ALFRED DENIS SKEA



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Alfred Den(n)is Skea was born in Port Elizabeth 6 January 1874 (the son of James Henry Skea and Mary QUINN). He died in Pretoria 1 March 1924 ¹. He married Mary Christine O'Toole ², born in Kimberley 27 January 1881. She died in Pretoria 25 January 1968.

Together, they had four children: Beryl Angela 3 , Raymond 4 , Denise 5 and Rita Esme 6 .

In 1901, he was a clerk in the (Government) Printing and Stationery Office, Cape Town. He appears to have acted as an agent for Reuters for during the Second Anglo-Boer War

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Death Notice TAB MHG REFERENCE 53578 SKEA, ALFRED DENIS. 1924; Death Notice TAB MHG REFERENCE 1967/69 SKEA, MARY CHRISTINE. 1969. PREDECEASED SPOUSE ALFRED DENIS SKEA

² I suspect that this may have occurred in 1903. Reference: TAB CS VOLUME_NO 242 REFERENCE 1478/03 DESCRIPTION: LEAVE OF ABSENCE MR. AD SKEA. RECOMMENDING ABOVE, ETC. 1903 Prior to that, in 1901, he is awarded a subsidised travel grant Pretoria-Kimberley-return.

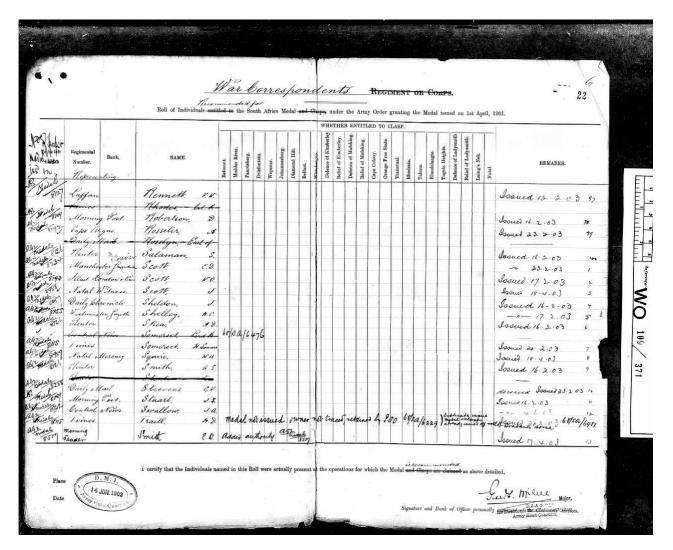
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⁵ 1907 - 1997

⁶ 1914 - 1982. Of interest is that Rota Esme Skea was born in Inclcombe Regis, Weymouth in December 1914. A D Skea, civil servant, aged 40 years had arrived unaccompanied in Southampton from Cape Town aboard the Kenilworth Castle on 3 March 1914.

and as such his contribution to the war effort was recognised by the war office in 1903, his being awarded the Queen's South Africa medal, no bar 7 .

In 1920 he was promoted Superintendent of Government Printing and Stationery Office, Cape Town.



War Correspondents Queen's South Africa Medal Roll WO 100 / 371

References:

- 1. Ancestry.co.uk and the extensive research done by Jane Melling reported therein.
- 2. South Africa Archives Repository, Pretoria

⁷ Quoting from WO 32/8559, David Biggins, (http://www.angloboerwar.com) lists four criteria used in determining the award of the QSA to War Correspondents. These were: Be accredited by the editor of the newspaper he represents; Have reported by telegraph and not by letter; Held a pass from the Chief Censor; Have served with troops in the field.