

**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE TRANSFER TO THE FRENCH STATE
OF THE PROPERTY IN THE SITE OF BRITISH MONUMENTS
COMMEMORATIVE OF THE WAR 1914-1918.**

The Government of the French Republic, represented by Monsieur l'Intendant Général Pierre Vincensini, Commander of the Legion of Honour, K.B.E., Chief of the Services de l'Etat-Civil et des Sépultures Militaires at the Ministère des Anciens Combattants et Pensionnés, *of the one part*, and the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand, represented by Major-General Sir Fabian Arthur Goulstone Ware, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., etc., Vice-Chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission recognised by the Anglo-French Agreement signed in PARIS on the 26th November 1918, *of the other part*;

Being of opinion that it is expedient to provide for the transfer to the French State of the lands on which have been erected by the above-named Governments, parties hereto of the other part, as also by the Government of Newfoundland, by military units or private individuals here represented by one or other of the said Governments, or on behalf of the said Governments, military units or individuals, military monuments commemorative of the War of 1914-1918; and

Recognising that it is necessary to define and provide for the rights and privileges which the said Governments, military units and individuals shall hereafter enjoy in respect of the said monuments;

have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Government of the French Republic (Minister of National Defence and War) acquires the immovable properties of which the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand, as also the Government of Newfoundland, military units or private individuals, have become the owners by virtue of anterior deeds of sale or gift, with a view to the erection of the commemorative monuments before-mentioned.

Such transfer is made in consideration of the lump sum of one franc which shall be paid by the Representative of the Government of the French Republic to the Secretary-General of the Anglo-French Mixed Committee.

The immovable properties thus acquired by the French Government are the following:

Plot of land belonging to the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland appropriated to the purpose of the Monument to the 36th Division and situated at

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| Thiepvall... | Somme |

Plots of land belonging to the Canadian Government appropriated to the purpose of the Monuments erected by the said Government and situated at

| <i>Commune</i> | <i>Department</i> |
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| Bourlon... | Pas-de-Calais |
| Dury... | " " |
| Thélus (Bois-Carré)... | " " |
| Courcellette... | Somme |
| Le Quesnel... | " |