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## Lee, Gilbert William Brown

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**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: CTM

Designation: Librarian Assistant

Rail employment notes: Born 5/12/1901. Joined WAGR 13/2/1928 aged 26 as Repairer, CCE Branch, Norpa.

("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 at very small settlements or tent camps.)

Transferred to Burracoppin 4/2/1929 and appointed Porter, Traffic Branch, Merredin 4/11/1929. Retrenched 4/4/1931 and re-employed as Repairer, Mollerin 18/5/1931. Transferred to Railway Institute Attendant, Traffic Branch, Merredin 11/4/1934 and Kalgoorlie 26/8/1936. Appointed Librarian Assistant, Perth 19/10/1939.

Enlisted in AIF 22/11/1940. Killed in action in Egypt 22/7/1942.

### Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Second Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 2/48th Australian Infantry battalion

Service number: WX9817

Date of death: 22 July 1942

Place of death: Egypt

Rank at time of death: Private

Age:

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

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### Additional/personal information:

Born 5/12/1901

Abbreviations: WAGR= Western Australian Government Railways (and 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).

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