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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
56th MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL WAR GRAVES COMMISSION
held at
H.M. OFFICE OF WORKS
on
WEDNESDAY 20th JUNE 1923.

PRESENT:

Major-General SIR FABIAN WARE, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G.,
Vice Chairman, in the Chair.

J. HOWARD, Esq.,
Representing the High Commissioner for Canada.

Colonel the Hon. SIR JAMES ALLEN, K.C.B.,
High Commissioner for New Zealand.

J. L. MURPHY, Esq.,
Representing the High Commissioner for Newfoundland.

HARRY GOSLING, Esq., C.H., M.P., J.P.

RUDYARD KIPLING, Esq.

Colonel LORD ARTHUR BROWNE, K.B.E.,
Principal Assistant Secretary.

THERE WERE ALSO PRESENT:

Lieut. Colonel SIR FREDERIC KENYON, K.C.B.,

Lieut. Colonel H. ELLISSEN, C.B.E.

Lieut. Colonel C. P. OSWALD, O.B.E.

Lieut. Colonel E. H. JARVIS.

Captain R. EAGLE, M.B.E.

The minutes of the last meeting were considered and agreed.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that since their last meeting the King and Queen had visited the cemeteries on the Italian Front and His Majesty had instructed him to inform the Commission how satisfied he was with everything that he saw. *Lord Cavan*

~~LORD CAVAN~~ had also written a letter expressing ~~the highest~~ *his great* appreciation of the way the graves were being maintained.

The Prince of Wales had visited Belgium in May and had taken the opportunity to visit a considerable number of cemeteries. He had been greatly impressed by what he had seen and referred in appreciative terms to the work that had been done.

Sir John Baird, the Commissioner of Works, had also visited the cemeteries and had written ~~a letter that he would read to the Commission.~~ *expressing his approval of the work*

There had recently been a number of unveiling ceremonies both in England and abroad. Examples in England were those which had taken place at Bath, Gloucester, Colchester, Leicester and Liverpool. He himself had attended the ceremonies at Bath and at Gloucester and both the ceremonies were impressive. A large number of people were present. *very* ~~At Abbeville~~ *at Abbeville* In France a French Memorial had been unveiled by Marshal Foch and advantage was taken of the occasion for Lord Cavan to unveil the Cross of Sacrifice in the British Cemetery there. ~~Vevey in Switzerland and Kantara near the Suez Canal had also been the scenes of similar ceremonies recently.~~ *These at Vevey Switzerland and Kantara on the Suez Canal*

There were also Battlefield Memorials to be unveiled. On the 8th July ~~he~~ *he* hoped the Duke of Connaught would unveil the Canadian Battle Memorial at St. Julien and ~~that he~~ would



afterwards visit some of the cemeteries. On the 15th July the New Zealand Memorial at Le Quesnoy would be unveiled by Lord Milner, Marshal Joffre being present. Others who had visited or would shortly be visiting cemeteries were General Brink, Secretary to the Ministry of Defence in South Africa, the Prime Minister of Nova Scotia, Mr. Murray, and a ^{deputation} of Empire ex-service men ^{under} ~~would probably be going over with~~ Lord Haig. There were also other parties.

There had been a strike in Belgium which had caused some delay in the Commission's work. This had now been settled.

At their last meeting the Commission had approved the recommendation of the Anglo-Palestine Committee that Sir Gilbert Clayton should be invited to accept the Chairmanship of the Committee. A letter had now been received from him accepting the invitation.

The French were arranging to transport to France some of their dead who were buried in England. The arrangements would be partly in the ~~the~~ ^{of the Commission and which} hands ~~and~~ all possible honours would be paid. ~~At the same time~~ he was sure the French would take no action which would tend to increase the desire of some British relatives to bring their dead back from theatres of war.

The Commission had received a report since their last meeting with regard to the height of the walling of the cemeteries in France. Sir Frederic Kenyon had pointed out with reference to this report that the principle of having the cemeteries open to view had been definitely accepted, and that in the case of Bapaume Post, the Cemetery which gave rise to the report, he thought there must have been some special reason.

