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GESTION OF WARS REMAINS : ARCHAEO-ANTHROPOLOGY OF CONFLICT IN FRANCE

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DISCOVERIES OF CORPSES FROM TWO WORLD WARS ARE A RECURRING ISSUE IN FRANCE AND THEIR **GESTION**, DUE TO PARTICULAR STATUS, BELONG TO THE **MINISTRY OF ARMED FORCES (ONACVG)**.

THIS POSTER PRESENTS HOW THE REMAINS ARE HANDLED IN FRANCE, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF **DISCOVERIES**, BASED ON CONTROLLED MANAGEMENT OF THE **EXCAVATION SITE**, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT VARIED AND INTERDISCIPLINARY **ANALYSIS** LEADING TO THE FINAL **SOLDIERS' BURIALS**.

EVEN IF **FORENSIC ARCHAEOLOGY** IS NOT USED IN FRANCE, WE OBSERVED A CLOSE CONNECTION IN **METHODS AND AIMS** FOR THESE TYPES OF CONTEXTS, WHICH IS IMPORTANT FOR THE **DUTY OF REMEMBRANCE** AND THE **IDENTITY QUEST**



GESTION

2

REMAINS DISCOVERIES

1



POLICE WITH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

RECENT REMAINS (<20 YEARS)

JUSTICE MINISTRY

GESTION : FORENSIC / JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MILITARY REMAINS (1870 - NOWADAYS)

ARMY MINISTRY

GESTION : ONACVG

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS

CULTURAL MINISTRY

GESTION : ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES



SECURITY

EXCAVATION

PHOTOGRAPHY

EXCAVATION DATAS

SAMPLES COLLECTION

FORENSIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODS

LABORATORY ANALYSIS :
DNA COMPARISON
PATHOLOGIES
ISOTOPS
HEALTH STATUS



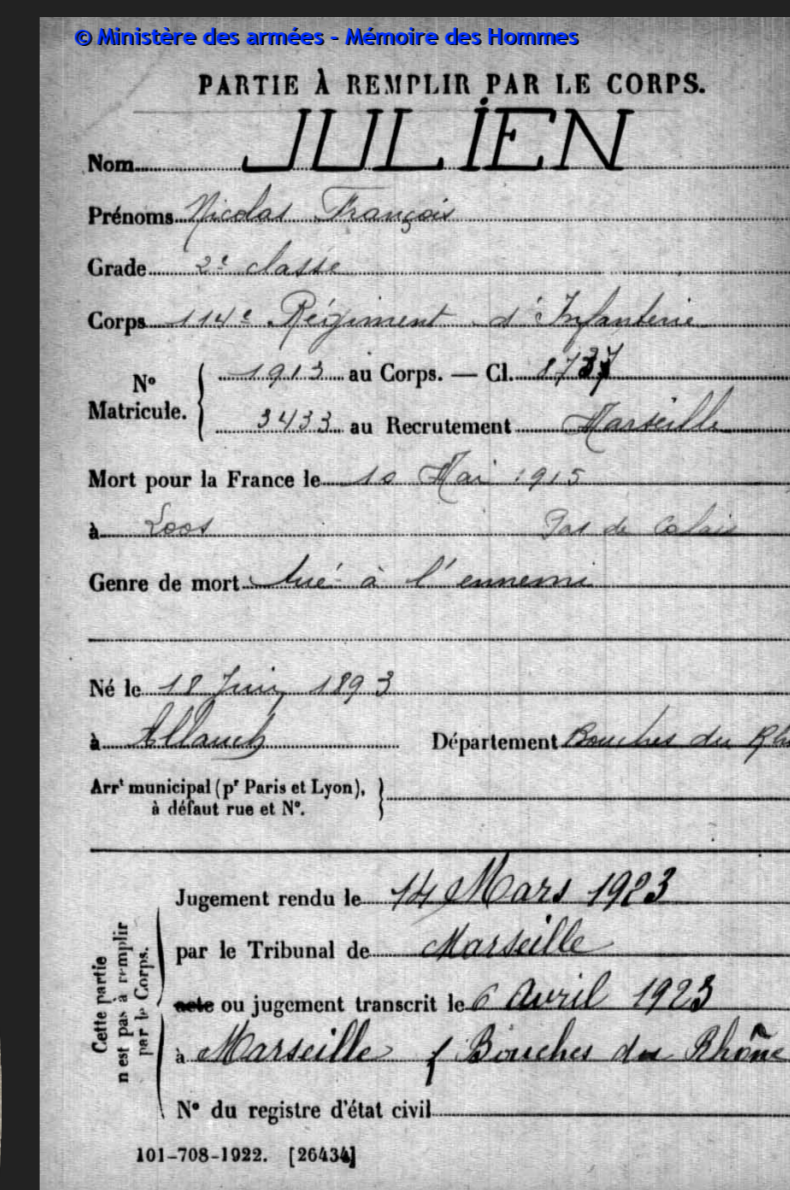
STRUCTURE :
DEATH GESTION OR NOT
WHO BURIED SOLDIERS ?



ANALYSIS

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ARCHIVES :
IDENTITY
PERSONAL/ MILITARY HISTORY
GENEALOGY



BIOLOGICAL PROFILE :
AGE
SEX
HEIGHT
PATHOLOGIES/ TRAUMAS
DISTINCTIVE SIGNS



ARTEFACTS :
TEMPORALITY
IDENTITY
NATIONALITY
DAILY LIFE



INHUMATION

4

IDENTITY SEARCH : IMPORTANT THEME IN THE DUTY OF REMEMBRANCE

CORPSES WITH PARTICULAR STATUS : NEITHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOR FORENSIC BUT SPECIFIC TO THE MINISTRY OF THE ARMED FORCES

SINCE 1915, SOLDIERS WHO DIED ON THE FIELDS ARE MENTIONED AS « DEATH FOR FRANCE »

IT ALLOWS THEIR BODIES TO REST IN NATIONAL CEMETERY (NÉCROPOLE NATIONALE, PERPETUAL), OR FAMILY'S GRAVE

