

EXCHANGE OF NOTES ¹

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ROME, Italy.
August 27, 1953.

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency, on the instructions of my Government that the Government of Canada undertake to accord to the Italian Government, as regards the care and maintenance of graves of soldiers formerly members of the Italian Armed Forces, both metropolitan and colonial, fallen or buried in Canada, a treatment analogous to and not less favourable than that accorded by the Italian Government for the care and maintenance of the Commonwealth graves in Italy under the provisions of the Agreement signed on this day between the Governments of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and Pakistan on the one hand, and the Italian Government on the other hand, having regard to the number of graves concerned. Accordingly, the Government of Canada will arrange with the Italian Government, through the diplomatic channel, for appropriate facilities to be granted in any of the Canadian territories in question where there are Italian war graves and will also take the necessary steps to ensure that the competent Italian authorities are given all possible assistance in tracing such graves.

If the proposals outlined above meet with the approval of the Italian Government I have the honour to suggest that the present Note, and Your Excellency's reply in that sense, shall be regarded as constituting an agreement between the two Governments in this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

PIERRE DUPUY

His Excellency the Hon. G. Pella,
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ROME, Italy.

¹ Similar notes of even date were exchanged between the Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, India, Pakistan and the United Kingdom and Italy.