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**Colgan, Patrick John**

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**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: Locomotive

Designation: Fireman

Rail employment notes: Born 30/3/1913. Joined WAGR 21/11/1929 aged 16 as Junior Worker, Loco Branch, Bunbury. Transferred to East Perth 28/7/1931 and appointed Labourer 30/3/1934. Transferred to Kalgoorlie 9/5/1934 and appointed Cleaner 29/11/1934. ("Cleaner" in this case was a position in the Locomotive branch, cleaning locomotives and otherwise employed at a locomotive depot whilst training to be a Fireman, the next step up the ladder.)

Transferred to Southern Cross 6/12/1934, Kalgoorlie 21/9/1936 and Busselton 9/12/1937. Promoted to Fireman 3/4/1938.

Enlisted in AIF 7/4/1941. Died 6/11/1942.

**Military service information:**

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Australian Army

Military unit: 2/32nd Australian Infantry Battalion

Service number: WX11401

Date of death: 6 November 1942

Age: 29

Place of death: Egypt

Rank: Acting Lance Corporal

Burial/commemoration: El Alamein War Cemetery, El Alamein, Marsa Matruh, Egypt

Patrick Colgan enlisted in the Australian Army on 5 April 1941 in Claremont.

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**Additional/personal information:**

Patrick Colgan was born in 1913 in the Mount Margaret District. He married Mary L Sangster in 1935 (BDM 7/1935)

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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*

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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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