

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

¹ 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.

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Roll of Individuals entitled to the South Africa Medal and Clasp under the Army Order granting the Medal issued on 1st April, 1901.

Regimental Number.	Rank.	NAME.	WHETHER ENTITLED TO CLASP.														REMARKS.										
			Rebulet.	Moder River.	Panthersburg.	Prinfentuin.	Wepener.	Johannesburg.	Diamond Hill.	Bellair.	Witwatersrand.	Defence of Kimberley.	Relief of Kimberley.	Defence of Mafeking.	Relief of Mafeking.	Cape Colony.		Orange Free State.	Transvaal.	Rhodessa.	Talawa.	Elmshooghe.	Pegah Heights.	Defence of Ladysmith.	Relief of Ladysmith.	Ladys's Nek.	Sial.
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 150	<i>Private</i>	<i>Reynolds</i>																									Issued 13.2.03 97
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 151	<i>Private</i>	<i>Rhodes</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 78
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 152	<i>Private</i>	<i>Robertson</i>																									Issued 23.2.03 79
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 153	<i>Private</i>	<i>Rositer</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 100
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 154	<i>Private</i>	<i>Roslyn</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 101
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 155	<i>Private</i>	<i>Salaman</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 102
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 156	<i>Private</i>	<i>Scott</i>																									Issued 17.2.03 103
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 157	<i>Private</i>	<i>Scott</i>																									Issued 10.4.03 104
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 158	<i>Private</i>	<i>Sheldon</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 105
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 159	<i>Private</i>	<i>Shelley</i>																									Issued 17.2.03 106
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 160	<i>Private</i>	<i>Shoa</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 107
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 161	<i>Private</i>	<i>Somers</i>																									Issued 20.2.03 108
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 162	<i>Private</i>	<i>Sparks</i>																									Issued 16.4.03 109
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 163	<i>Private</i>	<i>Smith</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 110
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 164	<i>Private</i>	<i>Stuart</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 111
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 165	<i>Private</i>	<i>Stuart</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 112
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 166	<i>Private</i>	<i>Swallow</i>																									Issued 16.2.03 113
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 167	<i>Private</i>	<i>Trull</i>																									Issued 17.2.03 114
<i>1st Cape Prov. Bn</i> 168	<i>Private</i>	<i>Smith</i>																									Issued 17.2.03 115

I certify that the Individuals named in this Roll were actually present at the operations for which the Medal and Clasp are claimed as above detailed.

Place *D. M. J.*
Date *14 JUN. 1903*

Genl. Miller Major,
Signature and Rank of Officer personally appointed to the duties of the Officer in Charge of the Army Head Quarters.

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.