

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, INDIA AND PAKISTAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY RELATIVE TO THE GRAVES IN ITALIAN TERRITORY OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH**

The GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, INDIA AND PAKISTAN (hereinafter referred to as «the Commonwealth Countries») on the one hand: and

The GOVERNMENT of ITALY, on the other hand:

Desiring to modify the provision of the Agreement signed at Rome on the 11th May 1922, between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Italy as amended by the Notes exchanged on the 6th August 1936 (hereinafter referred to as the Agreement of 1922) respecting the graves of British soldiers in Italy; and

Desiring to make further provision with regard to cemeteries, graves and memorials of members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth Countries who have fallen as a result of the war of 1939-45 and have been interred in Italian territory:

Have decided to conclude an Agreement for this purpose and have accordingly agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

1. The present Agreement applies to the cemeteries, graves and memorials in Italian territory for which provision was made by the Agreement of 1922 and also to the cemeteries and graves in that territory in which are buried the bodies of members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth Countries who have fallen on the field of battle or have died whilst serving in the War of 1939-45 and the memorials already erected or which may be erected in their honour.

2. In the present Agreement references to «the Commonwealth War Graves» and «the Commonwealth War Cemeteries», as the case may be, include both those for which provision was made by the Agreement of 1922 and those resulting from the War of 1939-45.

Cemeteries or graves of the War of 1939-45 are where necessary distinguished as «Commonwealth 1939-45 War Cemeteries or Graves», as the case may require.

**ARTICLE 2**

The Imperial War Graves Commission, incorporated by Royal Charter dated the 21st May 1917 (approved by His Majesty in Council on the 10th May 1917) and in the present Agreement referred to as «the Commission», is recognised by the Government of Italy as the sole official organisation charged with the care of the Commonwealth War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials.

**ARTICLE 3**

1. The Government of Italy undertakes to grant to the Commission free of cost the free use of the areas of land on which are located the Commonwealth 1939-45 War Cemeteries, for that specific purpose and for so long as