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LATE A. BURRIDGE OF E.A.M.R.

Quotes letter from mother complaining of treatment re gratuity, medal etc. Requests information.

Mr. Mackin

? Reply: as in dft.

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*Mr. Burridge is not
helpful but we are
used to his methods*

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THE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

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Reply Address: 40, Grosvenor Square, W. 1, London, W. 1.
S. No. 8971.
Address to the Secretary

Telephone: MAYFAIR 6732
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Dear Sir,

re Arthur BurrIDGE, late S. African Mounted Rifles.

The attached is an extract from a letter received by Field Marshal Earl Haig from the M.D. of the above named man:-

" I lost my eldest Son Ar. 25th Sept. 1914. He was killed
" at Ingite E.E.A. and was in S. African Mounted Rifles. He died
" to have a friend, a coffee planter - Elliott by name - and
" endeavored to carry him off the field, when order to retreat
" was given, but both were shot down by Maxim fire. I have been
" very badly treated about my Son for he was my right hand. I
" received six years ago the bare notice of his death 25.9.1914
" and not a word or line since.
" No gratuity or medal, no acknowledgement that he died the death
" of a hero and gave up everything, even like itself for his
" Kind and Country".

Information is requested as to whether any War Service
Gratuity was due to Arthur BurrIDGE whether in similar circumstances
some letter of condolence was not sent to the next of kin.

Yours faithfully,

James
Lieut. Colonel,
Assistant Secretary,

The Secretary,
War Office,
Whitehall.

24 Dec 1920

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Mr. Jeffries 22/1/20

Mr. Mackley 22/1/20

Mr.

Mr. G. Miller

Sir H. Lambert

Sir H. Read

Sir G. Riddle

Col. Amery

Lord Milner

for review

(DA/253/sec)

I am to act the
 receipt of your letter no. 8971
 of the 14th of Dec., addressed
 to the W.O., containing an
 extract from a letter from
 Mrs. Burridge regarding
 the death of her son, Lance
 Corp. A.C. Burridge in I.A.
 in 1914.
 The report of the action
 in which Lance Corp. Burridge
 was killed was received in
 this Dept. on the 29th of
 Sept. 1914, and a letter
 of condolence was sent
 to Mrs. Burridge on the
 same day. A full account

of the cases in which lance-
Corporal Burridge met his
death was sent to Mrs
Burridge on the 19th of April,
1915.

3. In November of this
year, Mrs. Burridge wrote
inquiring whether any gratuity,
pensions, etc., were due to
her in respect of her son's
death. The memorial scroll
has already been forwarded
to her, and she has been
placed in communication with
the C.A. for the C. as to
gratuity, and with the M. of P.
as to pension. She has been
informed that according to the
records of this Dept. her son was
eligible for the 1914-1915 Star,
the British War Medal & the
Victory Medal, & that these will
be issued in due course, without
the necessity of any action on her
part.

I am, etc.