THORNET, Joseph “Job” 29 March 1901

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Head Shunter	Midland Junction	Shunting operations

Job Thornett was 25 years of age when he died as the result of injuries he received while shunting at Midland Junction. It was believed at the time that he tripped and fell onto the rails and was run over by a locomotive. Job lived in South Perth and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ANGLICAN/BA/0026).

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT MIDLAND JUNCTION.
SHUNTER SERIOUSLY INJURED.
An accident occurred at Midland Junction at half-past 8 o'clock last night, whereby Joseph Thornett, head shunter, was very seriously injured. The mishap took place during the progress of shunting operations in the Midland Junction station yard. It is supposed that Thornett's foot caught in the points, causing him to fall. Before he had time to get out of danger an engine had passed over him, causing shocking injuries. His left arm was severed above the elbow and his left leg broken, while severe bruises were inflicted on other parts of the body. The groans of Thornett reaching the ears of Percy Miller, goods clerk, led the latter to investigate, with the result that he found Thornett lying on the line and apparently dangerously injured. Dr. Elgee was at once called, and the injured man removed to the Guildford Hospital, where he lies in a critical condition. Thornett evidently did not lose consciousness, and asked that his people, who reside in Perth, might be acquainted with the accident.

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FAMILY NOTICES
THORNETT. The Friends of the late Joseph Thornett, late of the Government Railways, Midland Junction, are respectfully invited to follow his Remains to the place of interment the Church of England Cemetery, Karrakatta. The Funeral is appointed to leave the residence of his father, Mr James Thornett, 28 Cicely Street, off William-street, Perth at 2.45 o'clock TO-MORROW Sunday) AFTERNOON, per 3 o'clock funeral train from Roe Street platform.
DONALD J. CHIPPER, Undertaker and Embalmer.

W.A.G.R. ASSOCIATION
THORNETT The members of the W.A.G.R. Association are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of the late comrade, Mr Joseph Thornett to leave the residence of his parents, No 28 Cicely Street, off William Street West, at 2.45 p.m. and to leave the Roe Street Siding for Karrakatta, at 3 p.m., on SUNDAY, the 31st.
W. G. GUILFOYLE,
General Secretary, W.A.G.R. Association.

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INQUEST
The Midland Junction Railway Fatality.
An inquest concerning the death of Joseph (Job) Thornett, shunter, who died on Friday as the result of injuries received while at work on the Government railway at Midland Junction, was opened at the Guildford Courthouse on Saturday.

Mr. W. G. Johnson acted as Coroner, and Messrs. A. D. Jones, A. E. Green and D. McDonald as jurymen. After the formal opening of the inquiry, and the viewing of the body, the inquest was adjourned in order to allow of further evidence being obtained.

The funeral of the deceased took place yesterday afternoon, in the Church of England portion of the Karrakatta Cemetery, and was attended by a large number of the railway employees from Perth, Fremantle, Guildford and Midland Junction. The funeral cortege left the residence of deceased's father in Cicely Street, Perth, headed by the Locomotive Brass Band, who played the "Dead March" in "Saul" along William Street to the Roe Street funeral platform. On arriving at the Karrakatta Cemetery the band again headed the funeral procession, playing the "Dead March."

The chief mourners were Mr. J. Thornett (father of the deceased) and Messrs. J. Thornett, jun., E. Thornett, and A. Thornett, (brothers of deceased), and Messrs. William and Joseph Pulford and Miss Masters. The pall-bearers were six of deceased's companions from Midland Junction. The Rev. F. J. Price officiated at the grave, and the funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Donald J. Chipper, of Perth and Kalgoorlie.

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