

Manly Police Station.  
29th May, 1976.

The Coroner,  
SYDNEY.

SUBJECT: Death of Mark STEWART on 11.5.76.

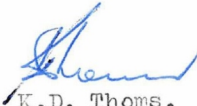
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1. An unidentified male body was found on the rocks at Fairy Bower on the 11th May, 1976. On the 14th May, 1976, clothing and a passport bearing a photograph of a Mark Stewart was found in the Hilton Hotel, George Street, Sydney. Further inquiries failed to reveal any further information in relation to this person.

2. On 28th May, 1976, a Mr. John SPANSWICK of [REDACTED] Papakura, South Auckland, N.Z., came to this station after making inquiries in Queensland regarding his son Mark. He identified the body at the Mortuary to Detective Sergeant Cooper as that of his son Mark SPANSWICK.

3. It had been ascertained from the British Consulate in Canberra that the deceased had changed his name by deed poll from Spanswick to Stewart during the early part of this year. His parents were not aware of the name change. It would appear from a statement taken from the father of the deceased that the change of name was made due to the fact that deceased was a deserter from the Royal New Zealand Navy. The deceased had left New Zealand shortly before Christmas 1975, and had gone to Queensland where he wrote to his parents shortly after his arrival and they had not heard of him since. They know of no apparent reason why the deceased would have taken his own life. They have informed Detective Sergeant Cooper that they had stayed at Fairy Bower on a number occasions whilst holidaying from Fiji when the deceased was a child.

4. Mr. Spanswick is making arrangements for a funeral and the ultimate removal of the deceased from the City Motuary.

  
K.D. Thoms.  
Senior Constable.

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