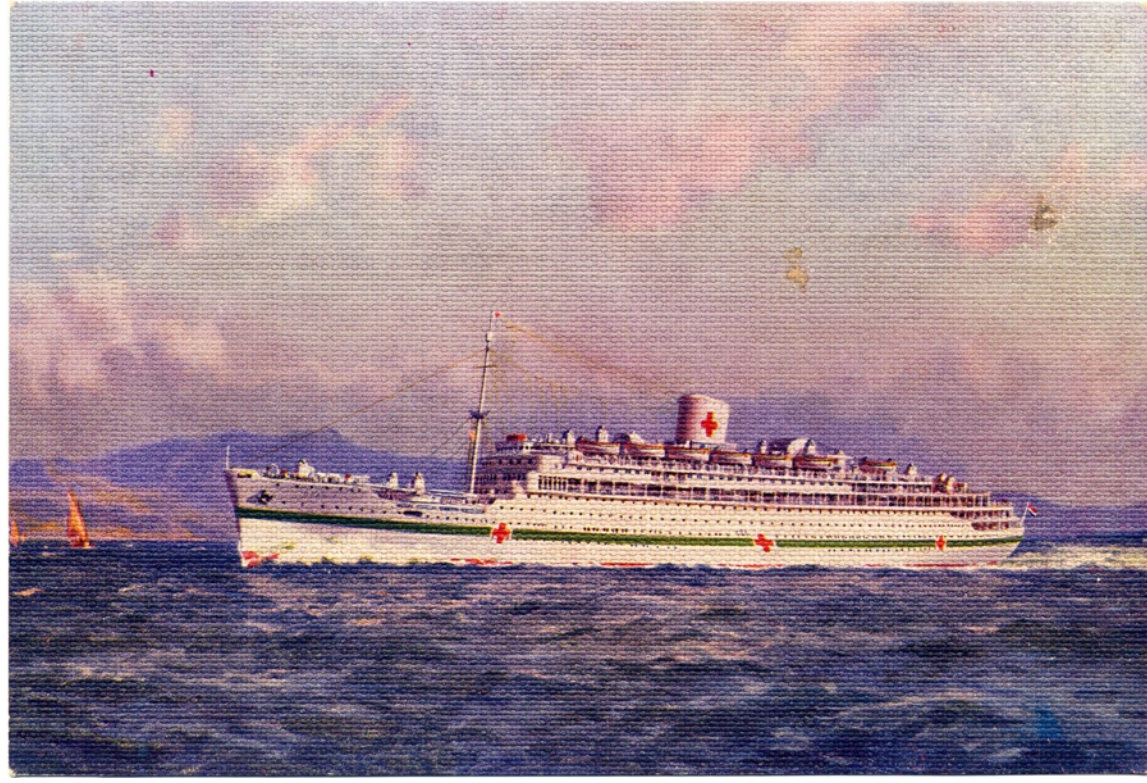


# Western Australia welcomes NEI evacuees for rehabilitation from Japanese internment camps and the Indonesian Revolution



The evacuees were transported to Australia from the NEI on the hospital ship 'Oranje'.

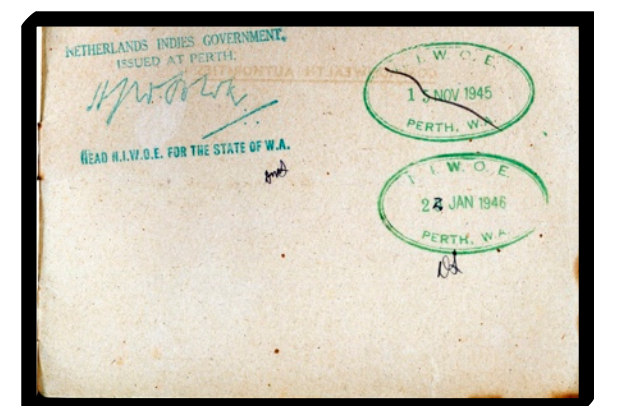
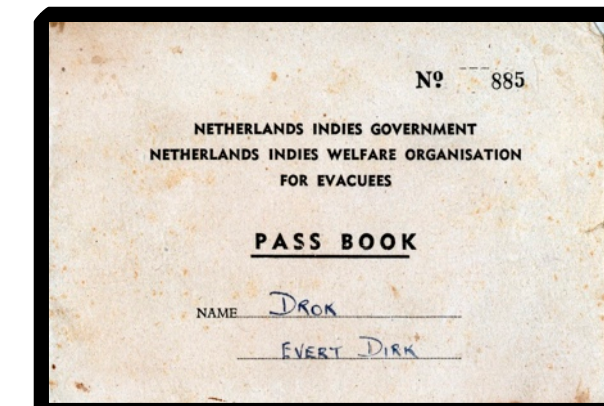


The Cloisters building St Georges Terrace Perth becomes the Dutch Club 1945 to 1946.

In 1945, a second consignment of Dutch were evacuated to WA for rehabilitation from Japanese POW and internee camps and the Indonesian revolution. They were accommodated in WA hotels, hostels and private homes organised for them by Netherlands Welfare Organisation for Evacuees (NIWOE). The Cloisters, in St George Tce, was refurbished to become the Dutch club and headquarters for NIWOE. The younger Dutch children were rehabilitated at Fairbridge Farm School, Pinjarra. The older children were educated in a makeshift High School in Burt Hall, St Georges Cathedral, Perth. A Dutch medical centre was established at Westminster Hospital. These Dutch were repatriated to Netherlands or NEI in 1946. By this time Australian Unions were boycotting Dutch shipping in support of Indonesian Independence and this added another layer of difficulty to their plight.



Netherlands Indies Welfare Organisation Evacuees badge and identity passbook created to overcome passport problems.



Westminster Hospital Dutch Medical Centre, Adelaide Terrace Perth



Western Mail article, December, 1945.



Fairbridge Farm School Pinjarra Dutch children were rehabilitated



Dutch children outside Scrutton cottage Fairbridge Farm School, Pinjarra 1946.



Young Dutch lads help load ships during the union's boycott 1945-1947.



The Dutch High School Burt Hall St Georges Cathedral Perth 1945-1946

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