The Commission would remember that General Macready, ~~who was~~ a member of the Commission whose place was temporarily *being* occupied by Mr. Maddocks, had gone to live in France, and he (the Vice Chairman) suggested that General Macready might be appointed a member of the Anglo-French Committee.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING moved the following resolution:-

- (2) "That subject to his consent General Sir C.F.N. Macready be appointed a member of the Anglo-French Mixed Committee."

The resolution was seconded by Sir James Allen and agreed.

REPORTS OF THE 75th, 76th & 77th MEETINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said the Finance Committee at their 76th Meeting had approved the expenditure for two cemeteries, Portianos and Mudros East, subject to the Commission approving the design. It was not proposed to erect the Cross of Sacrifice in these cemeteries for the reasons that there was ~~an absolute~~ lack of harbour facilities for handling heavy stonework and also ~~a lack of~~ ^{of} suitable material and skilled labour.

SIR FREDERIC KENYON said that he thought the proposal was covered by a previous decision of the Commission where access was difficult or shipping facilities deficient.

The following resolution was moved by Sir James Allen, seconded by Mr. Gosling and agreed:-

- (3) "That the Commission approve the designs submitted for the treatment of Portianos Military Cemetery, Lemnos, and Mudros Eastern Cemetery (Anglo-French)."

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said he wished to draw attention to another matter in the report of the 75th Meeting. A contract had been made with Messrs. Hodgkinson on certain terms by which the whole profit on the first 25,000 headstones was to go to the contractor and the balance of the contract was to be worked on a profit-sharing basis. When the contract was signed the mechanical methods employed were in an experimental stage and success was uncertain. The contractors had, however, *Entirely at their own risk* developed the process into an assured success. The result was that a high profit had been realised on the first 25,000, and it was estimated that this profit would continue to accrue during the completion of the contract. As a result the contractors had been approached with a view, if possible, to *amending* ~~obtaining an amendment~~ to the contract. An agreement had been reached and a revised contract would be submitted for approval later. It was estimated that the revision would effect a saving of some £40,000 to the Commission. The contractors had met them very fairly, ~~and~~ **T**he concessions they had agreed to make were entirely voluntary, and their action had been extremely patriotic and generous.

The following resolution was moved by Sir James Allen, seconded by Mr. Howard and agreed:-

- (4) "(i) That the report of the 75th Meeting of the Finance Committee be adopted.
- (ii) That the Finance Committee be authorised to consider and approve the proposed contract with Messrs. Hodgkinson referred to in para. 14 of the said report without further reference to the Commission.
- (iii) That the reports of the 75th and 77th Meetings of the Finance Committee be adopted."

ST. WOOLLOS CEMETERY, NEWPORT.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said they wanted authority to affix the Commission's Seal to the Deed of Conveyance of a site for the Cross of Sacrifice in St. Woollos Cemetery, Newport.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Gosling, seconded by Mr. Kipling and agreed:-

- (5) "That the Seal of the Commission be affixed to and the proper Officer sign the Counterpart Grant by the Burial Authority of the County Borough of Newport to the Commission of the right to the exclusive use in perpetuity of a site in St. Woollos Cemetery, Newport, for the erection of a War Cross."

NIEUPOORT BAINS MILITARY CEMETERY NO. 3.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that Nieuport Bains Military Cemetery No. 3 interfered with the development of the town and the local authorities desired that it should be moved, chiefly on the ground that the expense of acquiring the land would be out of proportion to the number of bodies buried there so that the Ministry of National Defence were unable or unwilling to find the money. The Commission's representative in Brussels had suggested that he be authorised to approach the authorities with certain suggestions which would enable the Cemetery to be retained. He (the Vice Chairman) suggested that as Sir Frederic Kenyon and Lord Arthur Browne were ~~was~~ visiting Nieuport ^{very} shortly ^{he} ~~they~~ should look into the matter. ^{and make recommendations} ~~and report.~~ The Commission agreed.

