AYLWARD, James 3 March 1941

Designation	Accident Location	Accident due to
Fettler	Perth	Struck by locomotive

James Aylward, a fettler, was 48 years of age when he was struck and killed by a locomotive in Perth yard. James was a member of a gang engaged in track maintenance work when the locomotive struck and dragged him for some distance. James lived at Leederville with his wife Mary Margaret. Mary survived James by 31 years and passed away at the age of 78 in 1972. They are interred together at Karrakatta Cemetery (ROMAN CATHOLIC/KA/0680).

FETTLER KILLED
A railway fettler was killed by a train near Perth railway station today. He was 48-year-old James Aylward, married, of Bourke Street, Leederville. The accident happened about 10 a.m. near the eastern end of the railway goods sheds alongside Wellington street at a point almost opposite King Street. Although a number of men were working nearby at the time none of them seems to have observed the accident. Aylward was a member of a gang of about six engaged on the permanent way near the eastern end of the goods platform.

BACKS TURNED
The men were lifting a section of rail. They had their backs turned to a line along which an engine was hauling a rake of trucks. The men heard someone shout that there was a man in front of the engine. Aylward was found crushed between the cowcatcher of the engine and the sleepers at one of the points.

Driver Rogers and Fireman Menzies heard someone cry out a warning to them, and the train which was travelling slowly was immediately stopped. The engine was travelling tender first. Aylward was struck by the cowcatcher of the tender and apparently pushed along the ground for some distance.

The tender then reached a section of the line where there is a point for shunting purposes. At this point the level of the surface is below that of other portions of the line. Here, apparently, Aylward fell below the level of the line, became caught on some sleepers and was crushed.

Aylward leaves a widow and two children.

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FAMILY NOTICES
AYLWARD. On March 3, 1941, as a result of an accident, James, of 111 Bourke-street, Leederville, dearly beloved husband of Mary, loving father of Mollie, Norm and Phil, fond brother of Walter Aylward (New Zealand) and Nora (Mrs. W. Gallagher, Mullewa): Aged 48 years. Requiescat in pace.

AYLWARD. On March 3, 1941, as result of an accident, James, of 111 Bourke-street, Leederville, loving brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Regan (Wembley), Messrs. Thomas and William Regan (North Fremantle), Mr. and Mrs. George Floyd (Palmyra), Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holland (Palmyra), and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw (Osborne Park). Requiescat in pace.

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FUNERAL NOTICES.
AYLWARD. The Relatives and Friends of the late Mr. James Aylward, of 111 Bourke Street, Leederville, are respectfully informed that a Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul at St. Mary's Church, Franklin Street, Leederville, at 7 o'clock TOMORROW (Wednesday) MORNING.

The Funeral is appointed to leave the Church at 10.30 o'clock for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Karrakatta, arriving at 11 o'clock. Friends wishing to attend the Funeral may proceed by the 10.45 o'clock train from Perth. No flowers by request.

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