

shall, however, take due care to see that suitable installations shall maintain good sanitary conditions. These arrangements and constructional works shall be exempt from any duties or taxes.

ARTICLE 5

Concessions in perpetuity shall be granted by the French Government in respect of the graves of members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth countries situated in municipal or communal cemeteries and also in French military cemeteries, the laying out and maintenance of these graves being the responsibility of the Commission.

ARTICLE 6

All questions concerning the graves, which are the subject of the preceding Article, shall be settled directly by the Commission with the competent French authorities.

Part II.—Exhumation, Burial or Transfer Operations

ARTICLE 7

The Commission may create and maintain temporary cemeteries in French territory and may have in its possession the necessary equipment to collect, identify and give temporary burial to remains and to transfer them to permanent cemeteries. These operations may be extended to remains coming from other countries. The Commission shall be the only authority permitted to carry out these operations. No exhumation or repatriation of bodies of members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth countries may be carried out unless authorised by the Commission.

ARTICLE 8

The Commission shall not be subject to French laws and regulations concerning permits for the burial, exhumation and transfer of remains, but the Commission undertakes to carry out these operations in such a way that they will not constitute a danger to public health and to take all sanitary measures necessary for this purpose.

ARTICLE 9

The French Government shall grant all necessary facilities for transport, accommodation of personnel, setting up of offices, storing of material and procuring of labour, to carry out the work contemplated in Part II of the present Agreement, with the reservation that the prior consent of the French authorities shall be obtained and that all the expense incurred shall be settled in accordance with current rates.

Part III.—General Provisions

ARTICLE 10

The Commission shall not be subject to any duties or taxes for which it might become liable in carrying out its official functions or to any Customs charges. In particular, the Commission may import into French territory, irrespective of the country of origin, the material and supplies necessary to enable it to carry out any of the operations covered by the present Agreement.