Walk of Death, The untold truth of Afrakan Colonial Soldiers

Date: 24 OCT (UTC+02) AT 11:00 – 28 OCT AT 18:00 (UTC+02)

This year the memorial will take place over 5 days at 5 differente locations: Südafrikanischen Botschaft, Großbritannien Botschaft, Botschaft Frankreich, Botschaft Italien and the Deutsche Bundestag Platz der 1.

It's a hidden history that deserves lengthy or lasting memorials. The Walk of Death is one of the horrors of the World Wars and crimes of colonialism that white historians have never written in the world history book for the past 78 years. It happened on the 28. October 1943, when Afrakan Colonial Soldiers were captured as Prisoners of War by the German troops on the 21 June 1942 in Tobruk Libya.

Benjamin Satiba Makgate, born on 01.01.1906, in Boomplaas, Lydenburg, which's in Mpumalanga province of South Afraka, was part of the 2nd division of the South African soldiers that were conscripted to join the allied forces. In his diary, he meticulously recorded the ordeals relating to the war and how the Afrakan colonial soldiers survived the holocaust as Prisoners of war in Fronstalags/concentration camps 133, 153, 171, and 221 in Europe (Germany, France, Italy) where he remained after his capture until the end of the war.

Matilda, the author of the <u>Foreign me</u>, is the granddaughter of Benjamin who came to Europe to rediscover the truth written in his diary. Instead, she found an intentional removal of her Grandfather's Division existence in history. It has therefore become her mission to demand the memorial her Grandfather and his fellow soldiers deserve.

In 2020 Matilda organized a walk in their memory from Alexandra Platz to the British military cemetery in Berlin. Poetry, rap, music, and Afrikan rituals told the message that these hardships had not been forgotten.

In 2021 a silent protest was held with chairs representing both the white and Afrikan soldiers placed outside the government building to highlight their shared struggle but unequal remembrance.

This year is our 3rd annual memorial event whereby we will be unifying them spiritually by taking their souls to the resting place in Afraka. Afrakans liberated Europe from fascism and the world should acknowledge their great deeds

More information, including photographs from last year, can be found at www.walk-of-death.com or by contacting the organizers at mwwings-matilda@aol.de

