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## Posing as a Soldier.

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### FULL PENALTY INFLICTED.

Walerian Linqvist, seaman, 38 years of age, was before Newcastle Police Court to-day charged with having on February 17 unlawfully imposed upon George Townsend to the effect that he was a soldier just returned from the war, with a view to obtaining benefit from Townsend.

Evidence was given that Linqvist said he was a returned soldier, but refused to say whether he was from Gallipoli or France. He admitted asking Townsend for money in the street. He had on a military shirt, which, he said he bought off a mate on the boat. Later he admitted that he had never tried to enlist.

Townsend's evidence was that defendant came up to him in the street and said, "Good-day, brother, can you give me the price of a drink." He gave defendant 6d on two occasions, but refused the third time.

Defendant said he was "on the booze" for a long time and did not know what he was doing.

Mr. Adrian said he was going to impose the full penalty in these cases. Defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Maitland gaol.

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