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HOW A GERMAN PARATROOPER SURRENDERS?

An Uffz. of the 4th Para Div., veteran of the French, Russian, Italian campaigns, relates the circumstances of his capture:

"I was with my 1-4 Gruppe(squad) in a dugout for four days without relief. Not having enough men, we were exhausted by lack of sleep. Also, we did not have food and water all this time. My guard must have fallen asleep, because all of a sudden, 30 Americans popped up from nowhere. Most of them carried MPs. We only had carbines with about 30 rounds each. It would have been futile to shoot. I wanted to spare the lives of my men. I surrendered."

This seasoned soldier did like everybody else would do under similar circumstances.

True, his orders were: to hold out at all cost, to fire to the last bullet.

But those who gave that order, did not provide him with enough men, enough weapons, enough supplies.

THE STORY OF THIS GRUPPE IS THE STORY OF GERMANY!

Germany, too, is surrounded by an overwhelming superiority of men, arms and material. It has nothing more to oppose to the Allies than a hastily reformed army and improvised fortifications--dug by women and children.

Its chances for successful resistance are even more remote than were the chances of Gruppe 1-4 against the 30 well-armed Americans.

Yet, Germany's Nazi Fuehrung--which could not provide the country with adequate means of defense--insists on resistance to the bitter end!

WHY?

BECAUSE THE FUEHRER AND HIS HENCHMEN KNOW THAT THEY CANNOT SURVIVE DEFEAT! IN OTHER WORDS, THE FUHRER IS TRYING TO SAVE HIS OWN LIFE!

If the Fuehrer can think of his own skin, why can't you? Why can't your wife? Why can't your children?

Some soldiers may say: "I gave my oath, I must do my duty".

BUT, WHAT ABOUT THE OATH, THE FUEHRER HAS GIVEN TO YOU, TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE? DIDN'T HE PLEDGE HIMSELF TO ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF GERMANY?

DID HE KEEP THAT OATH?

A good soldier--whether private or general--knows that he has the right to surrender if he is up against impossible odds.

ONLY YOUR FUEHRER CHOOSES TO PROLONG HIS OWN LIFE AT THE EXPENSE OF MILLIONS OF GERMAN LIVES!

WHAT CAN YOU, PERSONALLY, DO ABOUT IT?:

THE ANSWER IS: Q U I T F I G H T I N G !