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CAIRO WAR MEMORIAL CTY. EGYPT.

PLOT H. GR. NO. 55.

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1479 PTE. P. SMITH HIGHLAND MOUNTED BDE  
FIELD AMB. R.A.M.C. Died of typhus  
27th Jan. 1917. AGE 22. Son of  
Jemima Smith of High St. Rosemarkie,  
Ross-shire and the late Finley Smith.  
Born at Strathpeffer.  
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Dear Mrs. Smith,

I am writing to you about the grave of your son, the late Private P. Smith 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 contains 85 graves of the 1914/1915 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 son'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. 55.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) R. M. MEYLER,

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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Rosaire,  
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