TYNE COT BRITISH CEMETERY.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said they were proposing to commemorate on a special memorial in Tyne Cot Cemetery those who were missing in the Ypres Salient but whose names could not be included

in the Memorial at the Menin Gate. There would be about 20,000 names and there were alternative proposals as to the method in which the names should be engraved. ~~The plans~~ ^{Sketches} showing ~~the~~ ^{four} alternative methods were on the table. The ~~method~~ ^{method} ~~referred to one method as artistically most suitable~~ ^{most preferred by the architect & Sir Frederic Kenyon} ~~was No. 4, the latter being of opinion that~~ ^{was No. 4, the latter being of opinion that} ~~Sir Frederic Kenyon was also in favour of the same method, considering that it saved space,~~ ^{that} ~~the appearance was good and that if sub-divided there would not be great difficulty in finding the names.~~ ^{in the manner shown} ~~An alternative method~~ ^{Another} ~~was~~ ^{No. 1,} to engrave the names as they had done in the case of previous memorials, namely, with ~~the names engraved~~ one below the other, each name on a separate line, and he wished the Commission to decide which ~~method~~ should be adopted.

MR. GOSLING thought that everything depended on their first object, which was to engrave the names so that the relatives might easily pick them out. It would not console the relatives to be told that the appearance of the Memorial would gain if the names were grouped together. What they wanted was for the name in which they were interested to stand by itself.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that technically there were ^{some} advantages in engraving the names separately. There would not be the same difficulty in spacing out the names.

SIR JAMES ALLEN agreed with Mr. Gosling's point of view that one name one line was best.

SIR FREDERIC KENYON did not think there would be any serious difficulty in finding a name ^{if} ~~under~~ ^{method} the ~~proposal~~ recommended by the Architect ^{were adopted}.

MR. GOSLING said that one line for one name was in keeping with their policy of having one headstone for one person.

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The Commission examined the different designs and the following resolution was moved by Mr. Gosling, seconded by Mr. Kipling and agreed:-

- (6) "That the Commission having considered the different methods of setting out the names on the Memorial to be erected to the Missing in Tyne Cot Cemetery, resolve that No. 1 method be adopted, with each name on a separate line."

TREATMENT OF MASS GRAVES.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said the Commission had before them examples of several cases where a large number of soldiers had been buried together in one large grave, and the question before them was how such graves should be marked. After consultation with Sir Frederic Kenyon the proposal which had been made was that individual headstones should be put up in these cases round the grave, on which the names and personal inscriptions should appear, and that on the grave itself there should be a stone with an inscription ^{detailing} ~~explaining~~ the circumstances. The proposals were explained in the report before them.

MR. RUDYARD KIPLING moved the following resolution:-

- (7) "That the Commission having considered memorandum No. 14/F23/344/S1 regarding the methods to be adopted in treating mass graves, approve of the proposals therein contained."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gosling and agreed.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BATTLE EXPLOIT MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that the recommendations of the Battle Exploit Memorials Committee were before them.

The following resolution was moved by Sir James Allen, seconded by Mr. Howard and agreed:-

(8) "That the Commission approve the following recommendations of the Battle Exploit Memorials Committee:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Site applied for.</u>
16th (Irish) Division.	Guillemont and Ginchy. Map ref. Sheet 57c.T.19.b.3.7.
do.	Wytshaete. Map ref. Sheet 28.S.W.2. O.19.b.4.0. or 19.a.9.9. or 19.c.5.7.
29th Division.	A site presented to the division by the Newfoundland Government in the Park which that Government has acquired at Beaumont Hamel.
12th Bn. York & Lancaster Regt.	Serre. Maily-Maillet - Puisieux Road. Sheet 57d.K.30. (approx)."

TABLETS IN FRENCH AND BELGIAN CATHEDRALS.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said the different Governments represented on the Commission had agreed to join in the expense of erecting tablets in ^{certain} ~~the different~~ Cathedrals in France and Belgium with the exception of Amiens Cathedral, where each Government was erecting its own. The pattern of tablet which they were proposing to erect was similar to ~~that they had put up~~ ^{the one being erected} at Amiens but amplified by the addition of the arms of all the Dominions. He thought the design was a beautiful one, but the alterations would necessarily increase the cost. The inscription suggested by Mr. Kipling was: "To the Glory of God and to the memory of one million dead of the British Empire who fell in the war for civilisation, 1914 to 1918, and of whom

the greater part rest in France."

