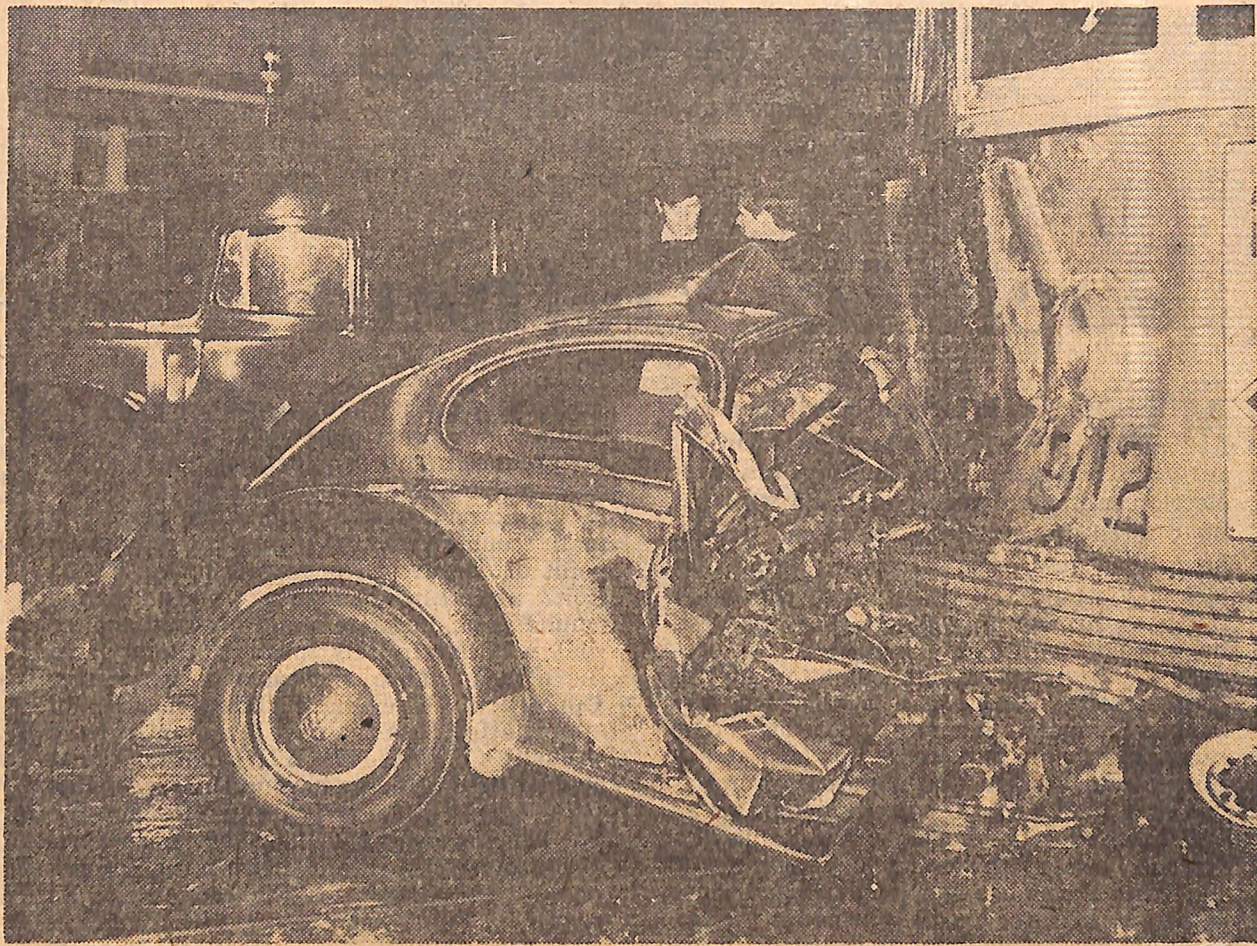


Fatal collision—then fire



A man was killed when this small car and tram collided head-on in Camberwell Road, Camberwell, early today.

The driver, who was alone, died instantly and his car burst into flames and was completely destroyed.

The Burwood-bound tram had no passengers. The driver, Mr. E. M. Van Leeuwin jumped from his cabin as flames from the car burned the tram.

The conductress was thrown violently forward. But was not injured.

The tram continued on pushing the burning car for about 100 yards.

The car was passing a fully-loaded petrol tanker when it hit the tram.

The tanker driver, Mr. Robert Harper, 40, of Whalley Crescent, Altona, said: "I stopped immediately the crash occurred and ran back with a fire extinguisher to try to put out the fire.

"The car was attempting to pass me on my right when it collided with the tram."

Police have not released the name of the dead car driver.