O'Donnell, Charles George

A West Australian railway employee
killed while on military service for their country



Memorial at Railway Workshops Midland (D.Graham/panoramio)

Rail employment information

Employer:	Western Australian Government Railways
Branch:	Traffic
Designation:	Checker

Rail employment notes: Born 19/4/1902. Joined WAGR 24/9/1925 as Repairer, CCE Branch, Barbalin. Transferred to Wyalkatchem 19/4/1927. Appointed Porter, Traffic Branch, Hulongine 22/11/1928 and transferred to Perth 14/7/1930. Promoted to Shunter, Merredin 7/2/1934 but reduced to Porter, Perth 4/6/1934. Promoted to Shunter 22/11/1934 and Head Shunter, Brunswick Junction 22/9/1936. Transferred to Guard, Merredin 11/3/1938 and Head Shunter, Fremantle Goods 2/3/1940. Appointed Checker 19/4/1940. Enlisted in AIF 13/12/1940. Died of illness at Northam WA 21/2/1946.

Military service information:

Conflict:	Second World War 1939-1945
Service:	Australian Army
Military unit:	2/9th Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps
Service number:	WX10015
Date of death:	21 February 1946
Place of death:	Northam, Western Australia
Rank at time of loss:	Private
Buried/commemorated:	Karrakatta General Cemetery, Karrakatta, Western Australia.

Further information may be added as available. 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:

Mr O'Donnell was married to Myra N O'Donnell.

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).

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