

# Found Drowned

## Soldier's Sad End in Limerick.

### Evidence at Inquest.

The body of Corporal Thomas Minahan, 23, stationed at Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick, was recovered from the Shannon near the County Courthouse, Limerick, on Friday morning. The body was fully clothed in army uniform, and was washed in near the shore at Nolan's Cottages. The body was first observed by Mr Sam Greenwood, 12 Nolan's Cottages, and he notified the Guards.

Mr J S McNeice, Deputy Coroner, held an inquest at Barrington's Hospital into the circumstances touching the death of the deceased.

Inspector Pender conducted the inquiry, and Mr M B O'Malley, solicitor, appeared for the deceased's next-of-kin.

Dr Frank Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, stated he performed a post-mortem examination; there were no signs of violence, and death, in his opinion, was due to asphyxia following immersion in water.

Inspector Pender—How long would the body be in the water?—Not less than four days; decomposition had set in.

Samuel Greenwood stated that at 7.30 a.m. on Friday he looked out his bedroom window, overlooking the Shannon; he saw a man's head floating in the water; he went down to the side of the river and saw the body; he reported the matter to the Garda, and when he returned the body had floated out; he procured a boat and brought in the body; it was dressed in Army uniform, and was later removed in the Army ambulance.

Mr O'Malley—Did you notice if his clothing was torn or his tunic disarranged?—I did not take any particular notice.

Guard O'Shea stated he was called to the slip at Nolan's Cottages, and there saw the last witness and the body, which was beside the slip; he assisted in taking the body from the water, and saw that it was fully dressed in Army uniform, except for cap and belt; from the breast pocket witness took a paper which was an Army pass, which identified deceased, and gave him leave for Sunday.

Mr O'Malley—Did you search his other pockets?—I searched his tunic pockets, and found some coppers and a rosary beads.