

Walk of Death, The untold truth of Afrakan Colonial Soldiers

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Assembly point: Bundestag - Platz der Republik 1, 10557 Berlin

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 has never been written by white historians 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 Africa, 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 Frontalags/concentration camps 133, 153, 171 and 221 in Europe (Germany, France, Italy) where he remained after capture until the end of the war.

Matilda, author of the [Foreign me](#), is the granddaughter of Benjamin who came to Europe to rediscover the truth written in his diary. Instead she found an intentful 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 organised a walk in their memory from Alexandra platz to the British military cemetery in Berlin. Poetry, rap, music and Afrikan ritual told the message that these hardships have not been forgotten. This year we will gather at the Bundestag to demand the rewrite and decolonization of history by telling the truth that was hidden through white supremacy that is respectful of the culture and spirit of those who have fallen.

In this silent protest chairs representing both the white and Afrikan soldiers will be placed outside the government building to represent their shared struggle but unequal remembrance. A member of parliament will join us to hear our demands and to discuss an official memorial for these fallen ancestors.

More information, including details from last year, can be found at www.walk-of-death.com or by contacting the organisers at contact@walk-of-death.com