounts & Audits Branch, Perth.

Enlisted in RAAF 27/1/1941. Awarded the DFC. Flight Lieutenant, killed in action over France 9/5/1944.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Military unit: No.83 Squadron (RAF)

Service number: 406587

Date of death: 9 May 1944

Place of death: France

Rank at time of death: Flight Lieutenant

Age:

Buried/commemorated: Lanveoc Communal Cemetery, Lanveoc, Crozon, Brittany, France

Enlisted in RAAF 27/1/1941, later attached to RAF. Awarded the DFC. Flight Lieutenant, killed in action in flying battle over France 9/5/1944.

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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