

THE OLD MILITARY GRAVES



After the arrival of the French soldiers from the 14th Division of Infantry in Mulhouse and in Rixheim, on August 9th 1914, in the morning, the German soldiers from the 14th Corps, who were withdrawn in the Hardt, launched a terrible counter-attack. From August 9th to 10th, ferocious attacks occurred between the German infantry soldiers of the 111th Regiment of Infantry and the French soldiers of the 35th Regiment of Infantry, in particular here, on the « Krottenbachmatte », lands on which the college is now built.

Graves were improvised for many victims, to do this, the German requisitioned civilians: soldiers were buried on the Ottmarsheim road and here, behind the Zuber propriety, on the « Krottenbachmatte », as shows the picture above.

After the war, around 1920, these soldiers were buried in military cemetery.

Following the Liberation combat, in particular the battle of the Hardt between November 28th and December 4th 1944, this place was used as grave for both French and German soldiers. The last graves were transferred to the military cemetery of Sigolsheim and Bergheim in 1970.



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