Merrick, James Arthur

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 28/7/1911. Joined WAGR 23/2/1938 aged 26 as Repairer, CCE Branch, Goomalling. Transferred to Wyalkatchem 7/3/1938, Korbel 22/3/1938. Paid off 13/4/1938 and re-employed as Repairer, Shaw River 30/11/1938. Enlisted in AIF 7/7/1941. Killed in action 29/12/1944.

Military service information

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1947

Service: Second Australian Imperial Force

Military unit: 2/11th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX15303

Date of death: 29 December 1944

Place of death: New Guinea

Rank at time of death: Corporal

Buried/commemorated: Aitape War Cemetery grave A.C.13

Enlisted in AIF 7/7/1941. Killed in action 29/12/1944.

Information and/or photographs may also be found on the Australian War Memorial website: *https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search/people*

Additional/personal information:

Born 28/7/1911 in York, WA. Married to Ena Dulcie Merrick.

Abbreviations: WAGR= Western Australian Government Railways (and 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).

Acknowledgements: Rail employment notes from WAGR records held by State Records Office, Perth, transcribed by J.Austin 2019.

----------Lest we forget----------

 © Rail Heritage WA