

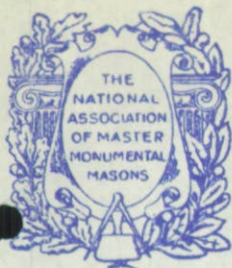
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2ND LT. M.C. MORTON. D.C.M. R.A.F.

RIPON CEM. YORKS.

GRAVE. D 136.



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H. A. GREEN & SONS

MONUMENTAL AND GENERAL MASONS



53, BLOSSOMGATE, RIPON, Yorkshire

Your Ref.

Our Ref. E270E/AHG/MLS

7th October, 1954.

The Imperial War Graves Commission,
Woodburn House,
Woodburn Green,
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Dear Sirs,

re the 2nd-Lt. M. G. MORTON, D.C.M., R.A.F.

The above mentioned officer was interred in grave D.136 in Ripon City Cemetery purchased by the Commission. He died on the 5th April 1918, aged 24 years. This grave was conveyed to the Ripon Corporation on the 17th April 1931. On the 13th July last the grave was re-conveyed to the late Mrs. Mary Jane Morton, the mother of the above deceased, and she was interred there on the 20th July last.

The stone headstone supplied by the Commission, on this grave, has been moved by us to permit the interment and will, in due course, be replaced on the grave. The relatives are desirous of the headstone being cleaned and the letters of the inscription enamelled black and we write to enquire if it is in order to proceed with work of this nature.

We are often asked to renovate these old headstones supplied by the Commission and wonder if we are in order in accepting such work and any guidance in these matters would be appreciated.

In 1948 we brought to your notice a headstone provided by the Commission in an isolated Churchyard near Ripon, Mickley, that had not been cleaned for many years—possibly not since it was erected. Your reply of the 16th August 1948, reference Y.P.52639, informed us that renovation work had been suspended during the war years and that the work of cleaning such memorials would be arranged for as circumstances permit. We have recently come across another headstone in an isolated Churchyard and the relatives tell us that nothing has been done to the memorial since it was erected.

PTE. A CRAGGS.

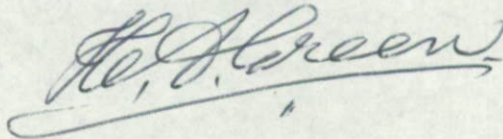
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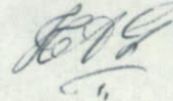
We understand from previous correspondence with your office that our name is on your list of contractors willing to tender for renovation work. We erected all the headstones in Ripon City Cemetery, and the large war cross memorial and most of the headstones in the country churchyards around Ripon after the 1914-18 war and so far have not been asked to tender for the renovation of these memorials.

Yours faithfully,
per pro, H. A. GREEN & SONS,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. A. Green", with a horizontal line underneath.

P.S.

We would make it clear that the relatives of the late Mrs. Mary Jane Morton propose themselves to meet the cost of the renovation of the headstone on grave D.136. We only seek from you information as to whether we should ask for permission and if so if it is granted in this case.

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3496. Pte. A. Craggs.

Hth Bn, York Shire Regt.

17th March 1915. Age 17.

MICKLEY (Sr John) Chyd AZERLEY, YORKS.

Y.P.
52639.

2nd Lt Matthew Charles Morton, D. C. M.

Artillery Co-operation School. R. A. F.

5th April 1918. Age 24.

Son of Matthew James & Mary Jane Morton.

32, North Street, Ripon.

Ripon Cem. Yorks.

Grave. D 136.

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to C. O. W. /

This raises the
general question of the
renovation of 1914-18
buildings. Do you wish to
reply.

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13th. October, 1954.

Dear Sirs,

re the late 2nd. Lieut. M. C. Norton, DCM.

Thank you for your letter of the 7th. October, E270E/ARG/MLS.

In reply, the Commission would have no objection to this headstone being cleaned by you but they could not consent to the lettering being enamelled black.

With regard to the general question of the condition of headstones erected after the 1914-1918 war, the Commission have travelling works teams in their various regions who are engaged gradually in inspecting and attending to the headstones which have been erected and cleaning these and renovating them where necessary. The maintenance of the stones is the Commission's responsibility and their scheme has been in operation for some time and in due course all the stones will receive attention.

If, however, you should receive any particular request for the removal of a headstone erected by the Commission, they would be grateful if you would advise them of any such cases.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. H. A. Green & Sons,
53, Blossomgate,
Ripon, Yorkshire.

SGD. F. TYRRELL
Secretary.

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