

WARMINSTER

MURDER OR SUICIDE ?

Pte Verney Asser, of the Australian Imperial Force station at Sutton Veny, was charged with the murder of Joseph Harold Durkin. The two men were Lewis gun instructors and were alone in their hut, and during the night Asser reported to the guard that Durkin had shot himself. Durkin was found on his bed with a wound in the head, and his rifle was lying beside him.

At the inquest a verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned. Asser was now remanded in custody.

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