

The restoration of CWGC Cemeteries in Iraq and the Basra Memorial

The CWGC needs to provide the MOD with an update as to when it envisages returning to Iraq and commencing restoration of its cemeteries, especially as the nature of the conflict has recently changed with the withdrawal of the majority of UK troops. The Basra Memorial was discussed with the Commissioner approximately two years ago. [REDACTED] proposed that the Rolls of Honour currently available to view at CWGC Head Office, in Maidenhead, be housed in a building at Basra War Cemetery, Iraq, once restored. The then Vice Chairman, [REDACTED] along with other Commissioners believed that would not be the correct solution and suggested the Basra Memorial, which had been damaged due to its relocation after the 1991 Gulf War, should be restored or replaced with Iraqi Government funding. Due to the sensitivities of such an approach, little appears to have been little done to resolve the situation.