

MAUD BUTLER AGAIN.**and attractive girl.****FOUND ON TROOPSHIP.**

Maud Butler, the 18-year-old Kurri Kurri girl who about two months ago was found on board a troopship at sea, made another attempt on Wednesday morning to get to the front. On the former occasion she was wearing black boots, and that, more than anything else, led to her discovery.

At the Water Police Court on Wednesday the girl, who was dressed in the uniform of a soldier, was charged by Warrant-officer W. J. Warneford, of the Permanent Staff, that, while not being a member of the defence forces, she wore a military uniform—a cap, trousers, tunic, boots, and puttees.

Sergeant Cleugh stated that at 7.30 o'clock Wednesday morning the girl was found on board a transport. She stated that she wanted to go to the war. About two months ago the girl attempted to get away on another troopship. She was discovered on board while the vessel was at sea. She was transferred to a steamer, and landed in Melbourne. The authorities did not prosecute on that occasion, but sent her on to Sydney. Witness produced a revolver which she had in her possession at the time of arrest. The girl declined to state for what purpose she had it. Butler came from Kurri Kurri, where her relatives live.

Butler, who pleaded guilty, said that if she was given a chance she would not again attempt to go away to the war. She undertook to return to her home.

The magistrate (Mr. Wilkinson) sentenced the girl to the rising of the court. He ordered the return of the uniform to the military authorities, and the handing over of the revolver to the police.

Miss Butler who was found on a transport on Wednesday morning, got on board the previous night because of the simple fact that some soldiers were drunk. She pretended that she was befuddled with drink, and as one of the zig-zag line known as the "Drunks Procession," she successfully passed the sentries on the gangway.

When she stepped from the Water Police Station after the rising of the court Miss Butler was clothed in the garb of her sex, and save for the close-cropped hair she looked a fine, healthy, and attractive girl.