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"B" Btry. 115th BDE. R. F. A. Died of
pneumonia 8th DEC. 1918. AGE 29.

Son of Henry and Elizabeth Gosden;
husband of Mabel Gosden, of 101.

BELLEN DEN RD, PECKHAM, LONDON.

Born at Peckham.

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5th December, 1960.

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Dear Mrs. Gosden,

I am writing to you about the grave of your husband, the late Gunner Edwin Gosden, Royal Field Artillery, in Ruse British Cemetery, Bulgaria, formerly known as Ruschuck British Cemetery.

The Municipality of Ruse recently decided to embark upon a town planning scheme involving the development of the land upon which the British, French, Jewish and Soviet Cemeteries were situated.

Following discussions between the Commission's representative and members of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and consultations with the British Legation at Sofia, it became clear that no steps could be taken to rescind or postpone the Municipality's decision to proceed immediately with the town planning scheme. It therefore became necessary to make immediate arrangements for the transfer of the British graves to a suitable site elsewhere.

After the most careful consideration of all the issues involved, it was decided that the most satisfactory solution to the problem would be the removal of the graves of the 1914/1918 War from Ruse British and Jewish Cemeteries to Sofia War Cemetery where, at the Commission's request, a plot of land had been made available for this purpose by the Bulgarian Government.

A formal assurance has also been given that a Decree ceding this land to the Commission in perpetuity will be promulgated in due course.

As immediate action to implement the Commission's decision was essential, so as to avoid interference with the graves by the local authorities, it was not possible to inform the relatives of the proposed removal in advance. I am, therefore, now writing to tell you that the work of transferring the graves to Sofia War Cemetery has been carried out with care and reverence under the personal supervision of the Commission's Area Superintendent, and that the new grave location of your husband is Plot 3, Row E, Grave No. 2.

Yours sincerely,

SGD. N. DEAN

Director-General

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