

LOST MAN DID NOT PANIC

Presence of mind and astonishing powers of endurance undoubtedly saved the life of 64-year-old William Harrop who, after being lost three days in rough country south of Gingin, was rescued late yesterday.

Although hopelessly "bushed" his wits did not desert Harrop at any stage of his wanderings. For 14 miles the searchers followed his tracks and finally came up with him as he lay beneath a rude shelter of boughs which he had constructed to ward off the rays of the sun.

The country was very dry and barren of waterholes. Harrop shot a kangaroo and sucked its blood. Without the sustenance this gave him it is unlikely that he would have survived his ordeal.

Constable Duperouzel who, with Constable Morrow, took a leading part in the search, said that Harrop had avoided becoming panicky and this and his experience of first aid had unquestionably helped him through where another man might have perished.

What amazed the search party was that although Harrop was weak from exhaustion when found, within half an hour he was able to ride a horse unassisted.