BROWN, Albert James 15 August 1931

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Driver	Mount Helena	Collision of two trains

Albert Brown was 49 years of age at the time of his death. To escape an imminent head-on collision Albert leapt from his cab only to be run down by wagons from his train as they derailed in the collision. He died instantly. Albert lived in Midland with his wife and daughter and he is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/ZA/0520).

Family Notices
BROWN. — On August 15, 1931, result of accident, Albert James Brown, dearly beloved husband of Phoebe and loving father of Linda, aged 49 years.

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RAILWAY SMASH
COLLISION AT MT. HELENA
DRIVER KILLED
The engine driver of a goods train, Mr. Albert Brown, of Midland Junction, was killed instantly, and several trucks and vans of the goods train were derailed and splintered to matchwood when the train collided head-on with a single coach passenger train near the Mt. Helena station, 25 miles from Perth, about 8 o'clock on Saturday evening. The passenger train was only slightly damaged, and Mr. A. J. Cousins, of Mt. Helena, the only passenger in it,, escaped with slight abrasions. The crew of the passenger train and the fireman and guard of the goods train were not injured. The goods train, which consisted of a rake of trucks laden mostly with wheat and a number of vans of perishable goods, of a total weight of about 400 tons, was travelling at a speed of about twelve miles an hour towards Perth from Northam along the main eastern line with Mr. Brown as driver, Mr. M. Taylor as fireman and Mr. Chamber as guard. After leaving Mt. Helena station it was about to pass the points beyond the siding, when an engine, drawing a single passenger coach, travelling from Perth to Mt. Helena, and driven by Mr. J. Burley. with Mr. C. Fawcett as guard, and Mr. L. Maskew as fireman, emerged from a cutting on the Bellevue-Mundaring loop line, and entered the main line. Mr .Brown leaped out of the cab an instant before the impact, then with a terrific crash the two trains met head on. Brown's body was subsequently found lying across the rails in an angle between a smashed van and a truck. He had been killed instantly, a wheel of one of the vans having passed over his head.

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