HARRIS, Lester Roy Joseph 27 February 1917

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Navvy	Quindalup	Falling tree

Lester Harris was 18 years of age when he was struck and killed by a falling tree while engaged on clearing work for the Busselton - Margaret River railway construction. Lester lived at Quindalup with his parents and he is interred at Busselton Pioneers Cemetery.

KILLED BY A FALLING TREE.
Busselton, March I
An accident on the Busselton-Margaret River railway construction works on
Tuesday evening resulted in the death of a young man named Lester Roy Joseph Harris. The traction engine clearing gang were pulling the last tree for the day when the anchor tree to which the engine was made fast suddenly gave way. The men comprising the gang ran in various directions for safety, none knowing in exactly what direction the tree would fall. Unfortunately Harris took the wrong direction and ran under the falling branches, one of which struck him on the head, death being instantaneous. The police at Busselton were notified of the matter and the body was brought into the town. An inquest was held, and a verdict of accidental death with no blame attachable to anyone was returned. The deceased, who was 18. years of age, was the son of Mr. George Harris, of Quindalup, and had only been employed on the work for a week.

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