After some further discussion Mr. Kipling moved the following resolution:-

- (9) (i) That the Commission approve the design submitted for the tablets to be erected in Cathedrals in France and Belgium and refer it to the Finance Committee to consider and, if thought fit, approve of tenders for the supply and erection of the tablets without further reference to the Commission.
- (ii) That the Commission approve the following inscription to be placed on the tablets:-

'To the glory of God and to the memory of one million dead of the British Empire who fell in the Great War, 1914 to 1918, and of whom the greater part rest in France'.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Howard and agreed.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

in some cemeteries from Belgium
 THE VICE CHAIRMAN said ~~there were certain memorials in cemeteries~~ *in some cemeteries from Belgium* ~~which were erected where the graves of British soldiers had~~ *in some cemeteries from Belgium in which British soldiers have been buried were destroyed in subsequent fighting.* ~~been destroyed in subsequent fighting.~~ *It sometimes happened* ~~that the names of Dominion soldiers appeared on the~~ *credits in the cemeteries. It sometimes happened that* ~~memorials~~ *of the Commission* ~~and the~~ *Some of* ~~practice~~ *had* been in such cases to put "In memory of these British and Dominion soldiers of the British Empire". It had been suggested that it would be more in accordance with Dominion sentiment if the wording adopted were "In memory of these ~~British and Dominion~~ soldiers of the British Empire".

SIR FREDERIC KENYON thought it would be an extremely invidious distinction to say British and Dominion soldiers. However, the point was one for the Dominions to settle.

After some discussion it was agreed that the proposal should be sent round to the representatives of the Dominions

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for their opinions.

NIEDERZWEHREN CEMETERY, GERMANY.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that the Committee which had visited Germany some time before had made certain proposals and it had become necessary to modify them to a small extent. In Darmstadt the local authorities demanded £10 per grave for the sites, and in view of this high price General Perceval recommended that Darmstadt should not be used for a concentration cemetery but that graves intended for that place should be concentrated to Niederzwehren, bringing the latter up to about 1900 graves. He thought there was no objection to the proposal.

The following resolution was moved by Sir James Allen, seconded by Mr. Rudyard Kipling and agreed:-

- (10) "That in view of the high cost of land in Darmstadt Forest Cemetery those graves destined for Darmstadt in the scheme of concentration adopted by the Commission at their 47th Meeting shall instead be concentrated into Niederzwehren Prisoners of War Cemetery, Cassel."

PURCHASE OF LAND IN GERMANY.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that owing to the rapid fluctuations in the value of the mark the Commission had difficulty in carrying out their negotiations for the purchase of land, and he suggested that the Finance Committee should have power to close ^{an} ~~the~~ agreement without the delay necessitated by having to wait for confirmation by the Commission.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Howard and agreed:-

(11) "That the Finance Committee be authorised to enter into contracts for the purchase of such parcels of land in Germany as may be required for the sites of concentration cemeteries without awaiting confirmation by the Commission; and that the Finance Committee be authorised to approve of such minor variations in the scheme of concentration approved by the Commission at their 47th Meeting as may be necessary."

IRAQ WAR GRAVES COMMITTEE.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that the local Committee in Iraq had suggested that the Chief Engineer should replace the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General to the Air Forces in Iraq.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Rudyard Kipling, seconded by Mr. Murpny and agreed:-

(12) "That the Commission approve the recommendation of the Iraq War Graves Committee that the Chief Engineer to the Forces in Iraq be appointed a member of the Iraq War Graves Committee in place of the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General to Air Forces in Iraq, and that accordingly in the Instrument of Appointment of the Commission's Agency in Iraq the words "Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General to Air Forces in Iraq" be deleted wherever they occur in the said Instrument, and the following expression be substituted: 'The Chief Engineer to the Forces in Iraq'."

