

HEADFORD FIGHT

INQUEST ON TWO SOLDIER VICTIMS.

Mr. J. C. Conroy, solr., coroner, held an inquest on Tuesday at Renmore into the circumstances surrounding the death of two soldiers, Sergeant-Major John M'Carthy and Private Thomas Lyons, who were killed in the Headford fight on Sunday morning.

A jury having been sworn,

Dr. Heneghan deposed: I saw Sergeant-Major John M'Carthy yesterday (Sunday), at 11.30 o'clock a.m. in Headford. He was then lying on a stretcher in an ambulance. Prior to my arrival he had been medically treated. I transferred him to my own ambulance and had him conveyed to Renmore hospital, Galway. After consultation with Dr. O'Malley, we made an examination of his wounds. He had a large gaping wound on the right side about nine inches long, and another bullet-wound at the back of the right knee. He was in a very weak condition, and appeared to have lost a lot of blood. He was surgically treated by Dr. O'Malley. His condition did not improve, and he died at twelve o'clock last night (Sunday). Death was due to shock and hemorrhage. I saw Private Thomas Lyons yesterday (Sunday) at 11.20 o'clock at Headford. He was in the ambulance with Co. Sergeant-Major M'Carthy. I also had him transferred to my ambulance and conveyed to Renmore. He had a punctured wound in the right buttock. He was in much pain, and was suffering from shock. He appeared to have lost a good deal of blood. He was surgically treated by Dr. O'Malley, but his condition did not improve, and he died at three o'clock this morning. Death was due to shock and hemorrhage following gunshot wounds.

Dr. Heneghan added that septic poisoning set up in the wound and developed a condition known as malignant oedema. This condition is brought about by dirt. The man had been lying on the street at Headford for a considerable time during the fight, but his clothes would prevent any dirty matter getting into the wound, and he was therefore forced to the conclusion that the bullet which caused the wound was poisoned.

The inquest was adjourned to this even-