

DEATH OF A SOLDIER.

Magisterial Inquiry.

At the City Police Court yesterday afternoon, Colonel R. A. Moore, P.M., continued the inquiry into the death of Henry Hector Swanson Christie, a soldier, whose body was found on the railway line near Traveston on 9th February. Sergeant Bell conducted the examination. Mr. McGill appeared in the interests of the relatives, and Mr. Salkeld represented the Commissioner for Railways.

Nicholas Tupicoff, a labourer, of Cooper's Plains, in his evidence, said that on 8th February he was a passenger in the northern mail train. The deceased also was a passenger. At 11 o'clock next morning, when near Gladstone, witness heard that the deceased was missing. It was suggested that deceased might have fallen from the carriage. Witness heard two persons, who got on the train at about Cooroy, say that when they got on the carriage they saw a soldier lying on the platform of the carriage.

By Mr. Salkeld: Christie was drunk, but not very much.

The inquiry was adjourned sine die.