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Jones, Alexander Frederick

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: Cleaner

Rail employment notes: Born 28/3/1921. Joined WAGR 23/12/1940 aged 19 as Cleaner ("Cleaner" in this case was a position in the Locomotive branch, cleaning and otherwise working around locomotives whilst training to be a Fireman, the next step up the ladder), Bunbury. Transferred to Bridgetown 24/6/1941.

Enlisted in AIF 6/10/1941. Killed in action 24/10/1943.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Second Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 2/32nd Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX6900

Date of death: 24 October 1943

Place of death: New Guinea

Rank at time of death: Private

Buried/commemorated: Lae War Cemetery, Lae, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea

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Additional/personal information:

Born 28/3/1921.

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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