

ARTICLE 6

As regards the Commonwealth 1914-18 War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials, the present Agreement expressly preserves and continues the rights of the Commission, as hitherto exercised pursuant to the Agreement of 1919, to ensure and provide at its own cost for the maintenance of the said Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials, to enact or continue regulations governing visits to such Cemeteries and to select the persons to take charge of them, who may be nationals of the Commonwealth countries.

The Belgian Government further agrees that the Commission shall be at liberty, if it sees fit, to utilise vacant space in any such Cemeteries for the reception of Commonwealth 1939-45 War Graves and to establish such additional monuments, structures or plantations and make such improvements therein as it may consider necessary.

ARTICLE 7

The exhumation of bodies from the Commonwealth War Cemeteries and Graves for transport (whether in their existing state or after cremation) to any part of the Commonwealth or to any other destination outside Belgium or the Belgian territory where they are respectively interred, being contrary to the declared policy of the Commonwealth countries, no such exhumation shall be permitted, and the Belgian Government undertakes to instruct the competent authorities to refuse all applications for permission to effect such exhumations or removals of bodies.

The exhumation of such bodies for purposes of concentration or regrouping within Belgium or Belgian territory, respectively, shall only be permitted if effected by or with the express authority of the Commission.

ARTICLE 8

Requests for permission to erect any monument designed to recall a feat of arms of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth countries or of any unit of those forces shall be presented by the Commission to the Belgian Government for its concurrence.

Should a request of this nature be made direct to the Belgian Government, the latter shall refer it to the Commission before giving any decision, and shall consider in agreement with the Commission what action shall be taken thereon.

ARTICLE 9

In place of the mixed Anglo-Belgian Committee appointed by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of the Agreement of 1919, the Commission shall appoint a joint Committee, to be entitled the Commonwealth-Belgian Joint Committee and composed as laid down in the next following Article, to represent the Commission in Belgian territory in its relations with the appropriate authorities, both military and civil, and especially to exercise in the name of the Commission all or part of the rights reserved to it under the present Agreement. This Committee shall be competent to perform in the name of the Commission and within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter, all civil acts necessary to enable it to fulfil its objects.