EDWARDS, John 7 August 1928

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Length Runner	Yalgoo	PW Trolley / Wagon Collision

John Edwards was 61 Years of age when his per way motor trolley hit a camel wagon, the trolley was badly damaged and john was killed instantly. John lived in Yalgoo with his wife and they had grown children living elsewhere. John was highly regarded in his comunity and was interred at Yalgoo Cemetery. MM July 2016.

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Length Runner Killed
Tragedy on Yalgoo Railway.
PERTH, Aug 9. John Edwards (61), a railway length runner, of Yalgoo, was killed on Tuesday afternoon in a collision near Yalgoo. A telegram received by the Commissioner of Railways yesterday stated that Edwards was travelling along the railway from Yowergabbie to Yalgoo on a motor tricycle, and at the 139 mile crossing he crashed into a loaded camel wagon. He was killed and the tricycle badly damaged.

Source: *Trove/Albany Advertiser (WA) Thursday 9 August 1928 Page 1.*

Fatal Accident at Yalgoo.
On Tuesday evening about three o'clock, John Richard Edwards, railway employee, was killed at the crossing near railway barracks on the East end of the station yard. Deceased was a length runner from Yalgoo to Yowergabbie and was returning home. A camel team driven by T. Oliver was coming out from the railway yard loaded with timber and iron from a shed being removed to Warriedah. The team came out of an opening in the fence. As the team cleared the fence the driver was on the the brake behind and saw nothing of Edwards or the motor trolley until it hit the wagon. As there was a strong West wind, which would be blowing in deceased's face, it is presumed he did not see the wagon until too late. The motor apparently passed under the shafts and was smashed up. The near front wheel passed over deceased's neck and shoulder and had to be jacked up to remove the body. One of the camels in the shafts was knocked down. On removal of the body from under the wheel it was taken to the Railway Hotel.

Deceased came to Yalgoo some years ago from Geraldton and was in charge of the permanent way gang for several years, but for the last couple of years has been running the length. He was about 60 years of age and leaves a widow and several children, by a previous marriage to mourn their less. One son who was in the Australian navy spent a few weeks in Yalgoo a few years ago, and the youngest daughter was married during the present year.

The deceased was due for his long service leave, and had anticipated going to Sydney to see his son. He was highly esteemed and respected by everyone, and the greatest sympathy is felt for his relatives in the shock of his tragic end.

An inquest is to be held at an early date.

Source: *Trove/Daily Telegraph and North Murchison and Pilbarra Gazette (WA) Saturday 11 August 1928 Page 3.*