SINCLAIR, Arthur Ernest 10 June 1925

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Driver	Jandakot	Shunting operations

Arthur Sinclair was 51 years of age when he fell from the cowcatcher of his engine and was fatally injured while assisting the train guard to execute a "fly" shunt at Jandakot. He died shortly after being admitted to Fremantle Hospital. Arthur lived with his wife, Minnie, at Fremantle and they had three children. Arthur was interred at the Fremantle Cemetery (PRESBYTERIAN/MON EE/0019). Minnie survived Arthur by 6 years and was interred in the same grave in 1931.

SHUNTING ACCIDENT.
ARTHUR SINCLAIR'S DEATH
At the Fremantle Courthouse this morning the Coroner (Mr. H. J. Craig, R.M), conducted an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of Arthur Ernest Sinclair (51) who was the victim of a fatal railway shunting accident at Jandakot on June 10. Inspector Angel appeared for the Railway Department and Sergeant Delfs examined the witnesses.

Dr. M. D. Harpur. R.M.O. at the Fremantle Hospital, said that deceased was admitted to the casualty ward at 4:30 a.m. on June 10. He died within a few minutes of arrival. He had extensive injuries from the right thigh to the foot. Death was due to hemorrhage, shock and cardiac failure.

Charles Frederick Vivian, railway guard, deposed that he was guard of a train which left Fremantle at 10 a.m. or, June 10 for Armadale via Jandakot. On arrival at Jandakot the train crew consisting of the driver (deceased), the fireman, Paul Goldsworthy and witness commenced shunting operations. In order to expedite the shunting deceased stood on the cow catcher, leaving the fireman in charge of the engine. Witness was attending to the points. They proceeded to 'fly'' shunt four trucks into Peel Estate siding. After the engine had moved ahead witness heard Sinclair call out in distress. Witness ran back and found deceased lying alongside the line in a mutilated condition. He communicated with the Railway Department and subsequently conveyed Sinclair back to Fremantle. There was no erratic movement of the engine to cause deceased to fall from the engine. There was no necessity for deceased to step off the cowcatcher until the train had stopped. Probably deceased slipped off the engine and fell under the truck.

Paul Goldsworthy, the fireman on the train, said that after deceased had got down on to the cow catcher he gave certain directions as to the moving of the engine. All these witness correctly carried out. A few minutes later the guard told him there had been an accident. Witness knew how to drive an engine, but did not hold a driver's ticket. A fireman could drive an engine under instructions from the driver. After evidence of identification had been tendered by Cecil James Sinclair the Coroner returned a verdict of accidental death.

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FUNERAL NOTICE
SINCLAIR. The friends of the late Mr. ARTHUR ERNEST SINCLAIR, an engine driver, of the W.A. Government Railways, Fremantle, are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Presbyterian Cemetery, Fremantle. The Funeral will leave his late residence, 104 Marmion-street. Fremantle T0M0RR0W (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3.45 o'clock., arriving at the Cemetery at 4.5 p.m.
ARTHUR E. DAVIES and CO., Undertakers, Fremantle and Claremont TeL B225.

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FAMILY NOTICE
SINCLAIR - On June 10, 1925 (as result of an accident), Arthur Ernest, dearly beloved husband of Minnie Louisa Sinclair, of 104 Marnrion Street, Fremantle and father of Cecil, Hazel and Donald. Aged 51 years.

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