



KING & COUNTRY'S

BERLIN 1938

A Warning in Miniature...

The Rise and Rise of the Third Reich

IN 1924 Adolf Hitler declared in his book "*Mein Kampf*" that "*Propaganda is a truly terrible weapon in the hands of an expert!*" Over the next two decades, he was to show the world just how terrible and effective that weapon could be in the hands of *evil experts*.

Among the most effective and awe inspiring weapons in the Nazi propaganda arsenal was their mass rallies. From their earliest beginnings Hitler and his followers sought to capture the German people's attention with public gatherings of dozens, hundreds and eventually thousands of their supporters...most of them in uniform.

A myriad of various Nazi party organizations demanded a veritable host of different uniforms with the massed ranks of the brown-shirted *Sturmabteilung* (the SA) being the most numerous.

MAKING A SPECTACLE

Images from that era before the outbreak of the Second World War show huge Party Rallies and massive military parades where the faithful came to worship. Rank upon rank of brown-clad stormtroopers... row after row of eager young *Hitlerjugend*... and, of course, long marching columns of sinister black-clad *Schutzstaffel* (the SS).

Few among the awe-struck spectators could have predicted that the *Führer's* 1933 prediction of a glorious "*Thousand-Year Reich*" would lie broken, bloody and shattered in just twelve!

How many of the marching millions themselves, just a few years later, would leave their bones on the scorching desert battlefields of *North Africa*, the frozen steppes of *Russia* or the lush green fields of *France*?

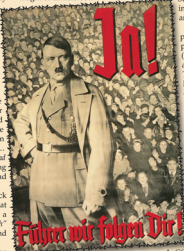
Could anyone, friend or foe, foresee that these seemingly endless parades and party rallies would, all too soon, lead directly to a *Second World War*... the deaths of over 55 million people... and a horrific holocaust?

NAZIS

NEVER FORGET

The Second World War ended 65 years ago. For veterans of that time the memories of that momentous struggle are as fresh as the day before yesterday.

For other people, especially the young, it is alas, "*ancient history*" that in modern schools in both Europe, America and elsewhere is seldom taught or understood.



Here at KING & COUNTRY we believe strongly that it is important and vital to remember what happened in those terrible years before and during the Second World War. It's equally important to understand "*how it happened... and why*".

In our own unique way we try to illustrate those terrible years and the people, personalities and events that shaped them. That means the good... the bad... and the downright dangerous!

BEAT THE DRUM!

The primary focus of this particular *BERLIN'38* series is the many different uniformed organizations of the Nazi Party as they appeared in the years leading up to the outbreak of the

Second World War.

These years, between 1933 and 1939 saw Germany and millions of ordinary Germans transformed into a huge mass of uniformed groups that recruited virtually every sector of society and almost every age group.

Our earliest releases concentrated mainly on Hitler's own "*Praetorian Guard*"... the black-uniformed SS.

Subsequent releases have introduced the brown-shirted SA and the youthful *Hitlerjugend*.

This series also includes the post 1933 *German Army* on parade as well as the *Kriegsmarine* (the German Navy). There's even a special "*Rogues' Gallery*" of the Third Reich's most important leaders... a veritable who's who of liars... scoundrels... and murderers. Foremost among them being Adolf Hitler himself and even... his mistress Eva Braun.

Special display pieces and vehicles have also been designed to complement the figures and provide relevant backdrops.

A TIMELY REMINDER...

Inevitably, any kind of Nazi figures or representations are controversial...

Whilst appreciating the strong emotions and powerful opinions expressed KING & COUNTRY has a simple, straight forward reply to this issue.

We have absolutely NO SYMPATHY with the perverted ideals and evil doctrines of Adolf Hitler and his henchmen. Our interest is history!

As Winston Churchill memorably remarked, "*Those who would ignore certain unpalatable aspects of history and sweep them under the carpet are doomed to repeat its mistakes over and over again!*"

THE STURMABTEILUNG or SA for short was the para-military arm of the Nazi Party. Formed in the early 1920's it played an important role in Adolf Hitler's rise to power in 1933.

SA men were often nicknamed "brown-shirts" because of the colour of their uniforms. Brown shirts being chosen because a large batch of army surplus tropical uniforms were available cheaply after the end of World War One.

The SA or "Stormtroopers" were the original "strong-arm" men of the party. They protected the leadership and their meetings while at the same time attacking and disrupting any opposition to the Nazi Party.

Eventually, under the leadership of their "Stabschef" (Chief of Staff) Ernst Rohm, they numbered almost 3 million men and came to regard themselves as a potential alternative to the German Army itself. This posed a threat not only to the army but also to the leadership of



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schaffen das neue Deutschland!
denkt an die Opfer -
Wählt Nationalsozialisten Säfte

The Sturmabteilung

Adolf Hitler himself. Something had to be done...

Within the Nazi hierarchy the SA and Rohm had no shortage of enemies and, on the night of June 30, 1934, they struck!

NIGHT OF THE LONG KNIVES

At Hitler's behest, *Himmler* and his SS (*Schutzstaffel*) concocted a document purporting to show that Rohm and his SA leadership were planning to depose Hitler and take over the government.

Rohm and many of his top leadership were then arrested and summarily shot within hours. A new leader, *Viktor Lutze* was appointed and the membership drastically reduced. Soon the once mighty SA became little more than an old comrades' association, appearing at party rallies, performing occasional ceremonial duties and useful to line the streets for parades. Its days of power and glory were



definitely over...

At present just four SA figures are available however later in 2010 several new sets and individual pieces will be added to this important collection.



THE ALLGEMEINE-SS or "General-SS" was, until the Second World War, the largest of the Schutzstaffel (SS) units of the Nazi Party.

