LYNES, John Clarence 16 September 1918

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Guard	77 Mile, Kurrawang Woodline	Shunting operations

John Lynes was 28 years of age when he was fatally injured while shunting at 77 mile on the Kurrawang Woodline. John died shortly afterward on the way to Kurrawang. John was single, a native of New Zealand and lived in Kalgoorlie. He was interred in the Anglican section of the Kalgoorlie Cemetery. John was a popular member of his community and there was a large turnout at his funeral.

RAILWAY FATALITY.
A GUARD RUN OVER.
Kalgoorlie, Sept. 16.
John Lynes, a guard about 28 years of age, unmarried, was killed about 1 o'clock this afternoon at the main camp at 77 Mile on the Kurrawang woodline. His body was shockingly mutilated. The deceased went between the tender and a van, where he fell on the rail during shunting operations and was run over. Lynes was conscious when pulled out, but said nothing about the cause of the accident dying on the train near 68 mile on the way to Kurrawang. The deceased's mother lives in Wellington, New Zealand. It is stated that he has a brother who is a locomotive engine driver either at Midland Junction or Northam. An inquest will be opened tomorrow.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth, WA : 1879 - 1954) Tuesday 17 September 1918 Page 6.*

Author's note: *An inquest later determined that John Lynes' death was the result of an accident. MM August 2016*