BOYES, William Richard 23 May 1935

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Fireman	Meekatharra	Shunting operations

William Boyes was 37 years of age when he was fatally injured while coupling travelling water tanks. He fell into a pit and was crushed by the tanks as they came together. William lived in Midland Junction with his wife, Louisa Elizabeth, and two children. He was interred in the Anglican section of the Midland Cemetery.

CRUSHED BY BUFFERS
MAN RECIEVES FATAL INJURIES
Meekatharra, A shocking accident occurred in the local railway yards at 12.10 o'clock yesterday morning when Fireman William Richard Boyes, aged 37. years, was crushed between two water tank buffers. Coming off the Wiluna train he was in the act of coupling these two tanks together and apparently failed to notice the tanks were over a cleaning pit. The tanks came together as he was falling into the pit and caused shocking injuries, result ing in his death at the Meekatharra Hospital at 8.45 the same morning. The deceased leaves a widow and two children, who reside at Midland Junction.

Source: *Trove/Daily Telegraph and North Murchison and Pilbarra Gazette (WA) Friday 24 May 1935 Page 3.*

LATE WILLIAM R. BOYES
CORONER'S INQUEST
The district coroner (Col. W. O. Mansbridge) conducted a coronial enquiry on Thursday concerning the death of William Richard Boyes who was killed in the railway yards on the night of Wednesday, 22nd May. The coroner was assisted by Constable J Clark, and the interests of the Railway Department were watched by Mr. Tweels, District Loco Superintendant of Geraldton.

Evidence was given by Driver A. Stewart, the driver of the engine on which deceased was working and also Guard O'Connor, who were present at the time of the accident.

Medical evidence was tendered by Dr. E. T. Walsh concerning the cause of death.

The coroner returned a finding that: "Upon enquiry, I find that William Richard Boyes, fireman employed by W, A. G. R., at Meekatharra on 23rd day of May, 1935, whilst in the performance of his duties, came to his death from injuries received by being crushed between the buffers of the travelling water tanks, no blame being attachable to any one."

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FUNERAL NOTICES.
BOYES. The friends of Mr. William Richard Boyes, Locomotive Fireman. Meekatharra. Dearly beloved husband of Louisa Elizabeth, are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Anglican portion of the Midland Junction Cemetery. The Funeral is appointed to leave his late place of residence, Padbury Terrace, Midland Junction, at 3 o'clock THIS (Sunday) AFTERNOON, arriving at the cemetery at 3.20 o'clock.

Source: *Trove/Sunday Times (Perth) Sunday 26 May 1935 Page 3. Family Notices.*