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Melbin, Leslie Douglas

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 Tramways

Branch: CCE

Designation: Track repairer

Rail employment notes: Born 27/10/1902. Joined Tramways 4/10/1926 aged 23 as Chainman, Perth. Resigned 21/3/1927 and re-employed as Track Repairer, Perth 19/7/1937.

Enlisted in AIF 30/7/1940. Killed in action 27/7/1942.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Military unit: 2/28th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX5473

Date of death: 27 July 1942

Place of death: Egypt

Rank at time of death: Private

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

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Additional/personal information:

Born 27/10/1902.

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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