

Captain Gregory's Death Closes Outstanding Career

With the passing during the week of Captain Ancell Clement Gregory, R.N.R., well-known pearler and businessman, the State lost one of its most outstanding personalities.

Born in Wales in 1878, the late Captain Gregory took up a seafaring career immediately after leaving school, and, after a wide maritime experience, he entered the pearling business in the North-West in 1903.

First a partner with his brother, the late Major F. C. Gregory, he later entered the pearling business on his own account, and became owner of a fleet which operated successfully not only in Broome waters but also in Darwin.

War Record

But pearling was not his only activity, for he had a war record which embraced the South Afri-



Late Capt.
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can War, in which he served as a trooper in 1899, the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, in which as a navy lieutenant he was wounded, and the Russo-Jap war, in which he was a prisoner at Vladivostock, while he was still found young and active enough

to render fine sea service to his country in the present conflict.

Mayor of Broome and chairman of the Carnarvon Road Board for

seven years, the late Captain Gregory, who was a Lieut.-Commander in the R.A.N. Reserve, was also president of the Broome Pearlery Association, served as a J.P. for 25 years, was hon. examiner of the Master and Mates North-West Australia, Hon. Marine Surveyor for the W.A. Government, and was also agent for Lloyds in North-West Australia.

He was a vigorous, powerful man, keenly interested in everything connected with the development of the North-West and the State in general, and had crammed into his life many exciting experiences, a large proportion of them in some activity in the service of the nation.

The crowd, representative of all sections of the community which assembled at the graveside, was a fine testimony to the high regard in which he was held in national, business and private life.

"The Sunday Times" joins in the widespread regret at the loss of such a fine citizen.