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Best, Morgan Ernest

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: Repairer

Rail employment notes: Born 19/6/1906. Joined WAGR 2/3/1937 aged 30 as Repairer, Boddington. Transferred to Nugadong 2/6/1937 and Clackline 20/5/1940. ("Repairer" was a track maintenance worker in a gang responsible for upkeep of an allocated section of railway line. A typical gang might include between 3 and 6 Repairers with one Leading Hand Repairer and a Ganger in charge, with many gangs being posted at very small settlements or tent camps.)

Enlisted in AIF 15/7/1940. Died of wounds 23/7/1942.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Second Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 2/28th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX5092

Date of death: 23 July 1942

Place of death: Egypt

Rank at time of death: Corporal

Age:

Buried/commemorated: El Alamein War Cemetery, El Alamein, Marsa Matruh, Egypt

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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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