

The Dreadful

Fred Kaltenbach

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TAKE FRED KALTENBACH, for instance. He was the son of a prosperous butcher of Waterloo, Iowa. His home state gave him a free college education. He taught school for awhile. In 1936, he went to Berlin to get his Ph.D.

Instead, he got a job on the staff of Goering's aviation magazine. When his father was dying in 1939, the Nazi government paid for his trip home. While in America, he was engaged to speak at a Waterloo Rotary Club dinner, where he delivered a vitriolic address against this country and in favor of Nazism. The members of the club were outraged, as was the town. Kaltenbach scurried back to Berlin.

But it was not long before his voice was heard over the German radio. Occasionally he provided a laugh, like the time that he reported two-thirds of the U. S. fleet destroyed at Pearl Harbor, another third in the Macassar Straits, and still a *fourth* third in the Coral Sea!

Citizens of Waterloo are quick to point out that Iowa breeding and education cannot be blamed for Kaltenbach. After all, Waterloo, Iowa, is also the home of the Sullivan family, whose five heroic sons went down on the same destroyer in the Solomons.

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