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McDonald, Enoch George

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: Labourer

Rail employment notes: Born 1/11/1915. Joined WAGR 10/5/1937 aged 21 as Repairer, CCE Branch, Geraldton. ("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.) Appointed Labourer 15/6/1937.

Enlisted in RAAF 7/7/1941. Accidentally killed 11/6/1942.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Military unit: No.14 Squadron

Service number: 45173

Date of death: 11 June 1942

Place of death: Pearce Air Base, Perth, Western Australia

Rank at time of death: Aircraftsman Class 1

Age:

Buried/commemorated: Karrakatta General Cemetery, Karrakatta, Perth, Western Australia

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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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