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that strong representations had been made to the Commission to make use of Corsehill stone and those interested had been promised that it would be considered by the Commission at that meeting. Samples of the stone were before the Commission, as was also a report from the Geological Museum Authorities. He (the Vice Chairman) would have preferred to reject the stone on the ground of its colour. Up to the present their headstones had all been white and the introduction of pink Corsehill stone was strongly objected to by some of the Architects.

SIR FREDERIC KENYON thought the Commission should adhere to their original decision and to the use of white stone. He himself was not in favour of the reddish colour of the Corsehill stone.

After some discussion the following resolution was moved by Sir James Allen, seconded by Mr. Kipling and agreed:-

- (13) "That the Commission are not prepared to consider the use of Corsehill stone."

STAFF OF THE COMMISSION.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said there were the usual resolutions.

The following resolutions were moved by Sir James Allen, seconded by Mr. Howard and agreed:-

- (14) (Type in resolutions attached).

DATES OF COMMISSION MEETINGS.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said they would remember that at the last meeting the usual day of the meeting was changed to the third Wednesday in each month. Sir Robert Hudson had pointed out that he had a standing engagement for the

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APPOINTMENTS.

That the Commission hereby approve the appointments of the under-mentioned officers and of the payment to them out of the funds of the Commission of the approved salaries as from the dates set out against their names.

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Name	Appointment	Salary	Date	Authority
Major Taylor J.J.	Clerk of Works. France.	£300/15/350.	25.4.23.	F.C.Res.15/40. 1.6.21.
Captain Yates.	Foreman of Works. France.	£250/10/300.	25.4.23.	F.C.Res.15/70. 15.2.23.
Beagley G.A.	Foreman of Works. France.	£250/10/300.	25.4.23.	F.C.Res.15/70. 15.2.23.

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PROMOTIONS.

That the Commission hereby approve the promotion of the under-mentioned officers and of the payment to them out of the funds of the Commission of the approved salaries as from the dates set out against their names.

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Name	Appointment		Salary	Date	Authority
Luke R.L.	Draughtsman Grade "B". France.	@	£200/15/250.	1.5.23.	F.C.Res.15/40. 1.6.21.
	to Draughtsman Grade "A". France	@	£300/15/350.		
Ball H.T.	Draughtsman Grade "B". France	@	£200/15/250.	1.5.23.	F.C.Res.15/70. 15.2.23.
	to Draughtsman Grade "A" France	@	£300/15/350.		
Stirling E.	Foreman Gardener. France.	@	£182 p.a.		
	to Assistant Travelling Superintendent Gardener. France.	@	£250 p.a.	1.6.23.	F.C.Res.15/70. 15.2.23.
Ccates H.B.	Draughtsman Grade "B". France.	@	£200/15/250.	1.6.23.	F.C.Res.15/70. 15.2.23.
	to Draughtsman Grade "A" France.	@	£300/15/350.		
Nunn R.	Draughtsman Grade "B". France.	@	£200/15/250.	11.6.23.	F.C.Res.15/70. 15.2.23.
	to Draughtsman Grade "A" France	@	£300/15/350.		
Lewin H.	Draughtsman Grade "B". France.	@	£200/15/250.	11.6.23.	F.C.Res. 15/70. 15.2.23.
	to Draughtsman Grade "B" "A" France.	@	£300/15/350.		

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TRANSFERS.

That the Commission hereby approve the transfer of the under-mentioned officer and of the payment to him out of the funds of the Commission of the approved salary as from the date set out against his name.

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Name	Appointment.	Salary	Date	Authority.
Major W.F. Austin.	Secretary to the Dupty Controller, France.	@ £600/25/700.		
	to Clerk of Works. France.	@ £300/15/350.	1.4.23.	F.C.Res 15/70 - 15.2.23.

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RESIGNATIONS.

That the Commission hereby approve the Resignation of the under-mentioned officers as from the dates set out against their names.

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Name.	Appointment.	Salary.	Date	Authority.
Captain P. Hey	Deputy Asst. Inspector of Works. France.	£500/25/600.	5.5.23.	
Captain A. Pearson.	Surveyor. Gallipoli.	£450 p.a.	24.5.23.	
Fisher J.W.	2nd. Class Clerk. Grade "B". London.	£300/25/400.	9.6.23.	

