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McGrath, Thomas William Newport

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: Porter

Rail employment notes: Born 4/3/1914. Joined WAGR 17/5/1938 aged 24 as Porter, Traffic Branch, Merredin.

("Porter" was a very general category in the WAGR – some had specific roles such as a receiving goods porter, some were general hands while some learnt safe-working and could assist with signals, etc. Midland, a busy junction station and terminus of suburban passenger trains, probably had at least 10 porters)

Enlisted in RAAF 13/8/1941. Died 28/8/1943.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Military unit: No.97 Sqadron (RAF)

Service number: 415268

Date of death: 28 August 1943

Place of death: Belgium

Rank at time of death: Flight Sergeant

Age:

Buried/commemorated: Florennes Communal Cemetery, Namur, Wallonie, Belgium

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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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