

OBITUARY

Mr J. C. Boyes

General regret was expressed when it was learnt that Mr John Charles Boyes, died in the Mt Morgan Hospital last Tuesday afternoon.

Mr Boyes served in the first World War with distinction from May, 1915, until November, 1919. On discharge, he joined the Longreach sub-branch of the RSSAILA in 1919 and was a member until his departure in 1926. He was an active member of sub-branch activities associated with social functions. From 1927 until 1933 he was resident in Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Ayr and was an active member of sub-branches in these areas. From 1933 to 1950 he was an active member of the Mt Morgan sub-branch. He was honorary treasurer from 1935-1941; he was appointed honorary secretary in 1941 and held office until 1948 when, owing to ill-health, he was compelled to resign.

During World War Two, Mr Boyes served with the local committee associated with war work, and was honorary secretary of the Mt Morgan Soldiers' Memorial and Recreation Rooms. He was also secretary of the Mt Morgan Patriotic Society and the Welcome Home Committee. He represented the sub-branch on all patriotic bodies, the Red Cross Society, the Comforts Fund, and the Soldiers' Welfare Club. He visited all soldiers in hospital regularly, and saw to their wants.

Mr Boyes acted as local representative on the Repatriation Department; was honorary recruiting officer from 1942 until the end of hostilities for all branches of the services; was a foundation member of the Vol-

unteer Defence Corps and ARP. He represented Mt Morgan as delegate to the district conference of six occasions, and district delegate to the State congress on three occasions. He was one of the Queensland State branch delegates to the Federal Congress in 1945.

In 1950, he and Mr George Hunt, another good worker for the Mt Morgan sub-branch, were presented with life membership badges and certificates. Mr Boyes was a tower of strength at every Anzac Day commemoration in Mt Morgan.

Mr Boyes was born at Mt Morgan 59 years ago. He and his wife took a great interest in Methodist Church affairs, and in the absence of the minister took the services.

A compositor by trade, the last newspaper office he worked at was in Longreach. Giving up printing, he went to Yeppoon and started a business. Later he returned to his old home town and was employed by the late Mt Morgan Gold Mining Company, until it went into liquidation. Soon after the present company started, he went to work for it, and continued to do so up to a few weeks ago, when he had to enter the Mt Morgan Hospital with heart trouble.

Mr Boyes is survived by his wife and one son, Mr Jack Boyes, of Bundaberg, late of the RAAF, who served in the last war; and three brothers, Messrs T. Boyes, (Rockhampton), and David Boyes (Mt Morgan), both of whom served in the first war, and Herbert Boyes, chief of the Bundaberg Foundry Company.

Mr Boyes was respected by returned men all over Queensland and by his workmates and the citizens of Mt Morgan.

As a mark of respect for the late Mr Boyes flags were flown at half mast yesterday on schools and Government

at half past yesterday on schools and Government and public buildings. The funeral from the Mt Morgan Methodist church yesterday morning was large and representative. A party from the 42nd Battalion, in charge of Corporal G. Shaw, formed a guard of honour. Returned men of the first and second world wars were present at the church and marched to the Mt Morgan cemetery, led by the Mt Morgan Citizens' Band under the leadership of the bandmaster (Mr Rees), preceded by Mr A. Graham, playing en route and again playing the hymn, "Abide With Me," at the graveside. Rev. E. Peel officiated at the church and graveside. Captain R. Winter and Mr G. Hunt recited the soldiers' burial service and Mr Rees sounded the "Last Post."

Among those present at the church and the graveside were Messrs T. W. Harris and Norman Richardson, president and secretary respectively of the Rockhampton Soldiers' League; Messrs J. G. Carmody (Chairman) and H. A. Fitzgerald (clerk) of the Mt Morgan Shire Council; Mr G. Shiel (general manager), E. A. Lisle (accountant), E. Williams (mine manager), J. Kelly (electrical engineer), all of Mt Morgan Ltd. G. Mullins, chairman of the Fire Board and Show Committee, Crs T. Edwards (shire council and fire board) and R. Davies and W. Woods (business section