

October 25, 1974

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REFERENCE: Silver Items of Heinrich Himmler

Gentlemen:

The silver items once belonging to Heinrich Himmler which you have acquired from me were recovered by me in the latter stages of World War II. These items consist of a solid silver picture frame bearing the Nazi emblem with the A. H. initials in relief. The frame contains an original photograph of Hitler with the Hoffman stamp on the back. The front of the picture bears an inscription in Hitler's handwriting to the Reichsfuhrer S.S. Heinrich Himmler on his 40th birthday with Hitler's signature. Item #2 is a solid silver .925 17" diameter platter or plate bearing the S.S. emblem on one side engraved into it. The reverse side has the following inscription: "MEINEM FREUNDE HEINRICH HIMMLER." At the bottom is a facsimile of Ribbentrop's signature approximately 6" in width, and beneath the signature is "Weihnachten 1940." Item #3 is a solid silver cigar box presented to the Reichsfuhrer S.S. on his 32nd birthday from his general staff. Item #4 is a solid silver chalice or goblet presented to the Reichsfuhrer S.S. on his 37th birthday from the main S.S. Cavalry School in Munich, beautifully engraved with an excerpt from one of his speeches on the reverse side of the chalice.

As a special agent in counterintelligence, U.S. Forces, while on assignment in Bavaria looking for high German officials wanted for questioning in connection with war crimes and the whereabouts of Hitler, Himmler, and other top Nazi leaders, I made a special trip to Himmler's hunting lodge. This lodge was located in the mountains some 30 miles southwest of Tegernsee in Bavaria.

After a thorough search of the lodge itself I discovered these personal items of Himmler hidden away behind a concealed movable panel in the large study of the lodge. During the search of this area we arrested several S.S. officers and also took possession of a B.M.W. staff car belonging to the S.S. high command

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and which had been used personally by Himmler. The log of this car is a part of the artifacts of this particular operation and is included with the silver items.

It is with great pleasure that I make these rare items available to your museum.

Sincerely,



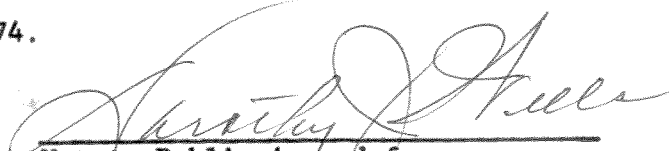
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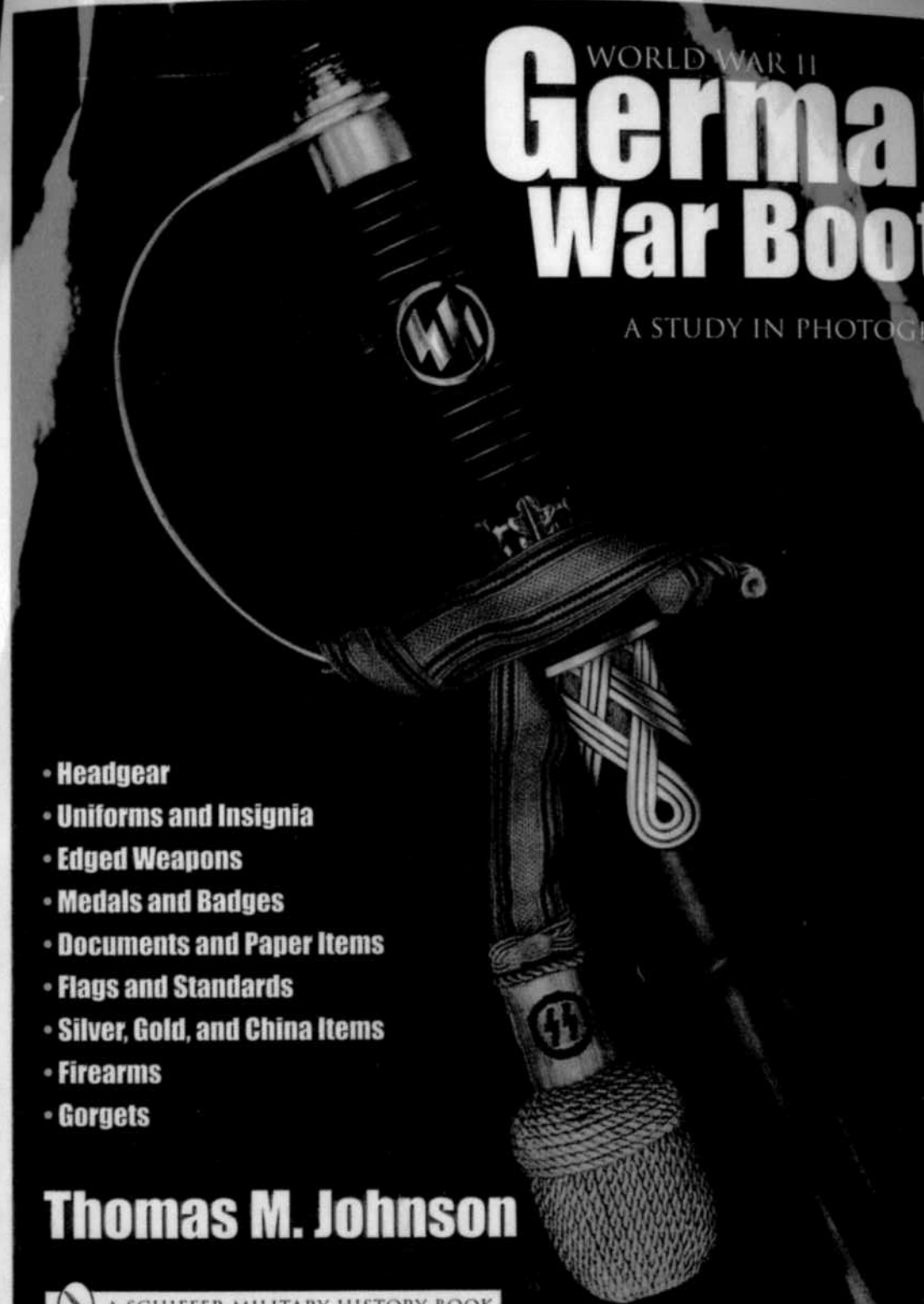
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, on this 6th day of November, 1974. On this day personally appeared Dan Lane, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 6th day of November, A.D. 1974.

(SEAL)



Notary Public in and for
Dallas County, Texas
My commission expires the 1st day
of June, 1975.



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