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Redfern, William

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 10/5/1919. Joined WAGR 6/12/1938 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), Locomotive Branch, East Perth. Transferred to Brunswick Junction 1/5/1939.

Enlisted in AIF 26/7/40. Died of wounds 14/9/1941.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Second Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 2/28th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX5303

Date of death: 14 September 1941

Place of death: Libya

Rank at time of death: Private

Age: 22

Buried/commemorated: tbc

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Additional/personal information:

tbc

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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