

WAR GRAVES

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AGREEMENT CONCERNING SEPULTURES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN BELGIUM

Art. 1. The American Authorities will inform the Belgian Authorities of the grounds which they may desire to reserve for the soldiers of their Army killed during the war and inhumed in Belgium.

Art. 2. Inquiries will be conducted previous to these reservations by the Belgian Authorities as per usual procedure.

Art. 3. The Belgian Government will acquire the grounds which have been recognised, after inquiry, suitable for the purpose contemplated.

The grounds will include the space which may be necessary for roads of access.

Acquisitions will be made in the name and at the expense of the Belgian Government, in conformity with the Belgian Laws.

Art. 4. The Belgian Government will transfer to the United States Government, for use only, the grounds thus acquired in conformity with the above stipulations.

The American Government will bear all expenses in connection with the laying out and upkeep of the grounds as well as the building of roads which it may eventually be found necessary to establish for access to public ways. In mixed cemeteries these expenses will be shared by the Governments concerned in proportion with the number of soldiers of each nationality buried therein.

Art. 5. The Belgian Government will bear the expense of the perpetual grant of the American Graves in communal cemeteries whenever the transfer of the bodies to special places of sepulture is not deemed necessary.

Art. 6. Military Graves outside communal cemeteries are under the authority, police and direction of the Belgian Government.

¹ 10 UST 2124; TIAS 4383.