# FRANK, Thomas 16 December 1913

| Designation | Accident Location | Accident Due to |
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| Chainman | Wongan Hills | Per Way Trolley/Train collision |

Thomas Frank died instantly when his per way trolley was struck by a train about 2 miles from Wongan Hills. Thomas was a middle aged man and it was believed that all of his relatives lived in the Eastern states. Thomas' burial arrangements, his age and family situation were not reported.

**GOOMALLING.**
Thomas Frank was a chainman on the Wongan Hills -Mullewa railway construction met his death on the 16th inst. He was working in the vicinity of the 14-mile, and was expected in Wongan Hills on a rail tricycle about 8p.m. As he did not arrive, and the construction train arrived at Wongan Hills about 9 p.m., inquiries were made but the guard and driver reported that they had not seen him. Fearing that something had happened to him, Mr. Irvine, the ,engineer, sent out a couple of men to look for him, and they found his dead, body about two miles, out alongside the line, having the appearance of being struck by the train. The tricycle was near the body broken to pieces. The deceased was shockingly cut up, his head being smashed and one foot cut off.

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**KILLED ON WONGAN HILLS RAILWAY.**
**SURVEYOR'S CHAINMAN RUN DOWN.**
**Goomalling, Dec. 19.**
Thomas Frank, who was employed as chainman to the surveyor on the Wongan Hills - Mullewa railway construction, was killed on Tuesday. He was working at the 14 mile siding, and should have returned to Wongan by rail tricycle at 8 p.m. The construction train arrived at 9 p.m.; but those in charge reported that they had not seen him. After inquiries, Mr. Irvine, the engineer, sent out men to search, and they found the body two miles out alongside the line. Appearances suggested that the man had been struck by a train. The head was badly smashed, and the foot amputated, and death must have been instantaneous. The tricycle was broken up. An inquest was opened by Mr. F. Moore, the Coroner, and was adjourned to tomorrow. Dr. Cockey, of Goomalling, made a post-mortem examination. The deceased was a middle-aged man and is supposed that his relatives are in the Eastern States.

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