ALLARDICE, Smith David 6 September 1948

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	Midland Junction	Shunting operations

Smith "Smithy" Allardice was 36 years of age when he died as the result of injuries received when he was run over while shunting at Midland Junction in the early hours of 6 September 1948. Smith's father was deceased and he was living at home in Bayswater with his widowed mother, Helen, and there were two siblings Charles (33) and Alexander (40). Smith is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (Presbyterian/IA/0773).

FAMILY NOTICES

ALLARDICE; On September 6, 1948 as the result of an accident at Midland Junction. Smith David. The dearly loved son of Helen and the late Charles Allardice, fond brother of Charles, Alex, brother-in-law of Nellie, Uncle of Susan and Sandra and nephew of David, aged 36 years.

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ALLARDICE (Smith David): Fond nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, cousin of-Jim. Nell, Dave, Dorothy, Kath , Doreen, Oswald.

ALLARDICE (Smith D.): On September 6, 1948, sincere friend of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Murray (7 Hamilton Street, Bayswater).

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INQUEST

Shunting Fatality Smith David Allardice 35 (sic), single, shunter, of Hamilton Street, Bayswater, died as a result of having been knocked down by a truck in the railway marshalling yards at Midland Junction on September 6, the City Coroner (Mr. R. P. Rodriguez) found after an inquest in the Midland Junction Court house yesterday. The Coroner added a rider recommending the Railway Department to consider the provision of a better lighting system for the marshalling yards.

Evidence was given that at about 3 a.m. Allardice and two other men were doing shunting work on dead end lines. As one rake of several trucks was sent along, the second shunter, George Bruce Underdown (on the points) heard a scream and saw deceased about 20 paces away fall outwards from between two trucks. He had apparently been trying to fix a "chopper" to the end of a truck. Allardice appeared to have been run over. He was seriously injured and died soon afterwards.

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