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The Rev. A.W. Pederick was a chaplain who served in the New Guinea campaign during the Second World War.

His service included that dreadful trek down the Kokoda Trail. This kit would have served many wounded, sick and dying soldiers on that journey.

Mr. Pederick was, himself, wounded with a serious thigh injury. Like many others he, no doubt, owed his life to the courage, endurance and skill of those who were endeared to the soldiers as "Fuzzy-Wuzzies".

Mr. Pederick became the superintendent of Home Missions over many years. He was a President of the Conference.

As a supernumerary he was my assistant in the Essendon Circuit during my own presidential year from 1971-72. He called himself my curate.

He died very suddenly in August 1972.

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