RAE, Kenneth Princep 8 August1934

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Assistant Engineer	Northam Racecourse	Fall from Weedex train

Kenneth Princep Rae, a nephew of the Lieutenant Governor of Western Australia, Sir James Mitchell, was 23 years of age when he died after falling from the Weedex truck during weed killing operations at Northam. Kenneth had recently graduated as an engineer from the University of WA and had been working for the Railway Department for only a short time before the accident. Kenneth was single at the time of his death and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery.

INQUEST
ENGINEER'S DEATH
Ran Over By Poison Truck.
Northam, August 17.— The District Coroner (Mr: E. S. Reynolds, RM.) completed the inquiry today into the cause of the death of - Kenneth Princep Rea (23), an engineer, whose death occurred following an accident when he was superintending the spraying of a railway track with poison from a poison truck with the of object of killing weeds. . The verdict of the District Coroner.- was that Rae came to his death on August 8 from shock following injuries received by his being run over by railway trucks at the racecourse siding at East Northam - and that it was an accidental occurrence

"I am of the opinion", stated the Coroner in a rider, "that greater protection by the Railway Department should be afforded the operator of this special truck. There should be provided a grill or protected opening in the platform of the truck to enable the operator to observe whether or not the sprays are functioning properly without his running the very great danger of loss of life in having to lean over its' edge, and look underneath before this can be ascertained. "

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Kenneth Princep Rae/ Photograph provided by Jackie Tuffin,his niece. January 2017.