Superintendent Sherlock,
C.I. Branch,
ADELAIDE.

SUBJECT: Unidentified body of man found lying on beach at Somerton, South Australia on 1st December, 1948.

REFERENCE: This correspondence.

1. Sir,

1. I beg to report that on the morning of the 1st of December, 1948, a man's body was found lying on the beach at Somerton, South Australia. There were no marks of violence on the body and it appeared to be a case of suicide. A post mortem was held on the body and part of the stomach was sent to the Government Analyst for attention but to date no trace of any poison has been found and tests are continuing. Photographs and fingerprints were forwarded to all States but no record could be found of this man. To date no person has identified the body satisfactorily.

2. A young man named Brian Joseph Dittmar has twice seen the body at the City Morgue and he states that it is a man whom he met at Port Adelaide in 1945. Dittmar at this time was employed on a ketch at Port Adelaide and he knew this man as Jack Thomas Ireland. As far as Dittmar knows this man Ireland was a seaman on one of the interstate vessels and was in port here for about two months. That was the only time he had seen Ireland. He states that Ireland was a boxer and had done some fighting in the ring. Enquiries have been made in this State but no verification of Dittmar's story can be found. Dittmar's identification is not very satisfactory and it is felt that some verification will be needed before it can be accepted.

3. Enquiries made by the New South Wales Police reveal that there is no record of a Jack Thomas Ireland as a seaman in the Merchant Marine Records.

4. The following is a description of the body: About 45 years, 5ft 11ins in height, strong build, clean shaven, fair hair going grey at temples, grey eyes, natural teeth. A record has been taken of the teeth in the body and it is as follows:

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The numbered teeth are the missing teeth.

5. I respectfully suggest that a copy of this report be sent to each State so that a check can be made with the Repatriation Department in that State concerning any man named Jack Thomas Ireland having a military record, and on that record it will be shown the number of teeth missing and their position in the mouth. In this way some information may be obtained regarding Ireland.

6. Perhaps this report might be forwarded to the New South Wales Police for their information.