Mc KENNA, Patrick 8 May 1919

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	Collie	Crushed by runaway wagon

Patrick Mckenna, a returned serviceman, died after being crushed by a runaway wagon while shunting at the Cooperative Mine in Collie. Patrick, his wife Mary and their four children lived at Collie, having recently moved there from Northam. Patrick's parents lived at Jarrahdale and Patrick was interred in the ROMAN CATHOLIC section of the Jarrahdale Cemetery.

A FATALITY AT COLLIE

A most unfortunate accident terminating in the death of Mr. Patrick McKenna occurred at Collie on Wednesday night. Mr. McKenna, who is a brother of Mr. W. McKenna, of Messrs. Millar Timber and Trading Co.,. Bunbury, had recently been shifted to Collie, where he had been working as a shunter. Previous to this and subsequent to his return from active service some 18 months ago, he had been employed at Northam on the railways. Throughout the service he had earned the name of being a genial and hard worker and
had made many friends.

On Wednesday night, about 10.30 Mr. McKenna was working on a rake of trucks at the Cooperative on mine. After shunting a coal truck on to the company's line the engine returned with Mr. McKenna standing on the foot board of the engine, and after passing the points it stopped and on the turning of the points continued on a line which was
connected with the one on which the truck was left. When passing the points the second time, the truck was seen racing down the decline towards them. The rapidity with which it came prevented Mr. McKenna from avoiding same and the truck crashed into the engine, pinning Mr. McKenna beneath it, with the result that, his ankle, knee and thigh were badly crushed while his ribs were also broken. Assistance was immediately forthcoming but
the unfortunate young fellow succumbed at 6.30 a.m. His brother was informed of the accident about 3.15 a.m. on Thursday, and after obtaining a car left at about 4 a.m. for Collie, but it is understood he was not in time to see his brother alive.

The parents, who are resident at Jarrahdale were informed and hastily made the trip to Collie.

Coroner's inquest was opened on Saturday but after taking evidence of identification it was adjourned to a later date.

The body was conveyed to Jarrahdale, where the funeral took place, the remains being interred in the R/C. portion of the cemetery.

Mr. E. McKenna, father of the deceased, is mill foreman at Messrs. Millar Timber and Trading Co., and has been in the employ of this firm for many years. He is widely known throughout the South West and we in common with his host of friends and sympathizers extend our sincere condolences.

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