LACK, Charles Henry 3 July 1900

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	Fremantle	Shunting operations

Charles Lack was 36 years of age when he received fatal injuries after falling under wagons being shunted at Fremantle Station yard. Charles lived at Beaconsfield with his wife, Harriet, and their two children. He is interred at Fremantle Cemetery (METHODIST/Mon B/0217).

Shunter Killed.
PERTH 9 a.m.
At the Fremantle station yard a shunter named Charles H. lack has been killed. It appears that Lack was engaged in shunting about 9.20 p m. He was employed in a rake of trucks proceeding from the direction of the overheard bridge towards the station. It was his duty to look after the points, and he was supposed to be on the last truck. About the middle of the rake was a fellow workman named E. Diamond, who was in charge of the trucks. Just behind the railway station, and close to the foreman's office there are a set of points, and about 12 yards nearer Cliff Street crossing there is a heap of ballast. It would appear that there was no necessity for Lack to get off the train at this point, but that about 116 yards further on he should have altered the points. When the train reached this portion of the line, Diamond looked for the green light which Lack should have showed, but not seeing it, he walked back down the line and found his mate lying in a terribly mutilated condition on the side of the rails, close to the heap of ballast. How the accident occurred seems to be a mystery. One theory put forward is that Lack had mistaken the point he had to turn, and had jumped off the track he was on, falling on the ballast underneath. Another is that he was running after the rake while it was in motion, after having turned the last -set of points, and that he attempted to jump on the truck, but fell between the wheels. Lack was a married man, living at Attfield Street, Beaconsfield. He leaves a widow and two children.

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