

ARTICLE 3

(1) The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall acquire the ownership of the land required for Commonwealth cemeteries, graves and memorials, and shall grant the use of it free of cost to the Commission for a period of 50 years which shall be perpetually renewed for as long as the land is used for the purposes set forth in the present Agreement.

(2) Whenever the Commission considers necessary the creation of new cemeteries with a view to the grouping of Commonwealth graves, it shall formulate its proposals and shall transmit them to the Netherlands Minister of War who will consider the possibility of acquiring the necessary land to be granted to the Commission for the above-mentioned purposes for a period and under the conditions as prescribed in sub-paragraph (1) of this Article.

ARTICLE 4

The bodies of members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth Countries shall not, without the consent of the Commission, be exhumed for the purpose of removal from the Commonwealth cemeteries or graves in which they rest. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands undertakes to invite the competent local authorities to refuse all applications for permission for the exhumation of any of these bodies or for their removal, unless preferred through the Commission.

ARTICLE 5

(1) The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands recognises the right of the Commission to act in Netherlands territories as an association, possessing the civil rights of an individual, to ensure the upkeep of Commonwealth cemeteries, graves and memorials.

(2) The Commission is accordingly authorised to enclose the Commonwealth cemeteries, to lay them out according to a scheme approved by itself, to erect in them sepulchral monuments or other suitable structures, to make plantations in them, to enact regulations governing visits to them and to select persons, who may be British subjects, to take charge of and maintain them.

(3) The Commission is further authorised to provide for the laying out and maintenance of Commonwealth graves in publicly or privately owned cemeteries in agreement with the competent authorities.

(4) When any Commonwealth graves are among military graves of Netherlands or Allied soldiers and the Commission considers it desirable that a common system of laying out should be adopted, it shall submit its proposals to the Netherlands Minister of War for approval.

(5) Subject to the authorisation granted in Article 5 (2) of the present Agreement, the Commission shall conform to the laws and regulations in force in Netherlands territories relating to cemeteries, graves, memorials and other structures.

(6) The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall regard the Commission in respect of work done in its service by Netherlands civilian employees, to be as from the date on which such work was first started an employer within the meaning of the Social Insurance legislation.