SPENCER, Alexander George 16 May 1916

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Length Runner	Coolup	Per Way Tricycle / Train collision

Alexander Spencer was 51 years of age when he died as the result of injuries sustained when his tricycle was run down by the No.12 passenger train from Bunbury to Perth. Alexander lived at Pinjarra with his wife Ann, three daughters and a son. He was interred at the Pinjarra Cemetery.

OBITUARY
Alexander George SPENCER was born at Smythdale in the Ballarat district of Victoria in 1864. He married Ann Amelia KOOPS at Buelah in Victoria. Alexander spent some years in the Wimmera district prior to moving to Western Australia.

Alexander worked for the railways for 19 years, during that time he was stationed at Leonora, Bardoc, Paddington, Roelands and lastly 5 years at Pinjarra.

On the 17th of May 1916 he was overtaken by the No.12 passenger train from Bunbury to Perth, whilst travelling on his tricycle inspecting the line. He suffered a fractured spine and was transported to the Pinjarra Hospital where he died on the 16th of May 1916.

He was buried at the Pinjarra Cemetery. The funeral was attended by the Murray Lodge No.69 WAC.

Those amongst the mourners were.
His brother who lived in Cannington WA, Mrs Rogers, a niece, Mrs Heath, a sister in law from Kalgoorlie. Mr H Koops a brother in law from Fremantle. He has 2 brothers and 2 sisters living in Victoria and 1 in South Australia.

He was 51 years old. He leaves a widow, Ann Amelia, 3 daughters and a son. His occupation was referred to as Fettler on the line.

Source: *H Wilcocks from information and a photograph provided by Nola Coventry his granddaughter .*

Author's Note: *A "Fettler on the line" is a "Length Runner".*



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Photograph provided by H Wilcocks for Nola Coventry his granddaughter.