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Arlidge, John Thomas

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: Painter

Rail employment notes: Born 18/9/1915. Joined WAGR 14/10/1937 aged 22 as Painter, CCE Branch, Bunbury.

The Chief Civil Engineer's branch was responsible for track and structures so a painter would have been engaged in maintaining stations and smaller buildings, bridges, wooden culverts, etc.

Enlisted in AIF 22/11/1939. Died of wounds in Crete, 24/5/1941.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Second Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 2/11th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX1004

Date of death: 24 May 1941

Place of death: Crete

Rank at time of death: Acting Corporal

Age:

Buried/commemorated: Suda Bay War Cemetery, Suda Bay, Crete, Greece

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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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