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REPORT OF RECOVERY AND EXAMINATION OF WORLD WAR II REMAINS

No official records were maintained at the city hall of Simmerath pertaining to this aircraft. Such information as date of aircrash, type of aircraft or serial number of aircraft is unknown.

During the war the city hall at Simmerath was destroyed by fire in January 1945. See attached translation of letter, dated 5 June 1975 concerning aircraft removal.

PROCESSING OF REMAINS:

The commingled skeletal parts were processed simultaneously. Fragmentary bones were pieced together and arranged in individual anatomical order. The recovered skeletal bones were still under progressive erosion caused by prolonged natural weathering (approx. 30 years).

All skeletal parts were processed simultaneously. Segregation of the remains is based upon the comparison race, age group, bone morphology, body structure, articulation and osteometric computations.

It was determined that these skeletal parts consists of portions of three (3) individual remains from S & R - 1093.

The remains were designated:

UNKNOWN X-9423

UNKNOWN X-9424

UNKNOWN X-9425

CONCLUSION:

The only relationship that exists between these 3 remains and the aircraft that crashed approximately 4 kilometers from the grave-site is the parachute. The parachute had not been deployed as the chute lines were still folded. Circumstances surrounding the presence of the parachute in the grave-site is unknown.

It is concluded that these three (3) skeletal remains are American casualties from World War II. This association is based upon the American type of footwear, brown boots (B.F. Goodrich), and heavy duty rubber boots, type issued to Americans in WW II. The absence of military type insignia and clothing can not be explained. It is possible that these 3 individual remains could have been taken POW, and their clothing and military insignia were removed before death.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None.



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