

30,000 HONOUR U.S. WAR DEAD

-State's Warm Tribute

THIRTY thousand Brisbane people honoured an unknown American soldier who was given a State funeral yesterday, as Queensland's tribute to America's war dead.

His body was one of 1409, from the Ipswich Cemetery, being shipped for burial or cremation in Hawaii and America.

Americans described Brisbane's tribute to their dead as very impressive.

"Our people could not have asked for more," said the officer in charge of the U.S. War Graves unit visiting Queensland, Captain J. B. Harris.

"The simple but sincere tribute by Brisbane crowds along the route of the cortege was very touching to me as an American," the American Consul (Mr. W. L. Peck) said.

"I was particularly impressed with the solemn atmosphere and silence of the crowds as they waited for the cortege to pass," he said.

Crowds In Square

Greatest congregation during the funeral was in King George Square, where between 5000 and 6000 saw the casket handed over by American to Australian officers. Preceded by a mounted police escort the casket was taken to Newstead Wharf, to be placed on the Goucher Victory.

Three R.A.A.F. bombers flew low over the route of the procession.

Official wreaths were laid by the Governor (Sir John Lavarack), the Premier (Mr. Hanlon), the Commonwealth Government representative (Senator B. Courtice), the Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Macrossan), the Lord Mayor (Ald. Chandler), the American Consul (Mr. W. L. Peck)—who represented the American Ambassador (Mr. Butler)—and by representatives of the Navy (Captain E. P. Thomas), Army (Major-General Nimmo, R.A.A.F. (Group-Captain E. Douglas), and ex-servicemen's associations (Mr. R. D. Huish).

The official wreaths later were taken aboard the Goucher Victory for America. American officers said that Washington

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The public wreaths and one from the United States services were taken from the wharf and laid on the Shrine of Remembrance.

ONE GOES OUT WHERE MILLIONS CAME



FUNERAL CORTEGE of the unknown American soldier entering the wharf at Newstead yesterday after impressive ceremonial tribute. Through this same gate a few years ago poured men and arms from the United States.