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Re Assistance DNA same

Assistance DNA sampling for (military) identification

Our reference Pre-DEFAT/18-057

Dear Brackenfell Police Station,

The Recovery & Identification Unit of the Royal Netherlands Army recently started the project "The Unknown Dutchmen of Loenen". This projects aims to realise the identification of 103 graves of unknown Dutchmen at Ereveld Loenen War Cemetery. For this project relatives and friends of missing persons during WW-II are called upon to volunteer for DNA sampling.

Relatives of the Randewijk family signed up for a possible identification of their uncle, who went missing during WW-II. After several selections it became clear that the best DNA match would be if a DNA sample would be made available from Mr. Jan Randewijk, Witbergslot 10, Klaradynaftree-oord, Buitekantstraat, Brackenfell 7560.

Mr. Randewijk's contact details are:

Tel/Fax: Cell: +2 E-mail:

Since Mr. Randewijk has volunteered for the DNA sampling and he lives in Brackenfell, it seems logic to collect a DNA sample at the Brackenfell Police Station.

Therefore the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands officially requests the assistance of the Brackenfell Police Station in this matter. This assistance will help the process for a possible identification of Mr. Randewijk's relative.

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The request is aimed at the collection of a so called "cheek mucosa" sample and to send this sample to the Recovery & Identification Unit of the Royal Netherlands Army in the Netherlands. The Netherlands Defence Attaché will visit the Brackenfell Police Station prior to the sampling and hand over the address and related paperwork.

Many thanks in advance for the support.

Yours sincerely,

LtCol Jos van Rossem Netherlands Defence Attaché to South Africa