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24325 MR. GNR. 2nd CL. HUGH CHARLES LENNON
R. A. Staff (India) R. G. A. Long Service
and Good Conduct Medal. Died of
enteric fever 6th June, 1918. Age 35. Son
of William Lennon, of 37, Croydon Rd.,
Elmers End, Beckenham, Kent, husband of
Justina S. Lennon, of 2, Station Rd.,
South Croydon, Glos. (Buried Peshawar
(light) B.C. ~~XXIX~~. 27.)

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MINISTRY OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL INSURANCE



WAR PENSIONERS' WELFARE SERVICE

Flowers Hill, Brislington, Bristol, 4.



19th April, 1962

Our reference: BRIS/222/60

Your reference:

Dear Sir,

Mrs. J. S. Lennon,
Kirkside, Bath Road, Chippenham,
Wilts

When I visited the above-named elderly war widow recently, she asked me if I could find out some details concerning her late husband's grave and I am wondering whether you can help me in this matter.

Mrs. Lennon is the widow of Master Gunner Hugh Charles Lennon, 24325, who served in the Royal Garrison Artillery from 1900-1918 when he died in Peshwar, India. He is buried in the Military Cemetery at Peshwar.

It has long been Mrs. Lennon's wish to have a photograph of her husband's grave and recently some friends who happened to be visiting that part of India went to the Military Cemetery in order to do this for her, but they were unable to find the grave. Mrs. Lennon appreciates the fact that it is a large cemetery and that her friends may have had difficulty in finding the grave, but this old lady is now very concerned about the matter and would like to know whether in fact there is a cross on her husband's grave.

I do not know whether it would be possible for you to obtain a photograph of the grave for her, but I know it would be a comfort to her to know that the grave was properly marked and cared for.

Yours faithfully,

J. Swan

The Secretary,

Imperial War Graves Commission, Welfare Officer

Woodbury, Woodbury, Bucks.

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Dear Sir,

Will you please refer to your letter BRIS/222/60 of the 19th April written on behalf of Mrs. J.S. Lennon of Chippenham, Wiltshire, who is enquiring about the grave of her husband, the late 24325 Master Gunner Hugh Charles Lennon, Royal Garrison Artillery, who is buried in Peshawar Right (or Taikal) British Cemetery.

In the period between the end of the 1914-1918 War and the commencement of the 1939-1945 War it was decided that the cemeteries containing graves of British and Indian soldiers which were situated on or beyond the north-west Frontier of India, and which were outside the existing limits of established order, could not be regularly maintained and it was envisaged that they would gradually fall into disuse.

The question of the limits beyond which a grave could not be considered inviolable was referred by the Commission to the Indian Government, who decided that the line should be drawn along the river Indus.

Accordingly, the names of all those officers and men who were buried west of the river Indus were engraved on the Memorial Arch at Delhi, Master Gunner Lennon's name being on Panel 1, so that their permanent commemoration could be assured. A photograph of the Delhi Memorial is enclosed, and I should be grateful if you would kindly forward it to Mrs. Lennon.

For the reasons given above you will see that the Commission are not responsible for the maintenance of Peshawar Right British Cemetery and I much regret that I am unable to give you any information about the present condition of the grave in question.

Yours faithfully,

A. R. C. PRENTIS.

Director-General

The Welfare Officer,
Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance,
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