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Rudolph Salvermoser

A Großdeutschland Veteran

Place of Birth: **Camden, New Jersey**
Date of Birth: **July 7, 1924**
Enlistment: **December 10, 1941**
Rank: **Unteroffizier (NCO)**
Positions Held: **Tank Crewman, Security Escort**
Units Served: **35th Panzer Regiment,
Führerbegleitbataillon
(the Führer's Escort Battalion)**



INTRODUCTION

The following article is an autobiographical narrative of Rudolph Salvermoser; a WWII German veteran who served with great distinction in the elite Grossdeutschland-Division as a member of the armored company of the Führer-Begleit-Bataillon between 1943 and 1945. This autobiography was compiled by Robert Witter with the direct help of Mr. Salvermoser. It is presented here exclusively for the readers of this site through a special agreement with Mr. Salvermoser - any other use is expressly forbidden.

Within these pages, Mr. Salvermoser recounts how he came to be born in Camden, New Jersey, but grew to manhood as a citizen of Nazi-Germany. He tells of his service in the

German Army during the Second World War as a tank crewman fighting the Russians and as a guard of Adolf Hitler at his headquarters in Rastenburg, East Prussia (called the Wolf's Lair or Wolfsschanze); while on the other hand, his postwar endeavors include that of an enlisted member of the American armed forces and dedicated civil servant. Moreover, his reminiscences reveal that despite his past associations, which included membership in the Nazi Party (although this is in fact not entirely accurate as verified by the transcripts of Rudi's post-war interrogation papers put forth by the Regional Loyalty Board [33] in 1951 - JP) he is at this writing a highly respected and influential consultant to government officials both foreign and domestic.