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TAGS CUT OFF CLOTHING

Beach body mystery

All efforts by police to identify the body of a man which has been in the City Morgue since Wednesday, have failed.

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Yesterday fingerprints of a dead man were taken, but a search of police files showed he had never been in the hands of police.

Police Photographer Durham has made a photographic reconstruction of the body and copies were released today to the press and will be circulated throughout Australia.

The body was found on the beach at Somerton at 6.30 a.m. on Wednesday. It was fully clothed and had not been in the water.

From the position of the body death appeared to have occurred during sleep.

Strange feature, however, is that all name tags had been cut from the clothing. This

appeared to have been done recently.

A post-mortem was held yesterday and organs sent on to the Government Analyst.

At the moment it is thought death was not due to natural causes. However, there were no marks of violence.

No containers which might have held poison were found.

Description of the man is:— About 40, well built, 5 ft. 11 in. in height, fair hair going grey at temples, clean shaven, hazel eyes.

He was dressed in brown coat, with grey herringbone pattern, brown trousers, shoes, and socks, brown pullover, white shirt, and collar.

Anyone able to identify the man is asked to contact the coroner's constable (PCC Sutherland) at C 5454.



DO YOU KNOW this man?