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Hopkinson, William Arthur

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: Traffic

Designation: Clerk

Rail employment notes: Born 19/8/1919. Joined WAGR 16/12/1935 aged 16 as Junior Clerk, Traffic Branch, Perth. Transferred to North Fremantle 9/1/1939, Perth 26/4/1939 and Merredin 14/2/1940. Appointed Clerk 19/5/1940.

Enlisted in RAAF 21/5/1940. Killed in action 8/11/1941.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Military unit: No.107 Squadron (RAF)

Service number: 406032

Date of death: 8 November 1941

Place of death: Greece

Rank at time of death: Sergeant

Age:

Buried/commemorated: Phaleron War Cemetery, Athens, 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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