BANDY, Ernest Samuel 18 March 1914

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	Geraldton	Shunting operations

Ernest Bandy was 26 years of age when he died as the result of a shunting accident at the Geraldton Station Yard. Ernest lived in Geraldton with his wife Evelyn Mary and they had two children. Ernest was a well respected member of his community and with his workmates and colleagues. Ernest was interred at the Pioneers Cemetery in Geraldton.

INQUEST
The Geraldton Shunting Fatality.
The inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Ernest Samuel Bandy, who met with a fatal accident in the Geraldton railway yards recently, was concluded yesterday.

Evidence was given by Mr. Stubbs, assistant engineer ; Dr. l. M Hungerford. Driver Barker, Herbert Webb, assistant shunter and F.M. Roberts, station master.

After hearing the evidence and viewing the scene of the accident, the jury, after a short deliberation, returned a verdict that the deceased met his death through his foot being accidentally caught in the throat of the crossing during shunting operations, and that no blame was attachable to anyone. They added a rider recommending for the safe working of shunters that all crossings used should he ballasted up to the level of the sleepers, and that the practice of shunters going between moving coaches be forbidden by the Department.

Source: *Trove/Geraldton Express (WA) Wednesday 1 April 1914 Page 3.*

Geraldton
Funeral.
The funeral of the late Ernest Samuel Bandy, who met his death while engaged in shunting operations in the railway yard on Wednesday, took place this morning, and was very largely attended. As showing the respect in which the deceased was held in the Railway Department, practically the whole of the men, numbering about 200, followed the remains to the place of interment, the Church of England Cemetery. The chief mourners were : The widow and her two children, father and mother, Mr and Mrs. George Bandy and family, Mrs. E. Benifett and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, and Messrs. Drage Bros, (cousins). The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Moon, G. McPhie, J. Atkinson, H. Towler, V. Woodcock, and A. H. Bobell, of the Traffic Branch.

The Railways were represented by Mr. Roberts (stationmaster) and Mr Kendrick (assistant S.M.), and a large number of employees from the Traffic, Loco., Ways and Works, and the Construction branches. The Fire Brigade and the Railway Football Club were also represented. The Rev. Mr. Craven officiated at the grave side, and the funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Geo. Lester.

Wreaths and floral tributes were sent by the following : Mr. and Mrs. T. Hickey. Mr. and Mrs. Wise and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. H Moore and family, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dragei and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fond, Mr. and Mrs. J. J Clarke. Mr. and Mrs, R. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Debucey, Mr. and Mrs. 0. H. Bennett (Cue) Mr. and Mrs. T. Webb and family Mr. and Mrs. Brady and family Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarkson, sen., and family, Mr. and Mrs. W R Kendrick and family. Mr. and M Witmore and finally. Mr. and Mrs. J. Urtch and family, Mr. and. Mrs. Clarkson (Junior) and family and others.

Source: *Trove/Geraldton Express (WA) Friday 20 March 1914 Page 3.*

Authors' Note: *An extremely sad footnote to the death of Ernest Bandy is that his widow, Evelyn Mary, gave birth (prematurely) to their third child, a son, about 5 months after Ernest's death. The child did not survive and died at the age of two days. See below.*

FAMILY NOTICES.
BIRTHS.
BANDY. On July 6, at 168 Alexander-road, South Fremantle, the wife of the late Ernest S. Bandy, of Geraldton , a son (premature).

Source: Trove/The West Australian Tuesday 7 July 1914 Page 1.

DEATHS.
BANDY. On July 8, 1914, at the residence of Mrs. J. T. Beckwith, No. 187 Alexander road, South Fremantle, Richard Joseph, dearly beloved son of Evelyn Mary and the late Ernest Samuel Bandy, aged two days.

Source: Trove/The West Australian Thursday 9 July 1914 Page 1.