

No. 3124

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND,
CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND,
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, INDIA, PAKISTAN
and
IRAQ**

**Agreement regarding war cemeteries, graves and memorials
of the British Commonwealth in Iraq resulting from
the war of 1939-1945. Signed at Bagdad, on 18 February
1954**

Official texts: English and Arabic.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on
13 January 1956.*

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD,
CANADA, AUSTRALIE, NOUVELLE-ZÉLANDE,
UNION SUD-AFRICAINE, INDE, PAKISTAN
et
IRAK**

**Accord relatif aux cimetières, sépultures et monuments
militaires du Commonwealth britannique en Irak dé-
diés à la mémoire des morts de la guerre de 1939-1945.
Signé à Bagdad, le 18 février 1954**

Textes officiels anglais et arabe.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le
13 janvier 1956.*

No. 3124. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, INDIA AND PAKISTAN REGARDING WAR CEMETERIES, GRAVES AND MEMORIALS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH IN IRAQ RESULTING FROM THE WAR OF 1939-1945. SIGNED AT BAGDAD, ON 18 FEBRUARY 1954

The Government of Iraq of the one part : and

The Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, India and Pakistan (hereinafter referred to as "the Commonwealth countries") of the other part :

Desiring to extend the provisions of the Agreement signed at Bagdad on the 15th March, 1935,² and of the accompanying Notes exchanged on the same date, relating to British War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials in Iraqi territory resulting from the War of 1914-1918 (together hereinafter referred to as the Agreement of 1935) and

Desiring to modify in certain other respects the provisions of the Agreement of 1935 :

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

(1) The provisions of the Agreement of 1935 shall, notwithstanding Article 1 thereof, extend and apply to the War Cemeteries, Graves and Memorials in Iraqi territory of the members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth countries fallen in the War of 1939-1945 and such provisions shall henceforth be read and construed accordingly.

Article 2

Article 3 of the Agreement of 1935 shall cease to have effect and the following provisions shall be substituted in its place :

(1) The Government of Iraq agree that the Commission shall be represented in Iraq by a Committee, named and composed as stated below, which shall

¹ Came into force on 15 June 1955, in accordance with article 3.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. CLXX, p. 9.

be competent to perform in the name of the Commission, and within the limits of the powers which the Commission shall from time to time delegate to it, all civil acts necessary to enable it to fulfil its object.

- (2) The said Committee shall be called "The Commonwealth/Iraq Committee of the Imperial War Graves Commission" and shall be composed of the chief diplomatic representative for the time being in Iraq of the United Kingdom who shall be Chairman; the chief diplomatic representative for the time being in Iraq of any of the other Commonwealth countries; two members nominated from time to time by the Government of Iraq; and such other persons nominated from time to time by the Chairman in agreement with the Commission as may be necessary to bring the total number of members of the Committee, including the Chairman, to not less than eight.
- (3) The Government of Iraq agree to notify the Chairman of the Committee of the persons whom they nominate as members immediately such nominations are made.

Article 3

This Agreement shall come into force on the day of publication in the *Official Gazette* of the necessary enabling law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned duly authorised thereto have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their Seals.

DONE at Bagdad this eighteenth day of February, 1954, in English and in Arabic, both texts being equally authoritative, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Government of Iraq and of which certified copies shall be transmitted by that Government to each of the other signatory Governments.

(Signed) ABDULLAH BAKR
For the Government of Iraq

(Signed) J. M. TROUTBECK
For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the Union of South Africa

(Signed) KHUB CHAND
For the Government of India

(Signed) AGHA MOHAMMED MUSTAFA
For the Government of Pakistan