HOLMES, Ernest 1 November 1945

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	West Perth	Shunting operations

Ernest Holmes was 50 years of age when he was knocked down and was killed at West Perth. ***Ernest was a returned serviceman formerly of the 16th Batt. 1st AIF.*** He lived at Mount Hawthorn with his wife, Millicent, and was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/WE/0321).

SHUNTER KILLED.
Pinned Under Locomotive.
Hit by a railway truck travelling in front of a locomotive Ernest Holmes (50), married, shunter, of London-street, Mt Hawthorn, was knocked down and killed in the West Perth railway yards just before 8 o'clock last night.

Mr Holmes had just left the mess hut. As he stepped on to the railway track passing 4ft from the hut he apparently failed to see the truck coming towards him. He was knocked down between the rails and the truck wheels and part of the length of the locomotive, which had been moving at about five miles an hour, passed over him. It is believed that he was killed instantly. His body was pinned under the locomotive's ash-pan and rescuers had some difficulty in removing it. Later it was removed to the Perth Hospital morgue.

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