WADDELL, Donald Keith 17 March 1945

Designation	Accident Location	Accident Due to
Cleaner	East Perth	Struck by Locomotive

Donald Waddell was 17 years of age when he was struck and fatally injured by a locomotive at East Perth Locomotive Depot while engaged in his duties as a Cleaner (Trainee Engineman). Donald lived with his parents and siblings in Mount Lawley and he was interred with his three year old brother at Karrakatta Cemetery (Presbyterian/1A/0175).

Engine Hits Rail Worker
Seventeen-year-old railway worker Donald Keith Waddell of Gardiner Street, Perth, was struck by a railway engine near the East Perth running sheds early this afternoon and received extensive injuries.

His name is on the danger list at Perth Hospital, to which he was taken by St. John ambulance. He was found to be suffering from multiple injuries, including a badly lacerated leg.

Source: *Trove/The Daily News (Perth) Saturday 17 March 1945 p 23*

CORONERS' FINDINGS.
Accidental Deaths and Suicide. At an inquest into the death of Donald Keith Waddell (17), locomotive engine cleaner, of Gardiner street, Mt Lawley, held in the Perth Courthouse yesterday, the Acting Coroner (Mr G. V. Purdue, JP) found that Waddell died from injuries received at the East Perth running sheds when he was accidentally struck by an engine on March 17. No blame was attachable to the driver of the engine.

Sgt W. J. Chambers assisted the Acting Coroner, Mr H. McLeod appeared for the Commissioner of Railways, and Mr M. Webb for the Engine-Drivers, Firemen and Cleaners' Union.

Source: *Trove: The West Australian (Perth) Friday 20 April 1945 p 3*

Run Over By Engine
With his left foot nearly severed at the ankle and head injuries, Donald Keith Waddell (17), of Gardner, street, Mt. Lawley, was taken to Perth Hospital after being run over by an engine at East Perth railway shed.

A cleaner at the loco sheds, Waddell was said to be crossing the line early this afternoon when he was struck by an engine on another track. His name is on the danger list.

Source: *Trove/Mirror (Perth) Saturday 17 March 1945 p 2*

FAMILY NOTICES
WADDEL: In loving memory of our darling Son and Brother, called Home. March 17, 1945. Inserted by mother, Dad, sister Thelma and brother David. Safe in the arms of Jesus. Goodnight, darling Don.

WADDELL: On March 17, as the result of an accident, Donald Keith, the dearly loved eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Waddell, of 34 Gardiner-street, Perth, loved brother of Freda, Thelma, David and Bobby (deceased); aged 17 years. United with Bobby.

Source: *Trove/The West Australian (Perth) Monday 19 March 1945 page 1.*