

STEALING A MEDAL.

The adjourned case in which Arthur Garton was charged with stealing by finding a medal valued at £1 was resumed in the Cairns Police Court on Wednesday afternoon. Senior-Sergeant Hawkes prosecuted. Defendant pleaded guilty and said he wished to make a statement. He was on the beach and found the medal. He kept it thinking it would be advertised. He saw no advertisement and then took it to a jeweller and asked him to value it. He also asked him to lend him £1 on it. The jeweller gave it to the defendant. He did not find anything one found to see if it was advertised for. Senior-Sergeant Hawkes said the defendant took the medal to a Russian jeweller named Shulgen and said it belonged to a man in Townsville. Shulgen very honestly reported the matter to the police. As soon as defendant heard this he tried to get the medal back from Shulgen. The latter forcibly brought him to the police station, and his action was very creditable. The man who owned the medal was in the south and it was presented to him at Thursday Island by the Manchester Unity Oddfellows. Prisoner said he had been drinking at the time. Senior-Sergeant Hawkes said defendant had been sentenced to a month's imprisonment at Cairns some time ago for stealing a blanket. The P.M. stated he would like to say a word of praise at the action of Shulgen, and considered he deserved great credit. He imposed a sentence of one month's imprisonment on defendant, and ordered that the medal be returned to the rightful owner.

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