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NO 3

Military Cemeteries

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Policy

1. It has been decided to establish two permanent military cemeteries as under which will be taken over by the Imperial War Graves Commission on completion.

CATANIA
SYRACUSE

2. British dead whose war graves have been located will be re-interred in the above cemeteries with the minimum of delay. 55 and 56 Areas will be responsible for supervising the execution of this task at SYRACUSE and CATANIA respectively.
3. Areas will arrange for British personnel whose deaths occur henceforward to be buried in coffins in one or other of these cemeteries.

Lay Out of Cemeteries.

4. The D.A.D.G.R.&E., is responsible for notifying AD Claims and Areas details of the land which is to be acquired. Area Commanders will, when satisfied that the proposed site is acceptable, arrange direct with AD Claims for the compulsory acquisition of the land with the minimum of delay.

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Labour.

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Transport

9. Owing to the extreme paucity of transport and the outstanding demands by the civil authorities it is not possible to allot permanently vehicles to GRUs. All available transport will be used as and when required. To enable any vehicle to be employed steel coffins will be provided under arrangements to be made by DBME.

Enemy Dead

10. Simultaneously with the re-interment of British dead German and Italian bodies will be re-interred, the former in cemeteries located at SYRACUSE and CATANIA, the latter in Italian civil cemeteries. GR Units will be responsible for identification and PW labour will be utilised as found necessary.

Imperial War Graves Commission.

11. Imperial War Graves Commission will assume responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemeteries as soon as they are completed and can be handed over.

12. All concerned are requested to treat this task as one of urgency and to assist in every way to bring it to an early conclusion.

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13. The OC CR Unit will be responsible to the Area Commander and should receive every assistance in the performance of his duties.

C.M.F.
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AMEOT, Palermo ✓
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Brig i/c Adm.
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CE
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Ordnance
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A.D. Claims & Hirings.
Chaplains.
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