SMITH, Andrew 30 December 1922

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Shunter	Brunswick Junction	Shunting operations

Andrew smith was 23 years of age when he was fatally injured while shunting at Brunswick Junction. He died at the scene. Andrew lived in Bunbury with his parents and is interred at the congregational section of Bunbury Cemetery.

FATAL SHUNTING ACCIDENT
Perth, Dec. 31.
Andrew Smith (22) was run over during shunting operations at Brunswick Junction yesterday, and was so badly injured that he died almost immediately. Deceased was a single man.

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BRUNSWICK FATALITY ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
CORONER'S INQUEST.
This morning, Mr. A. I. Spencer, J.P., Acting Coroner, investigated the circumstances surrounding the death of Andrew Smith a shunter at Brunswick Junction on December 30. The Jury comprised Messrs. J. E. Hands, C. Prosser and J. Nuttall. Sergeant A. Sunter, of the Police Department, conducted the inquiry Mr. W. C. Robinson, District Superintendent of Railways, watching the proceedings on behalf of his Department.

Dr. A. E. Cullen said he examined the body of Andrew Smith and found the right side of the skull crushed in to a depth of between three and four inches. There was a deep, penetrating wound under the left armpit, and a fracture of the upper left arm. These injuries were sufficient to cause instantaneous death.

Harold E. Bromfield, locomotive fireman employed by the W.A.G.R., said that on December 30 he was engaged in shunting operations with Driver Syd Hill. Witness was driving the engine part of the time on the morning in question, being a certificated driver. Witness received a signal from Smith about 9a.m. to do a flying shunt. Deceased stood on the brake ready to uncouple the trucks. After the trucks were uncoupled witness received the "right- away" signal. He looked ahead to see if the road was clear, and when he looked back in a couple of seconds' time, he saw Smith under the truck. In witnesses opinion the accident was caused through Smith wearing new boots, which slipped on the brake, and also The fact that the weather was wet, making for increased "slipperiness." The driver went down to the injured man.

Syd. H. Hill, loco, driver, corroborated the evidence of the previous witness. Witness went to the deceased and found him lying in the middle of the line between two trucks. Smith was then dead.

The Jury returned a verdict that Smith came to his death at Brunswick Junction on December 30, by accidentally slipping off the brake of a railway truck whilst engaged in shunting operations, no blame being attachable to anyone.

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