THORNTON, Alfred George 4 October 1941

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Per Way Inspector	Northam Racecourse	PW Trolley/Car collision

Alfred Thornton was 55 years of age when he was fatally injured when the per way trolley he and Anthony Devine (District Engineer) were riding was involved in a collision with a car at the racecourse level crossing in Northam. Anthony Devine was killed instantly. Alfred was a widower with two sons, two daughters in law and two grandchildren he lived and worked in Northam and is interred at Karrakatta Cemetery (ROMAN CATHOLIC/AC/0216).

Family Notices
THORNTON. On October 4 1941, at Northam, as the result of an accident. Alfred George Thornton, Per Way Inspector W.A.G.R., Northam, husband of the late Mary Agnes Thornton, and fond father of Alf and Bern (Kellerberrin), father-in-law of Winnie and Edie, and loving grandfather of Lucille, Kevin and Max, aged 55 years.
RIP

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Inquest
The Crown has entered a nolle prosequi in the case in which Newton John Hicks was committed for trial by the Coroner (Mr. F. M. Read, S.M.) at Northam on November 14, when giving his finding in the inquiry into the deaths of Anthony Stanislaus Devine, district engineer of the Railway Department at Northam, and Alfred George Thornton, per way inspector, following a collision at the level crossing near the Northam racecourse between the rail motor in which the deceased were travelling and a car driven by Hicks, on October 3.

Author's Note: *The coroner clearly indicated that he was satisfied that the car driver Newton Hicks was culpable in the death of Anthony Devine and Alfred Thornton. However, the crown did not see fit follow through with a prosecution.*

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