PATTENDEN, Thomas Albert 25 November 1949

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Head Shunter	Pinjarra	Shunting operations

Thomas Pattenden was 29 years of age when he was fatally injured in a shunting accident at Pinjarra. Admitted to Pinjarra Hospital with horrendous injuries, he died five hours later. Thomas lived at East Fremantle with his wife Kathleen and he is interred at Fremantle Cemetery (ANGLICAN/MON A8/0174).

SHUNTER KILLED UNDER TRAIN
PINJARRA, Sat: Railway shunter Thomas Albert Pattenden (29) , of Pinjarra, was fatally injured at the Pinjarra railway yard about 3.30 p.m. yesterday when he missed his footing and was dragged about 50ft. under a train. Shockingly injured, Pattenden was jammed under the train for almost 30min. before his workmates could jack up a water tanker to release him. He was rushed to Pinjarra Hospital where doctors amputated his right arm and both legs. He died 5 hours after the accident. Police were told that Pattenden, the head, shunter at Pinjarra, was standing on the back of an engine which was shunting a water tanker. When he attempted to step from the engine to the tanker he missed his footing and fell between engine and tanker. Pattenden was caught up in the brake gear and was dragged about 50ft. before, the engine could be stopped.

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SHUNTER DIES AFTER FALL
When he missed his footing and fell between a railway engine and a water tender at Pinjarra on Friday afternoon, Thomas Albert Pattenden (29), married, railway shunter, of Pinjarra, received fatal injuries. The engine dragged him about 50ft. and had to be jacked before he could be released. Mr. Pattenden remained conscious while under the train for 20 minutes and he died over five hours later. Both legs and one arm were amputated by doctors.

Sgt. S. Daws and Constable R. Stephens of the Pinjarra police made inquiries.

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Acting Coroner Absolves
Pinjarra Rail Men
PINJARRA, Thurs: WAGR employees were not to blame for a fatal accident in Pinjarra railway yards on November 25, according to Acting Coroner G. Beecham, JP, in Pinjarra Courthouse today. He conducted an inquest in to the death of Thomas Albert Pattenden (29), of Pinjarra,found that Pattenden died from injuries received in the accident.

It was said in evidence that Pattenden appeared to miss his footing and fall between a water tanker and the tender of an engine which was shunt ing the tanker at slow speed. Pattenden was caught up in the brake gear and was dragged about 50ft. before the engine could be stopped. He was jammed under the train for almost 30 minutes before the water tanker could be jacked up to release him. He died about five hours after he had been admitted to Pinjarra Hospital.

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