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Lake J. D. Burgess

1914

30-Oct.

Filed in action. Inq. - 25 Sept.

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Inquiries as to death certificate

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(from W.O.)

Mr. B. K. Taylor

I have spoken about this
with Major Jenkins who has
had several similar cases.

? Reply that as ^{he} ~~they~~ will
easily understand, there
may be considerable difficulty

& in any case, considerable
delay in obtaining a
death certificate in the
case of a gentleman killed

in action, but state that on Sept. 28th
the Gov. of the E. A. P. telegraphed
to the S. of S. that Mr. A. J. D.
Burgess of the Inq. Company

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was killed in the course of
a fighting near Chapad and
that ~~there~~ there is no room
for doubt that ^{the} he was a J. D.

Buzen mentioned in the
telegram was, in fact, the
J. D. Buzen in the employment
of the Company.

Say that this letter may
suffice for his purpose, but
that, if it does not, the
Sec. of the R.A.P. will be
asked whether a death
certificate can be obtained.

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Forwarded with the compliments of the
Secretary of the War Office

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LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO

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TELEGRAMS:

Solicitor, Railway, York

NAT. TEL. NO. 86

North Eastern Railway

Solicitors Office

York, 30th Oct 1914



Dear Sir:

re J. D. Burgess dec'd

I am informed that the War Office is issuing certificates of death in respect of men "killed in action" but as the official notification of the death of Mr Donald Burgess was issued to you on the 29th ulto it occurs to me that possibly you are issuing

certificates of death in respect of men killed in action in the Colonies & Protectorates in the present case Mr Burgess was killed in a German raid near Magadi in the East African Protectorate on the 25th September.

I may say that in the official notification it is stated that Mr A. J. D. Burgess was killed and Mr J. F. Burgess wounded. Mr J. D. Burgess is wrongly named A. J. D. Burgess as communications have been received from Magadi Junction by the Magadi Soda Company Limited referring to the death of Mr J. D. Burgess.

If this letter should have been addressed to the War Office I shall

be much obliged. If you will forward
it to them with a request that
they issue a certificate of death.

Yours faithfully

A. J. S. Smith.

The ~~Union~~ Secretary of State
Downing Street.

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13 November 1914.

Sir

I am directed &c to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th of October relating to the late Mr. J.D. Burgess, and to inform you that as you will easily understand there may be considerable difficulty, and, in any case, considerable delay in obtaining a death certificate in the case of a gentleman ^{member of a Special Force who is} killed in action.

2. I am to state that

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J.D. Smith Esq

The Solicitor
 Northern Railway
 Solicitor's Office
 York

MINUTE.

Mr. Harper 13/11/14

Mr. Bottomley 17/11/14

Mr.

Mr.

Sir G. Fiddes.

Sir H. Just.

Sir J. Anderson.

Lord Islington.

Mr. Harcourt.

that on the 28th of Sept. the
Gov. of the E.A.P. reported to
the S. of S. by telegraph that
Dr. A. J. D. Burgess of the
Magadi Company was killed
in the course of fighting near
Magadi, and there is no
room for doubt that the
Dr. A. J. D. Burgess mentioned in
the telegram was in fact
Dr. J. D. Burgess in the
employment of the Magadi Coy.

3. This letter may be
sufficient for your purpose
but if not the Gov. of the
E.A.P. will be asked whether a death
certificate can be obtained.

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(Signed) H. J. READ.
for the Consul, Secretary of State

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Solicitors Office,
York.

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14th November 1914.

Sir,

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COL. OFFICE

RE BURGESS

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I am in receipt of your letter 43523/1914 of the 13th instant, and hope that the statements contained therein will be sufficient evidence of death to satisfy the Insurance Company with which Mr Burgess was insured.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. D. Smith

The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies
London S.W.

M. B. Thomas

Attach

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