O'SULLIVAN, Michael 15 March 1915

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Navvy	Naretha, TAR	Fall from train

Michael O'Sullivan was 38 years of age when he and Cecil Mallon (28) were jolted from a wagon and fell under the wheels, both died instantly. Cecil lived at Kalgoorlie and is interred at Kalgoorlie Cemetery. The engine driver was tried for manslaughter and acquitted. **SEE ALSO Cecil Mallon.**

MEN KILLED ON TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY.
Kalgoorlie, March 15
On the Trans-Australian Railway today, Cecil Mallon and Michael Sullivan fell on to the rails from the trucks and were run over and killed

Source: *Trove/Northern Times (Carnarvon) Saturday 20 March 1915 Page 4.*

FEDERAL RAILWAY ANOTHER ACCIDENT.
TWO MEN KILLED.
Kalgoorlie, March 15.
A shocking accident occurred on the trans-Australian railway line this afternoon resulting in the death of two men, while a third man was slightly injured. A number of men who had been working at the head of the line, were riding back to their camp in an open truck. At the 199-mile post the train stopped to pick up some more trucks, and during the shunting operations the truck on which the men were travelling was bumped so violently that three of the occupants were thrown out, Cecil Mallon and Michael Sullivan fell on to the rails and were run over. One man was killed instantaneously, and the other died on the way to the hospital. James McCarthy was thrown clear of the line, and escaped with slight injuries.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Tuesday 16 March 1915 Page 6.*

TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY TRAGEDY
The inquest on Michael O'Sullivan and Cecil Mallon, victims of the trans-Australian railway accident on March 15, ended yesterday with a verdict of negligence against George Woodhams, engine driver, and the coroner Mr. Walter, R.M., committed him for trial on charges of the manslaughter of the two deceased.

Source: *Trove/Kalgoorlie Western Argus (WA) Tuesday 20 April 1915 Page 12.*

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER AGAINST TRANS-AUSTRALIAN ENGINE DRIVER
MR JUSTICE BURNSIDE'S COMMENTS.
'A MOST EXTRAORDINARY CASE.'
WOODHAMS ACQUITTED.
Yesterday the hearing of the charge against George Woodhams of having on March 15 unlawfully killed Michael O'Sullivan at the 198-mile siding on the trans-Australian railway, was concluded before Mr. Justice Burnside and a jury, and resulted in the accused being acquitted. Mr. M. B. Scott conducted the prosecution for the Crown, and Mr. P. F. O'Dea defended Woodhams.

Source: *Trove/Kalgoorlie Miner (WA) Friday 18 June 1915 Page 7.*