RELPH, William 22 December 1927

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Fettler	Kalgoorlie	Per Way Trolley/Train collision

William Relph was aged about 45 when he was killed instantly when his Per Way Tricycle collided with a train near the Kanowna Road crossing between Kalgoorlie and Parkeston. William lived in Kalgoorlie with his wife and they had a twenty year old son. William was interred in the Anglican portion of the Kalgoorlie Cemetery.

RAILWAY FATALITY
NEAR KANOWNA ROAD CROSSING
WILLIAM RELPH KILLED
A shocking fatality occurred on the trans-Australian railway line near the Kanowna road crossing about 4.30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. William Henry Relph, a fettler, residing in Campbell Street was riding on a railway tricycle from Kalgoorlie to Parkeston. A goods train left the Kalgoorlie railway station about 4.28 p.m. As the train came out of the cutting near the old Devon Consols G.M., the driver and fireman, Messrs. A. Irons and J. Cartledge, noticed the unfortunate man just ahead of the train. There is a curve in the line near this spot. The curve running through the cutting obstructs the view of the line for a short distance ahead. Every effort was made by the driver and fireman to avert an accident, but their efforts were unsuccessful. The engine struck the tricycle with considerable force and Relph was thrown clear of the engine, but unfortunately he was killed instantly. The tricycle was smashed to pieces not one single portion of it being left intact. Parts of it were picked up 20 yards from the line.

The police were notified, and Constables Jacobs and Goldie removed the body to the morgue.

Author's Note: A Coroner's inquest determined that William Relph died as the result of an accident.

Source: *Trove/Western Argus (Kalgoorlie) Tuesday 27 December 1927 Page 23.*

FUNERAL NOTICES
RELPH. The friends of the late William Henry Relph, dearly beloved husband of Hannah, loving father of William, are respectfully notified, that his remains will be removed from his late residence 75 Campbell-street, Kalgoorlie, THIS (Saturday) MORNING, at 11 a.m., for interment in the. ANGLICAN portion of the Kalgoorlie Cemetery.
W. STROTHER. Undertaker.

Source: *Trove/Kalgoorlie Miner (WA)* Saturday 24 December 1927 Page 4.