

## BATTLE MONUMENTS

*Agreement signed at Paris October 4, 1929*

*Ratified by the President of the United States January 11, 1930, by  
authority of an Act of Congress of March 4, 1923*

*Ratified by Belgium April 8, 1930*

*Ratifications exchanged at Brussels April 17, 1930*

*Entered into force April 17, 1930*

*Proclaimed by the President of the United States April 23, 1930*

*Superseded by agreement of November 27, 1959<sup>1</sup>*

46 Stat. 2732; Treaty Series 812

### AGREEMENT CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BELGIUM COVERING THE ERECTION BY THE AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION OF CERTAIN MEMORIALS IN BELGIUM

This Agreement made at Paris, on October 4, 1929, by and between the Government of the United States of America, represented by General John J. Pershing, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, party of the first part, and the Royal Belgian Government, represented by Baron E. de Gaiffier d'Hestroy, Belgian Ambassador in Paris, party of the second part, for the acquisition by the Royal Belgian Government of lands intended as sites for monuments which the American Battle Monuments Commission is to erect in Belgium, in accordance with and by authority of the Act of Congress of the United States approved March 4th., 1923,<sup>2</sup> entitled "An act for the creation of an American Battle Monuments Commission to erect suitable memorials, commemorating the services of the American soldiers in Europe and for other purposes", witnesseth that:

#### ARTICLE 1

The Belgian Government will acquire, by mutual agreement with the proprietors, the lands necessary for the erection of the American memorials.

#### ARTICLE 2

The negotiations with the owners or tenants for the cession of the said lands will be pursued by the American Battle Monuments Commission, who

<sup>1</sup> 10 UST 2124; TIAS 4383.

<sup>2</sup> 42 Stat. 1509.