CLEMENTSON, Joseph 19 February 1954

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Per Way Inspector	Beechina	Per Way Tricycle / Train collision

Joseph Clementson was 62 years of age when received what proved to be fatal injuries in a collision between his motorised tricycle and a train near Beechina. Joseph was apparently unaware that he had fractured his neck when he jumped clear just before the impact, he died in Royal Perth Hospital two day later. Joseph lived in Claremont with his wife, Mary Alice, and he is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/WD/0114).

Inspector Hit by Engine Near Chidlow

A W.A.G.R. permanent way inspector received head injuries when the motor tricycle on which he was travelling near Beechina, between Chidlow and Wooroloo, was struck by a locomotive yesterday afternoon. He is Joseph Clementson, of Davies Road Claremont. Mr. Clementson, who was alone on the tricycle, apparently failed to hear the approaching locomotive. The injured man was taken to Chidlow on the locomotive and transferred to a St. John ambulance called from Wundowie. He was then taken in the ambulance to the Royal Perth Hospital and admitted.

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Finding Waits On Evidence Of Warning

As no evidence was available of whether a railway repairman, who was killed in a collision near Beechina, had received a warning signal or not, no finding could be given as to the cause of his death. The City Coroner (Mr. R. P. Rodriguez, S.M.) said this, when in the Perth Courthouse yesterday, he adjourned sine die an inquest into the death of Joseph Clementson (62), of Davies Road, Claremont.

Evidence was given that at 1.30 p.m. on February 19 Clement son had been driving a motor tricycle through a cutting near Beechina, when he was struck by an engine travelling in the same direction, and at about 15 miles an hour faster than his speed. He was said to have jumped off the trolley, just before the accident. When the driver braked his engine, and ran to his aid, he was lying on the embankment, still conscious. He complained only of pain in his arm. He was taken by a St. John ambulance to the Royal Perth Hospital, where he died two days later from a fractured neck.

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Train Fatality Was Not Due To Negligence

There was no evidence that either Joseph Clementson (62) of Davies Road, Claremont, or the driver of the train which had killed him had been negligent, the City Coroner (Mr. R. P. Rodriguez, S.M.) said in his finding at an inquest in the Perth Courthouse yesterday. Some aspects of the accident, which had occurred on February 17 about a mile west of Beechina, had been very unsatisfactory. He found that Clementson, a W.A.G.R. permanent way inspector, died on February 19 from a fractured neck received when he jumped from a rail way tricycle just before it was struck by a train.

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