BAKER, Colin George 22 June 1948

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Fireman	Bayswater	Struck by passing train

Colin Baker was 20 years of age when he was fatally injured while attending to his duties as fireman on a Midland bound train at Bayswater. It is believed that Colin was struck in the head by a passing Diesel railcar as he leaned out of the cab to check the injectors. Colin died the following day in Royal Perth Hospital. Colin lived in Perth with his mother, Emma and he is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/ZL/0373)

INJURED RAIL MAN DIES

Young locomotive fire man Colin George Baker of Lacey-st., Perth, who was badly injured while on duty yesterday, died in Royal Perth Hospital early today.

Baker had been a railway fireman for only eight months. He would have been 21 next October.

Engine driver W. -T. Lamb of North-st, Maylands, reported to the Railway Department that the first he knew of the accident was when he turned around in the cab, saw his workmate in a crouching position on the floor. He thought that Baker had leaned out of the cab window and had been struck by a passing Perth-bound diesel rail coach.

Accident occurred when the Midland Junction bound train on which Baker was fireman was nearing Bayswater station.

Source: Trove/The Daily News Wednesday, 23 June 1948. Page 1.

Fireman Killed By Diesel Train

At an inquest in the Perth Courthouse yesterday on the death of Colin George Baker (20), fireman, of Lacey-street, Perth, the City Coroner (Mr. R. P. Rodriguez) found that he died on June 23 from injuries received the previous day at Bayswater when he was struck by a diesel train passing through Bayswater, no blame being attachable to anyone.

Evidence was given that Baker was a fireman on, a train which had Just pulled into the Bayswater station. He leaned out of the cabin and was struck on the head by a diesel train going in the opposite direction. It was thought that he might have been looking at the injector on the engine and that he did not hear the diesel.

Sgt. J. Clark assisted the Coroner and Acting-Inspector A. E. Moyle appeared for the Commissioner of Railways.

Source: Trove/The West Australian Tuesday 17 August 1948. Page 12.

FAMILY NOTICES
BAKER (Colin): In memory of a dear friend, Colin accidentally killed June 22, 1948. Inserted by Lea, Vi, Sylvia, Dawn, Colin, Kevin, Keith Oanser and his mate Colin Briant (Wongan Hills).

BAKER (Colin): On June 23 as a result of an accident Colin, friend of Jean and Margaret (Wongan Hills).

BAKER: A tribute to our dear friend Colin, who passed away June 23. as the result of an accident. Ever remembered by Mr. and Mrs. E. Steicke and family, Plcton Junction.

Source: Trove/The West Australian Thursday 24 June 1948. Page1.