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REPORT OF DEATH TO CORONER

Newcastle
22nd December, 1980, 19



The Coroner, NEWCASTLE

SUBJECT: Death of SLATER, Richard Age 69

Marital state Married Address [REDACTED], Cooks Hill

Time and date of death: 5.07am 22.12.80

Place of death: Royal Newcastle Hospital

By whom found: Hospital Staff Address: Royal Newcastle Hospital

By whom reported to Police: " " Address: " " "

By whom last seen alive: " " Address: " " "

When last seen alive: Prior to death

Deceased a native of (County and District): Australia

Occupation: Old Age Pensioner
(If pensioner state type and include whether appropriate authorities informed)

If Military or Invalid pensioner, state disability: _____

Name and address of nearest relative and relationship: Mrs Gwenneth SLATER, [REDACTED], Cooks Hill. Wife.

Name and address of identifying person: Mr. Jack STEEL, [REDACTED], Belmont.

Police present when deceased identified: _____

Did deceased leave a will? Yes

By whom burial or cremation is being arranged: _____

Property and clothing found on and with the deceased. (Attach inventory if space insufficient): In police possession.

Miscellaneous Property Book Reference: _____

How property and clothing disposed of and on whose authority: _____


Circumstances under which death took place. (If any previous illness, and deceased seen by doctor, particulars should be given. Where treated by a doctor a note should be obtained giving particulars of treatment from such doctor):

About 1.10pm on the 19.12.80 the deceased was found lying in the urinal in public toilets in Birdwood Park, Newcastle, he had apparently been assaulted. He was conveyed to the Royal Newcastle Hospital by ambulance and admitted suffering from head injuries and fractures to his left maxilla, left zygoma.

On the 20.12.80 the deceased went into Pulmonary oedema and was transferred to the Coronary Care Unit where his condition improved with treatment, but subsequently his condition deteriorated and life was pronounced extinct at 5.07am on the 22.12.80 by Dr. A. Bull.

The Govt. contractors attended and conveyed the body to the city morgue.

Newcastle Detectives and Scientific Police informed and investigating.

Signature: 
 Rank: Const. 1/e
 Annual leave from _____ to _____

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NOTE:
 (1) This form should be prepared in quadruplicate in all cases where a death is reported to the Coroner. The original and two copies should be forwarded to the Coroner. All statements in duplicate should be lodged with the Coroner at least 7 days before the date of the inquest.
 (2) The full name and address of all persons and the registered number of all motor vehicles concerned should be indicated.

POISONING—

- (a) Was death apparently from (i) poison, (ii) drug _____
- (b) Name poison or drug (if known) _____
- (c) Apparently administered by whom? Name: _____ Address: _____
- (d) Date and time ____/____/19____, at _____ a.m./p.m.
- (e) When symptoms first showed ____/____/19____, at _____ a.m./p.m.
- (f) Detail symptoms: _____
- (g) State recently prescribed medicine: _____
- (h) Prescribing Doctor: Name: _____ Address: _____
- (i) When prescribed? ____/____/19____ (j) Quantity prescribed: _____
- (k) How much remains now? _____ (l) Dispensing chemist: _____
- Name and address: _____

GAS POISONING—

- (a) Did gas come from coal-gas supply, brazier, or car? _____
- (b) Where in building was body found? _____
- (c) In what position was body found? _____
- (d) State appliance gas had escaped from: _____
- (e) Was gas still escaping? _____
- (f) If room sealed, how? _____
- (g) Was food being prepared? _____
- (h) Who in Gas Company notified? Name: _____

ELECTROCUTION—

- (a) What had caused shock? _____
- (b) Where in building was body found? _____ (c) Position? _____
- (d) State appliance "shock" received from: _____
- (e) Was appliance still "alive"? _____
- (f) Detail any burns: _____
- (g) Who in Electricity Commission of supplying Authority notified? _____

UNIDENTIFIED CASES (The following information should be furnished)—

Sex, Age, Height, Build, Complexion, Hair, Eyes, Nose, Face: _____

Peculiarities, marks, scars, tattoos, deformities, etc.: _____

What steps have been taken to establish identification (Reference to _____ Departmental file): _____

REPORT OF INQUEST
(or Magisterial Inquiry)

Date and place of Inquest: _____

Name of Coroner or Magistrate: _____

VERDICT: _____

INQUEST NOT HELD

Inquest disposed of on: _____

By whom: _____

Cause of death: _____

Signature: _____

Rank: _____ Reg'd No. _____

Date: _____