FIRMIN, Charles 29 May 1952

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Driver	Bassendean	Railcar/Truck collision

Charles Firmin was 43 years of age when died as the result of injuries received when the railcar on which he was the assistant driver collided with a truck at the Cresco level crossing at Bayswater. Charles died within hours of being injured. The truck driver, Leslie Archer died at the scene. Charles lived in Inglewood with his wife, Dorothy, and their three children. Charles was a returned serviceman (RAAF) and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/ZM/0394).

CORONER ON DANGER OF A CROSSING

Several recommendations were made by the City Coroner (Mr. R. P. Rodriguez) in the Perth Courthouse yesterday when he gave his reserved decision on an inquest into the death of two men who were killed in a collision between a train and a truck, at the Cresco railway crossing, Bayswater, on May 29. He advised that the Cresco crossing should be placed on early priority for the instalment of red danger light signals ; that all vehicles be forced to stop before moving over the crossing, and that the small hill on which the Bayswater railway distance signal is erected should be removed.

Charles Herbert Firmin (42) an assistant engine-driver of Tenth Avenue, Inglewood, and Leslie Archer (39), a truck driver, of Halliday Street, Bayswater, were both killed at the crossing when a diesel train collided with a truck driven by Archer, about 7.30 a.m. No blame was attachable to Edward Joseph Damon, the driver of the train, the Coroner said.

Sgt. R. H. Sims assisted the Coroner.

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FIRMIN: On May 29, suddenly, as result of an accident. Charles Herbert, dearly beloved husband of Dorothy of 75 Tenth-avenue, Inglewood, loving father of Colin, Pamela and Gillian: aged 43 years.

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