TERMINATIONS.

Captain E.G.B. Holmes.	Clerk of Works. Egypt.	£360 p.a.	31.3.23.	Reduction of Staff.
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32995 Adams H.B.	Clerk of Works, France.	£300/15/350.	10.6.23.	Motor Bike Accident not on duty.
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third Wednesday of every month and if that date was adhered to he would be forced to resign his membership of the Commission. He would be able, however, to attend on the second Wednesday in each month, and if the Commission ^{had no} ~~were~~ objection agreeable he suggested that they might agree to that date for future meetings.

The following resolution was moved by Sir James Allen, seconded by Mr. Kipling and agreed:-

- (15) "That the meetings of the Commission be held on the second Wednesday in each month."

CANADIAN MISSING.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said the Canadian Authorities had decided to commemorate their Missing in the Ypres area on the Memorial to the Missing at the Menin Gate and their other Missing on the Memorial at Vimy, ~~and had asked that as~~ ^{This latter} ~~The latter~~ commemoration would relieve the Commission of the expenditure that would otherwise be incurred on a Memorial to the Missing. ^{and the Canadian authorities had reported that} the amount the Commission would have ~~spent~~ ^{allowed} be paid ~~to the Canadian Authorities~~ toward the cost of the Vimy Memorial. The British Treasury had agreed to the arrangement as being fair.

MR. HOWARD moved the following resolution:-

- (16) "The Commission having considered the desire expressed by the Government of the Dominion of Canada to commemorate the Canadian Missing, other than those to be commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, on the Canadian Memorial on Vimy Ridge
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That the Commission being satisfied that these names are suitably recorded there be paid to the Government of Canada such a sum of money per name so recorded as will be equal to the average cost

per name incurred by the Commission in commemorating in France and Belgium the remainder of the members of His Majesty's Naval and Military Forces who fell in the war and have no known grave."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Kipling and agreed.

BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that it had been suggested that the Commission should exhibit in the British Empire Exhibition. Legally they had power to do so, but he thought it was a question of taste. As Sir James Allen was connected with the British Empire Exhibition he suggested that the Commission might perhaps leave the matter to be discussed between Sir James Allen and himself.

The Commission agreed.

MEMORIAL TO EGYPTIAN LABOUR CORPS AND CAMEL TRANSPORT CORPS.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said that difficulties had arisen in connection with their proposals for the construction of a Memorial to the Egyptian Labour Corps. The State Building Department were not able to undertake the work and he thought that the only solution was to authorise the local Committee to make their own arrangements.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Kipling and agreed:-

- (17) "That resolution (5) of their 41st meeting be rescinded and that the Anglo-Egyptian War Cemeteries Executive Committee be authorised to consider and, on such conditions as the Finance Committee may think fit, to decide to accept tenders for the construction of the Egyptian Labour Corps Memorial without further reference to the Commission provided that the

cost of the Memorial, including the cost of architect's fees and of contingencies arising out of any contract concluded under this resolution, shall not exceed a total sum of £E.6,600."

MAINTENANCE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said the Commission would remember that he had suggested that a Committee should be formed to decide on the different methods of maintenance of cemeteries in France and Belgium. There was great variety in the treatment both as regards expense and design, and different types of maintenance had been adopted for the Committee to inspect. He thought it was a matter of importance and that some of the Commissioners should go out, if possible, and that he should be given power to form a Committee to go out.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Murphy and agreed:-

- (18) "That the Vice Chairman be authorised to form a Committee of the Commission to report on the various standards of maintenance in the cemeteries in France and Belgium."

THE VICE CHAIRMAN said there was one other matter, which was connected with their powers and duties in mandated territory. It was uncertain whether they could look upon mandated territory as British territory. The question had arisen at that moment because of a grave reported to be that of a German general situated on the river bank outside Baghdad being in immediate danger of disappearing owing to a change in the course of the river. He suggested they should move the grave before it disappeared.

The Commission agreed.

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