BOYCE, Robert Owen 21 June 1917

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Fireman	Armadale	Fell from tender

Robert Boyce was 23 years of age when he was fatally injured in a fall from a locomotive tender at Armadale. Robert lived with his wife and two young daughters at Highgate and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (WESLEYAN/EC/0004).

FUNERAL NOTICES..
BOYCE, The Friends of the late Mr. Robert Owen Boyce, fireman, W.A Government Railways, are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Methodist Cemetery, Karrakatta. The Funeral is appointed to leave, his late residence 180 Lincoln Steet, Perth, at 2.30 o'clock THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, per road. Friends wishing to attend the, Funeral may proceed. by the 3.15 p.m. train leaving Perth, and the 2.45 from Fremantle. BOWRA and O'DEA, Undertakers, 195 Pier-street, Perth. Tel. A4308.

WA. LOCO. ENGINE DRIVERS', FIREMEN'S AND CLEANERS' UNION.
BOYCE.--Members of above are requested to at tend the Funeral of our late comrade, Robert Owen Boyce. The Funeral will leave his late residence, 180 Lincoln-street, Perth, at 2.30 o'clock THIS (Friday), AFTERNOON, for the Karrakatta Cemetery. Members are requested to proceed by the 3.15p.m. train leaving Perth, and the 2.45p.m. from Fremantle.
E. G. BACKSHALL,
General Secretary,
Trades.Hall, Perth.

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RAILWAY FIREMAN'S DEATH
Perth, July 3.
Today, the coroner concluded an inquiry concerning the death, on June 21, of Robert Owen Boyce, fireman, in the employ of the West Australian Government railways. The evidence showed that on June 20 Boyce was the fireman on a goods train from Beenup to Perth. The train stepped at Armadale, and drew up to a water column for the purpose of taking water. Acting in accordance with his duties, Boyce set out to get on the tender. To assist himself he caught hold of a strap on the top of the cab used to secure a canvas weather screen. The strap proved to be perished, and broke. Boyce was precipitated to the ground, and struck the footplate in the course of his fall. He died at the hospital on the following morning, according to medical testimony, from fracture of the skull, laceration of the brain and hemorrhage.

The verdict of the jury was in conformity with this evidence.

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