FAHEY, Edward Patrick 28 October 1936

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Guard	Midland Junction	Shunting operations

Edward Fahey was 58 years of age when he was fatally injured after falling between a rake of stock wagons and a loading platform at the Midland Junction Abattoir. Edward lived at Midland Junction with his wife Rosanna "Rose", they had eight grown children and two grandchildren. Edward was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ROMAN CATHOLIC/AC/0081).

A FATAL SLIP.
Shunter Killed at Midland.
While a rake of cattle wagons was being moved from the Midland Junction railway station to the abattoirs siding near the sale yards yesterday, Edward Patrick Fahey (58) sustained fatal injuries, when he fell between the wagons and an unloading ramp. Fahey, who had been a guard at Midland Junction for 25 years was riding on the leading brake of the first wagon when he slipped off the brake as the wagons were passing the ramp. First-aid was rendered by Driver Mewburn, and, after Fahey had been attended by Dr. Buttsworth, he was removed in the Midland Junction ambulance to a private hospital, where he died about two hours later. His injuries included fractures of both thighs and the pelvis.

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FAMILY NOTICE.
FAHEY. On October 28, 1936, at Midland Junction (accidentally killed), Edward Patrick Fahey, dearly beloved husband of Rose, loving father of William, Annie (Mrs. Plews), Jim, Len, Joe, Molly, Jack and Kevin, father-in-law of Phylis and Ted, grandfather of Pat and Pam. R.I.P.

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GUARD ACCIDENTALLY KILLED, SAYS CORONER
A finding of accidental death, with no blame attachable to any one, was returned by the Acting Coroner (Mr. H. A. Devenish, J.P.) at Midland Junction Courthouse today at the adjourned inquest into the death of Edward Patrick Fahey (58), railway guard. Fahey was injured during shunting operations at the Midland Junction stockyards about 10.30 a.m. on October 28. He was taken to a private hospital in Midland Junction, but died an hour later.

In evidence yesterday it was stated that Fahey was riding on the brake bar of a cattle truck at the rear of a rake which was being drawn into a loading platform. One man was running alongside , the truck on which Fahey was riding. Fahey had his right foot on the brake, and was facing away from the platform. He leaned out to look towards the engine and then leaned forward to avoid a gate. As he did that he made a movement, trying, apparently, to jump backwards on to the platform. He lost his footing, falling between the truck and the platform. Crushed against the platform, he was dragged about 60ft. before the train stopped. The accident had not been seen by the engine crew, due to a bend in the line. Fahey was lifted to the platform and given first-aid, and then rushed to hospital.

Dr. Buttsworth said that Fahey was admitted to St. Andrew's Hospital, Midland Junction, suffering from extensive injuries, including fractures to both thighs, and a fractured pelvis. He died an hour after admission.

"I find that deceased died at St. Andrew's Hospital, Midland Junction, on October 28 as the result of injuries received in an accident while in the performance of his duties, no blame being attachable to anyone," said the Acting Coroner. Inspector De Garis represented the Railway Department, and Mr. F. Johnston the W.A. Amalgamated Society of Railway Employees. Sergeant J. J. Ryan examined the witnesses.

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