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Ireland, Thomas 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: Locomotive

Designation: Labourer

Rail employment notes: Born 15/7/1905. Joined WAGR 28/11/1927 aged 22 as Labourer, Locomotive Branch, Northam. Appointed Fuelman 21/1/1929 and transferred to Labourer, Southern Cross 23/5/1932.

Enlisted in AIF 19/7/1940. Killed in action 3/8/1941.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Second Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 2/28th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX6726

Date of death: 3 August 1941

Place of death: Libya

Rank at time of death: Private

Age:

Buried/commemorated: Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Darnah province, Libya

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Additional/personal information:

Born 15/7/1905.

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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