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MONTREAL, April 29th 1926

Lt-Col. Wilfred Bovey
Asst. Principal
McGill University
City

Re burial of the late J.A. Lavis
St Anne de Bellevue Hospital

Dear Colonel Bovey,

Replying to your favour of the 27th, in connection with the marginally noted deceased's funeral.

I beg to submit that the above mentioned interment was a government one, under the direction of the local Unit of the D.S.C.R. and over which we have no control or responsibility therein.

We however inaugurated a voluntary Committee under the Convenorship of Miss Hay Browne, 37 St Luke Street - Telephone Up 1272 - of which the D.S.C.R. Have been advised, and which Committee will at all and any time see that someone is present at the funeral of an ex-service person, on intimation by the D.S.C.R. of the time and place of the funeral - though this in no way relieves that Department of the duty of providing a representative from the D.S.C.R.

On inquiry, I am advised by Miss Browne, that to her (subsequent) knowledge, at least three similar cases to the one you mention have occurred where men have passed away at St Anne's Hospital who had no relatives to be present, and the object of our voluntary Committee was to prevent such an undesirable thing. You will realise however that unless Miss Browne is advised when deaths take place there naturally cannot be anyone present from the Last Post Fund.

I am of the opinion that Miss Browne has drawn the attention of the local Unit of the D.S.C.R. to their failure to advise her, without the desired result.

Trusting the foregoing gives you the desired information, and assuring you of anything being done by us to help the matter that can be done.

Full 'military honours' unfortunately cannot be accorded in Montreal, except with much trouble and expense.

Faithfully

"LEST WE FORGET"

Arthur H. D. Hair
Secretary-Treasurer
L.P.F.