

#### SUFFOCATED

#### WHILST ASLEEP

Cooma District Coroner, Mr. H. V. Bridgen, J.P., returned a verdict of accidental death as the result of his inquiry at the Cooma Court House into the death of Bernard Devlin, who died in his room at Turmut Ponds, on March 23, 1951.

The Coroner found that Devlin died of suffocation, accidentally caused, whilst asleep, deceased's condition being due to acute alcoholism.

Evidence was given that Devlin was put to bed by his mates after a drunken party at which Devlin drank neat whisky and some rum. He was practically unconscious when put to bed, and was found dead in bed next morning.

He was a most popular man in the camp, said two of the witnesses, and was not a heavy drinker.