ALFORD, Thomas "Tom" Bailey 30 November 1961

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Per Way Inspector	Maddington	Struck by passing train

Tom Alford was 52 years of age when he lost his footing on ballast as he stepped out of the path of an approaching train at Maddington, he fell, was struck by the train as it passed and died at the scene. Tom lived with his family (including his three daughters, Joan, Barbara and Hilary) at Bayswater and he was cremated at Karrakatta Cemetery, his ashes were then scattered to the wind. Tom is memorialised at Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park (Path/J/0072).

Tom, who had only limited education, joined the Railways as a Fettler in 1928 at the age of 19. By 1942 he was the Ganger in Charge at Tambellup and in 1947 he was a relief ganger. In 1955/1956 he was promoted to Per-Way Inspector and this was his designation when he was struck and killed by a train at Maddington on 30 November 1961.

Source: *Metropolitan Cemeteries Board records.*
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Tom Alford in the 1950s