BEAVER, Herbert William 29 October 1931

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Repairer	Pioneer	Per Way Trolley /Train Collision

Herbert Beaver died of injuries received when a per way trolley crashed into a stationery locomotive water tank. Of the four others on the trolley two escaped without injury and two were injured, one of them seriously. Herbert's family lived in Perth and he resided at Norseman. He was interred at Norseman Cemetery.

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A serious accident occurred at Pioneer Siding on Thursday afternoon last, when one man, Herbert William Beaver, lost his life, and two others, Sydney Harris Lonsdale and John Malcolm Hunter were injured, the former seriously. From reports to hand it appears that the 'groper' motor carrying the permanent way gang, crashed into a stationary train at the siding. On the motor were five men. Two of the men, T. H. Halse, the ganger, and Paddy Hughes, managed to jump clear before the impact and escaped uninjured, but the three mentioned above were still on the motor when it crashed. The injured men were conveyed by special train to Norseman, where they were transferred to the hospital, but the deceased, Beaver, died a few minutes after admission, while Lonsdale is still unconscious.

The funeral took place on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Clarke, Jones, Mahoney, Walker and Stinson, representing the W.Gr. Railwaymen's Union, of which, the deceased was a member.

There will be an inquiry into the accident.

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