DARWIN SOLDIER

Swallowed False Teeth

ALMOST ASPHYXIATED.

DARWIN, Wednesday.

A soldier who swallowed his false teeth was saved from death by asphyviation by an army medical officer placing the fingers of one hand down the windpipe and driving a utility truck with the other hand two miles to hospital.

The soldier was on duty at a military establishment near Darwin. His false teeth lodged in the windpipe, preventing him from breathing. When the army medical officer, Dr. Russell, arrived the soldier was half dead.

Dr. Russell inserted his fingers down the dying man's throat and held the teeth aside, enabling him to breath. The patient was then lifted into the truck.

As no drivers were available, Dr. Russell had to keep his fingers in the soldier's windpipe while he drove with the other hand over two miles of rough bush track to hospital, where an operation was performed and the teeth removed.

The soldier's windpipe was severely lacerated.