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Title: Queensland Rail honours 53-year-old ticket



On 11 November 1957, Australian soldier Doug McIntyre left the army. After serving his country in the Korean, he was a young man with ambitions of big business and starting a family. As a thank you for his service to protecting his country, Doug was issued with a first class rail ticket to travel anywhere in Queensland - the ticket was only valid for 30 days, and it never got used.

Fifty-three years to the day later, Doug and his wife Elva will finally get a chance to take that journey after Queensland Rail CEO Paul Scurrah honoured the 53 year old ticket on Remembrance Day at Roma Street, Brisbane.

Doug has spent his life helping others, restoring old war jeeps and inventing a special ramp so elderly war veterans and their partners can continue to take part in Anzac Day parades. He also visits local schools to pass on his story to the younger generation of Australians.

Doug and Elva will travel as guests of Queensland Rail in Queenslander Class on The Sunlander, as a small gesture of thank you to Doug for his lifelong commitment to his country.

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