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SUBJECT: NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORIAL : AIR CRASH VICTIMS

CANBERRA : AUGUST 1940

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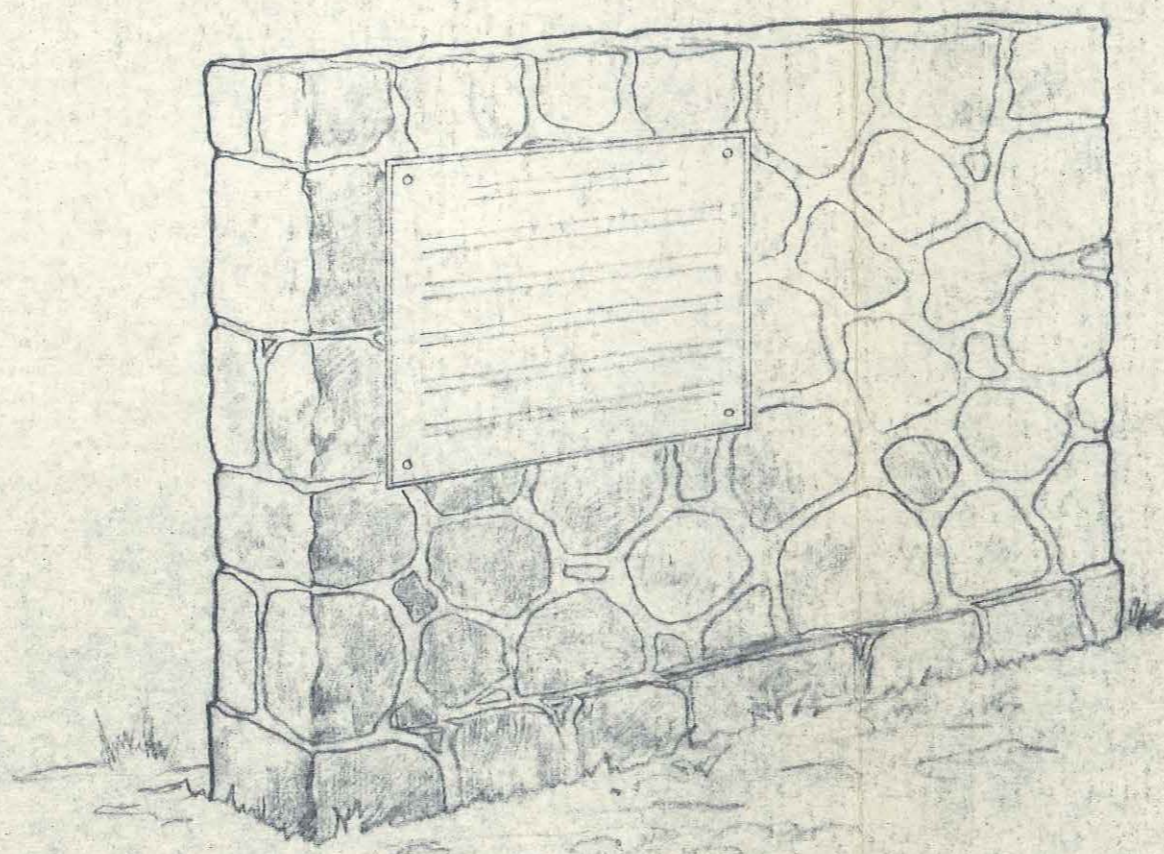
Extract from Minutes of the 144th Meeting of the
Committee held in Canberra on the 9th and 10th November, 1955.

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MEMORIAL CAIRN
1940 AIR
DISASTER.

The Executive Member referred to discussion by the Committee in 1952 on a proposal initiated by the relatives of the late General Sir Brudenell White that a Memorial Cairn be erected at the point of crash in memory of those persons (10) who lost their lives in the air disaster at Canberra in August 1940. The concurrence of all next-of-kin had now been received, and approval had been given to the suggestion to erect a simple memorial cairn. The Department of Works had been asked to prepare a sketch plan, and drawing ACT.23570, depicting a rectangular cairn in local stone with metal plaque, was now presented. The actual point of the crash was about two miles east of the present Airport in the middle of a grazing lease.

The Committee indicated no objection to the erection of the proposed memorial cairn and plaque as shown on plan ACT.23570. While not shown on the sketch, no doubt provision was made for the stone cairn footing to be set on a concrete base.



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DEPARTMENT OF WORKS, CANBERRE, A.C.T.
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PROPOSED MEMORIAL CAIRN.
 AIR DISASTER, CANBERRA.

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 PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT.
 DIRECTOR OF WORKS.
 REG. No. A.C.T. 23570.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF THE 106th MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD
IN CANBERRA ON THE 6th and 7th ~~MEETINGS~~ FEBRUARY 1951.

NOTIFICATIONS

Memorial to Air Crash Victims, Canberra, August, 1940.

Mr. Daley referred to a request, through Senator Annabelle Rankin, from the relatives of the late Sir Brudenall White that a Memorial Cairn be erected at the site of the crash in memory of those persons who lost their lives in the air disaster at Canberra in August, 1940. It was believed that the matter was to be considered by the National Memorials Committee. While the matter had not been referred for the views of the National Capital Planning and Development Committee the opinion was expressed that psychologically it would be inappropriate to erect a cairn at the site of the crash ~~(at the crash site)~~, or any plaque at the airport relating to the crash (other than possible reference to the naming of the airport as Fairbairn). It was felt that, as an eminent soldier and a victim of the crash, the memory of Sir Brudenall White might be recorded by a suitable tablet at the Australian War Memorial; and the Parliamentarians concerned by an appropriate tablet at Parliament House.

The Assistant Secretary (Development)

This particular matter was informally mentioned by Mr. Daley to the Planning Committee. The views expressed might be placed on the departmental file, for consideration by the National Memorials Committee, in conjunction with other suggested proposals.

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