HAYMAN, Spencer John 19 May 1920

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Goods Porter	East Perth	Shunting operations

Spencer Hayman was 28 years of age when he was struck and fatally injured by loose shunted wagons while taking numbers in Perth Goods Yard. Spencer died at the scene. He lived in Murray Street Perth with his wife and young child. Spencer was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ROMAN CATHOLIC/DB/0266).

RAILWAY FATALLITY EARLY MORNING ACCIDENT.
AT THE CENTRAL GOODS YARDS.
A fatal accident occurred early this morning at the goods yards attached to the Central Railway Station. The Southwestern train, which was due to leave Perth at 2.45, had been shunted on to the No. 5 road, and Spencer J. Hayman, a number taker, proceeded to book up the number and the weight of the Ioads of the trucks. While he was so engaged, about 2.30 a.m., a rake of trucks was shunted down No.4 road, alongside that on which the Southwest trucks were standing. Shortly afterward, Hayman was found beside the track. He had sustained injuries to the head and body, and was unconscious. In response to a summons, an ambulance crew proceeded to the goods yards, and upon examination being made, Hayman was found to be dead. His remains were removed to the city morgue.

At noon an inquest was formally opened by Police Sergeant Normoyle, before Deputy Coroner F. W. Collett and a jury. Evidence of identification was tendered by James Boucher, a railway employee, who stated that deceased was a married man and he resided with his wife and child in Murray Street near George Street.

The inquiry was adjourned until June

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INQUEST RESUMED.
Perth June 5 1920
At the City Courthouse yesterday afternoon the inquiry into the death of Spencer John Hayman, a railway employee, who was killed in the Perth goods yard at an early hour on the morning of May 19, was concluded. Sergeant Thomas conducted the examination of the witnesses before the Deputy Coroner (Mr F. W. Collett, J.P.) and a jury, Mr L. P. Durack appeared for the relatives of the deceased and Inspector Angel watched the proceedings on behalf of the Railway Department.

John Burden, a shunter, said that he was on duty in the Perth shunting yards from midnight on May 18 to 8 a.m. on the following morning. He saw the deceased tho deceased, who appeared to be perfectly sober, a few minutes before he was killed. Witness was then about to "kick off" a truck on No. 4 road and the deceased was taking the numbers of the trucks on No. 5 road on the side nearest to No. 4. He "kicked" the truck and was about to "kick off" a further rake of ten trucks when he noticed a book lying near the rails. On investigation he found the deceased under the fourth truck of the ten he was about to "kick off." He was certain that the deceased was not hit by the first truck he cut off. The yard was well lighted, but the darkest corner of the yard was where the accident happened.

Dr. Barker, C.R. M.O., gave evidence of having held a post mortem examination on the body of the deceased, as a result of which he bad arrived at the conclusion that death was due to fracture of the spinal column, multiple injuries, and shock.

Stephen Glynn, assistant shunter, William John Naylor, engine driver, and Dan Mutton, yard foreman, gave corroborative evidence.

The jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

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FUNERAL NOTICE.
HAYMAN. The Friends of the late Mr. SPENCER J. HAYMAN, of the W.A.
Government Railways, are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Karrakatta. The Funeral is appointed to leave his late residence, 623 Murray Street, Perth, at 2.30 o'clock TOMORROW (THURSDAY.) AFTERNOON, per road. Friends wishing to attend the Funeral may proceed by the 8 o'clock trains leaving Perth and Fremantle.
BOWRA. and O'DEA. Undertakers, 195 Pier-street. Perth.

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