RAWLINGS, Francis Raymond 5 November 1923

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Porter	Narrogin	Struck by train

Francis Rawlings was 28 years of age when he was run down by a train and killed as he crossed the line at Narrogin. Francis was single and lived with his parents at East Perth. He was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ROMAN CATHOLIC/DB/0564).

RAILWAY MAN CUT TO PIECES.
NARROGIN, Tuesday.
A shocking fatality occurred on the railway line near the Narrogin station about 11.30 last evening. Francis Raymond Rawlings, a porter, was proceeding to the station to meet the traffic inspector, who was in the district with the departmental testing van. This was due to arrive about midnight Deceased was crossing the line coming from the direction of Collie. The unfortunate man was run down, and his body was badly mangled. The remains were only identified by a bunch of keys which he was carrying. The deceased was 28 years of age, and was to have been married in two months. His father resides at 102 Royal Street, East Perth, and is also, a railway employee. The remains were removed to the morgue, and an inquiry into the tragic happening is to be held.

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SAD RAILWAY FATALITY AT NARROGIN YOUNG MAN, CUT TO PIECES.
As the train from Collie entered the Narrogin station yard on Monday evening last, at about 11.30 p.m. the engine driver thought he noticed a bump as he passed the barracks two or three hundred yards from the station. On pulling up at the station the driver reported the matter and an investigation, which was immediately made, revealed the fact that a young man, named Francis Raymond Rawlings, a railway employee in the Eye Testing Department, had been run over and his body terribly mutilated. From reports it appears the deceased arrived in Narrogin by the 5 p.m. train from Perth the same evening, and had visited the barracks to spend the time in a game of cards with its occupants. On hearing a train whistle, he left the barracks for the station, thinking that it was the train from Perth on which his superior officer was travelling. On his way to the station the young man must have traversed the Collie section of the line with the idea that the train was coming in the opposite direction, the consequence being that be was immediately run down with the result stated above. Those whose duty it was to investigate the accident, had a most trying time, the sight revealed being beyond description.

The late Mr. Rawlings was the second son of Mr. P. F. Rawlings, of the Railway Department, Perth, and was only 28 years of age. He was well respected by all who knew him and we understand his marriage was to take place early next month.

An enquiry into the accident is to take place next week.

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