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Germans and the Holocaust – A Society of Shared Guilt?

Translation: *E01 Friedrich Kellner Diary entry*

### 28 October 1941

A soldier on leave gives an eyewitness account of the awful atrocities taking place in the occupied territory in Poland. He saw how naked Jews were lined up in front of a long, deep trench, were shot in the back of the head by Ukrainians at the command of the SS, and fell into the grave. The trench was then shovelled full. Screams often still sounded out from the graves!

These inhumane disgraceful acts are so awful that even the Ukrainians used as tools suffered nervous breakdowns.

All the soldiers who found out about the bestial actions of these Nazi subhumans were of the unanimous opinion that the German people can already start trembling today in anticipation of the revenge.

There is no punishment that would be too severe to be inflicted on these Nazi beasts. Naturally, when revenge is taken, then the innocent must suffer as well. 99% of the German population are directly or indirectly responsible for the state of things today. Therefore it has to be said:

Cling together, swing together

*translated by Paul Bowman*