



The Court House.
Regina, Sask.
April 29, 1926.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I duly received your letter of the 17th of March and looked into the matters therein referred on receipt of same and wrote a reply but held the same up pending the return of Colonel McAra, who was out of town. I have only to-day had an opportunity of speaking to him in the matter to complete my enquiries.

Mr Hair quite misunderstands the situation. In some cases these particulars which he requests are absolutely unobtainable. The man is dead and perhaps a stranger in this country, but is known to be a Veteran and has to be buried. You cannot get information from the man and sometimes he has no relations. A case occurred at Saskatoon where the man's wife had gone to work on a farm the day after the funeral. Having obtained a little money on the farm she went from there to work in British Columbia and from there went to New Zealand.

One must understand that this Western Country is settled almost altogether within the last twenty years, and that nearly all of these cases are of men who are not old settlers and with regard to whom little is known. They have to be buried, they are entitled to be looked after properly, and it surely must have been the intention of the authorities at Ottawa in making a grant, that a returned soldier shall not be buried in a paupers grave, & whether full information and the requisite forms are fully filled in or not.

You say something about ulterior motives. There are no ulterior motives. The books of the funds are open to audit and investigation. I, personally, would be glad if you would name any person you choose to investigate this matter independently for you if you desire.