

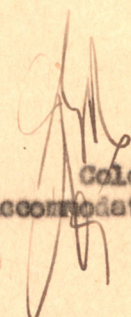
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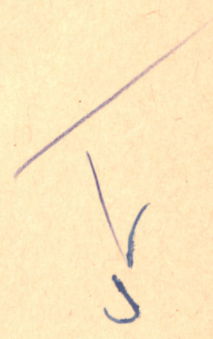


Works and Accommodation - BC Area
Esquimalt Military Cemetery
Esquimalt, BC.

1. Reference is made to AHQ wire DWA 5086 Unclass of 26 May 47, concerning the m/n subject.
2. Attached herewith are two copies of Order in Council PC 127 dated 14 Jan 47 authorizing turnover of the Cemetery to DVA.


Colonel,
Director of Works & Accommodation.

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Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the
Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency
The Governor General on the 14th January 1947

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report dated 14th November 1946, from the Minister of National Defence, representing as follows:

- (a) The nineteenth meeting of the Inter-Departmental Advisory Committee on burial of members and ex-members of the Forces held in Ottawa on 14th February 1946, confirmed its recommendation of 29th April 1943, that the control, care and maintenance of Esquimalt, British Columbia, Military Cemetery, be transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (b) The great majority of burials in such plots are those of ex-members of the (overseas) active military forces and as the Department of Veterans Affairs is intimately concerned with the welfare of, and in close touch with the ex-members of the active (overseas) military forces and their dependents, it is considered that the control of these plots should be under that Department rather than under the Department of National Defence
- (c) The plots involved in this Military Area comprise 1268 plots of which 94 are occupied or reserved.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of National Defence, (concurring in by the Minister of Veterans Affairs), advise that authority be granted for the said transfer, accordingly.