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Waite, George 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: CCE

Designation: Repairer

Rail employment notes: Born 20/8/1894. Joined WAGR 14/11/1932 aged 38 as Repairer, CCE Branch, Goomalling. Transferred to Calingiri 28/2/1933, North Dandalup 27/11/1939 and Armadale 5/8/1940. ("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, often at very small settlements or tent camps.)

Enlisted in Home Guard 7/2/1941. Died 2/12/1942.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Home Guard

Military unit: 109 Convalescent Depot

Service number: W27569

Date of death: 2 December 1942

Place of death: Australia

Rank at time of death: Acting Corporal

Buried/commemorated: Perth War Cemetery grave O.A.4, Karrakatta, Western Australia

Enlisted in First World War in AIF 29/1/1916 (Service No.26168). 10th Field Artillery. Returned to Australia 4/6/1919. Enlisted in Home Guard 7/2/1941. Died of illness 2/12/1942.

Additional/personal information:

Born 20/8/1894 in Korrumburra, Victoria. Served in the 1914-18 war. Married to Myrtle Rose Waite.

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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