THOMPSON, Herbert 25 July 1905

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Guard	Beechina	Shunting operations

Herbert Thompson was 32 years of age when he died as the result of being run over by ballast wagons while shunting at Beechina. Herbert was stationed at Midland but was working on temporary transfer at Chidlow's Well during the duplication of the line between Beechina and Woorooloo. Herbert lived at Midland Junction with his wife and their six children. He was interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (PRESBYTERIAN/BA/0193).

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.
A GUARD KILLED.
An accident occurred on the Eastern Railway yesterday, by which a railway guard, named Herbert Thompson, lost his life. The unfortunate man was engaged on a ballast train, working on the duplication of the line between Beechina and Wooroloo, and at about half-past 5 p.m., while shunting some trucks, he was knocked down, several of the trucks passing over him. He was killed instantly, being quite dead when picked up. Constable Gannon, stationed at Mundaring, proceeded to the spot, and the body was taken to Chidlow's Well, and was brought on to Guildford last night, where an inquest will be held.

The deceased was a resident of Midland Junction, where he had been stationed for some two year past. He was recently temporarily transferred to Chidlow's Well. He was about thirty four years of age and leaves a wife and six children, who are at present staying at West Perth.

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FUNERAL
MR. H. THOMPSON.
The funeral of Herbert Thompson, railway guard, who was killed on the Eastern line, took place at the Presbyterian Cemetery, Karrakatta, on Thursday July 27, a very large gathering; of friends and employees of the Railway Department being present. The deceased was widely Known and highly respected. The chief mourners were Mrs, H. Thompson (wife of the deceased), Mrs. E. Roots (sister-in-Law), Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jackson (brother-in-law and sister of deceased). And W. J. Bert (father-in-law), and Mr. J. R. Bert (uncle). The pail-bearers were Inspector A. Cameron, Driver W. Watts, Guards G. H. Whitcombe and J. Montgomery, and Fireman S. Sunderfield. Numerous wreaths were sent. The .Rev. C. D. P. Taylor officiated at the graveside. Tile funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Charles Coulson, of James-street, Perth.'

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