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1184 SGT. D. H. DAVIES.

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CAIRO WAR MEMORIAL CTY. EGYPT.

PLOT H. GR. No. 80.

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1184 SGT. DAVID HOWARD DAVIES. 1ST / 1ST
GLAMS. YEO. Died of appendicitis 12TH Nov.
1916. AGE 29. Son of William Alban
Davies and Elizabeth Davies, of Merthyr
Tydfil, husband of Gladys Davies, of 105,
CAE HARRIS, BOWLAIS, GLAM.

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28 JUL 1960

Dear Mrs. Davies,

I am writing to you about the grave of your husband, the late Serjeant David Howard Davies, who was buried in Minia War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission were approached recently by the United Arab Republic authorities with the request that this small cemetery, which contained 85 graves of the 1914/1918 War, should be moved so as to permit large scale public works and municipal development in the Egyptian town of El Minieh. The cemetery lies close to what is now a slum area, which the authorities are anxious to clear immediately, and work is also in hand for the construction of a double-track highway through the town.

The Commission are always unwilling to permit interference with the war cemeteries for which they are responsible and they accordingly arranged for a special visit to the town of Minieh by their officials in Egypt and full discussion with the local and governmental authorities.

As a result they came to the conclusion, after careful consideration, and following consultations with the Commonwealth Governments concerned, that the project was a social measure necessary for the future welfare of the local population. In the circumstances the Commission reluctantly decided to agree to the removal of the graves from Minia to Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, where they will be maintained in perpetuity with those of their comrades of both wars already buried in that cemetery.

The removal was carried out with dignity and reverence by the Commission's own staff.

The headstone which marked your husband's grave in Minia War Memorial Cemetery has now been re-erected in Cairo War Memorial Cemetery and the new grave location is Plot H, Grave No. 80.

Yours sincerely,

SGD. N. DEAN

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Mrs. G. Davies,
105, Gae Harris,
Dowlais,
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Glamorgan.
29th July, 1960

The Director General,

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter!
It was very kind of you to let me know what
the Commission had decided.

I quite realize, that under the circumstances,
nothing else could be done.

I wish to thank you again, and also the
Commission's staff who carried out the removal.
I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Gladys Davies.



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