

OBITUARY.

Mr Hubert Archibald Flood.

The death occurred in Moree District Hospital recently of Mr. Hubert Archibald Flood, an old identity of the Moree district.

Deceased was born at Narandera on Lake Midgan station.

He commenced his career as a jackeroo under the Hon. J. A. Gunn at Braehour. This was later taken over by the Garvey Smith Institute and the late Mr. Flood was one of the original workers on anthrax research. It was here that the virus was isolated. While at Braehour he had two lucky escapes. One was when a building on which he was working collapsed and the other when he contracted the dreaded anthrax.

Later he went to Sydney University and graduated in veterinary science. On his graduation he was appointed as Moree Stock Inspector and was the youngest man to ever hold the position of Stock Inspector at that time.

Prior to World War 1 he joined the Light Horse and was commissioned as Lieutenant.

He was also a keen horseman and exhibited many prize-winners at shows. He took an active interest in polo and was

secretary and one of the originators of the Moree Polo Club.

The hospital claimed a lot of his time as a member of the Board, and in 1945 he was made a life member in recognition of his services to that institution.

At the outbreak of war he went to Duntroon, but impatient at the delay, enlisted in the 12th Light Horse as a trooper. He served overseas with the regiment and rose to the rank of Warrant Officer, First Class and was decorated with the M.S.M.

When peace was declared, the late Mr. Flood returned to Moree and managed Goonal until the station was sold. He then went to the Riverina in partnership on a property.

He disposed of this and returned to Moree where he purchased a share in Kurraboona where he resided until the time of his death.

After the First World War he took an active part in many district activities.

He was elected to Boomi Shire Council and was President on a number of occasions.

He was also a member of the North West County Council, the Parochial Council of the Church of England, and an active worker for the Country Party. In this latter sphere of activity, he was approached to stand for parliament but declined.

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one of the founders of North West Air Lines and an original member of the advisory council of the New England University College. He was a member of the Executive of the New England New State Movement, a foundation committeeman of Moree Picnic Race Club and Patron of Mallowa Picnic Race Club since its inception. In addition, he and Basil Morse were responsible for the forming of Moree Gun Club.

He had been associated with the Returned Servicemen's League ever since his return from the War and was Patron of the Moree sub-branch and Moree Service Club.

During the Second World War he became Area Commander for the V.D.C. with the rank of Captain.

In 1913 he married Miss Mildred Watt, of Goonal. He is survived by his widow and three children, Joan, Peter and Anne.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Ormerod.