The Allgemeine-SS

Of these members almost 170,000 were immediately called up for service in the Wehrmacht with another 35,000 being transferred

LAH085 Officially established in 1934 it was, for the main, a part-time voluntary organization that selected its membership from all over Germany.

These volunteers, if selected, were formed into regional districts and regiments (*Standarten*) with some even being designated as mounted cavalry (*Reitsstandarten*).

In charge of all of the ALLGEMEINE-SS was the SS-*Hauptamt* (SS main office) in Berlin which was staffed by full-time regulars and responsible for selection, training, education and indoctrination.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

During the "Glory-Days" of the Third Reich between 1934 and 1939 the men of the *Allgemeine-SS* were most visible at Party Rallies and Parades throughout the length and breadth of Nazi Germany. They provided the mass of security for Party leaders as well as crowd

control of the throngs who came to watch or take part in these giant spectacles.



1. Schutzstaffel-Appell der Gruppe Ost in Berlin
11.-12.-13. August

The *Allgemeine-SS* also, because of their wide-spread network throughout the Reich, provided a ready supply of politically reliable "shock-troops" to protect the Regime physically.

directly into the newly-formed "Waffen SS". The remainder continued to fulfill their civilian full-time work while still attending to their part-time SS duties.



MOVIE VILLAINS

Movies and television have, for many years, portrayed or referred to characters in black *Allgemeine SS* uniforms as "Gestapo".

This is a common mistake... although the *Allgemeine-SS* were indeed involved in security at parades and rallies their duties did not overlap or infringe on "Gestapo" territory.

The Gestapo (*Geheime Staatspolizei*) or Secret State Police was an invention of Hermann Goring in 1933 when he was then Interior Minister of Prussia. In 1934 control was handed over *Reichsführer SS Heinrich Himmler* who was chief of all police forces outside of Prussia.

Under Himmler the Gestapo had the authority to investigate treason, espionage and sabotage anywhere in Germany.

After the outbreak of war in September 1939 this dreaded organization spread its tentacles far and wide throughout the conquered countries of Europe and Russia.

Contrary to Hollywood visions they operated mainly in civilian clothes.

By 1939, just before the outbreak of war, there were almost half-a-million strong.

THE WEHRMACHT (German: "defence force") was the name given to the unified armed services of Nazi Germany from 1933-1945. It consisted of the HEER (Army), the KRIEGSMARINE (Navy) and the LUFTWAFFE (Air Force).

Under Fuhrer Adolf Hitler the Wehrmacht had an increasingly important role in the growth and expansion of the new Nazi state.

It also had a leading part to play in the public parades, demonstrations and party rallies that were such a major feature of life in Hitler's prewar Germany.

King & Country has recognized the importance of all three services by designing and releasing parade-style figures that add colour and spectacle to any display of that era.

IRON CROSS WARRIORS

Featured on this page are the men of a typical German infantry regiment in their smart parade-dress uniforms alongside sailors of the Kriegsmarine in their white summer-parade dress.

All officers, standard bearers,



The Iron Cross
Second Class.



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Wehrmacht On Parade

musicians and other ranks are available as single pieces allowing collectors maximum flexibility.



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Utilized as a backdrop in this display is one of K&C's new retired "World of Dickens" building facades. Plus, two of our recently released "Nazi Eagles on Parade" LHM10.

LW008



Marching Officer w/ sword



LW014 LW016



LW015



LW012



LW001



ON 26th. FEBRUARY 1935, Adolf Hitler ordered Hermann Goring to establish an all-new LUFTWAFFE thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles ban on a German Air Force.

ABOUT OUR FIGURES

K&C's ten new Luftwaffe parade figures (eleven, if you include Hermann Goring) can, in large multiple groups or in

smaller sections, make a great display in any "Berlin '38" scenario. All are sold as individual pieces.

Within a few short years Goring created, what was then, the most modern and powerful military air force the world had ever seen.

It was also Goring's intention to incorporate all military units that had any relationship to aerial warfare. Thus all anti aircraft artillery (Flak) and airborne troops (Fallschirmjäger) fell under direct Luftwaffe command.

LW011



Goring's Luftwaffe

LW010





This Totenkopf appeared in 1934. More naturalistic than previous examples with the addition of a lower jaw.

The Schutzstaffel

LAN080
Reichsführer SS
Heinrich Himmler



IN MARCH 1923, Adolf Hitler ordered the formation of a Munich-based bodyguard unit known as the "Stabswache" (Staff Guard) whose members swore an oath of loyalty to him personally.

Sometime later, to avoid confusion with an SA unit of the same name he renamed it "Stosstrupp Adolf Hitler". As their emblem this new group adopted the "Totenkopf" or death's head for their cap badge.

EARLY BEGINNINGS



From its earliest days it was determined that the SS, unlike the SA, would not be a mass organization.

Its membership would be selected and carefully chosen for their loyalty and obedience to the will of one man, Adolf Hitler. To oversee and command this special group required a "special" individual... and this appeared in the most unlikely form of Heinrich Himmler.

Appointed "Reichsführer SS" in 1929, Himmler was already well-known in the Nazi Party as a hard-working, energetic and extremely able organizer who was also totally loyal and devoted to his "Führer".

Unassuming in appearance, quietly spoken and the younger son of a highly respected teacher Himmler seemed an unlikely choice to lead this elite unit. Soon however, he and his men were to become the most feared in the Third Reich and far beyond its borders.



And so began one of the most infamous and dreaded organizations in history... the "Schutzstaffel" better known by their initials as the "SS".



LAN097
Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler
Regimental Band

A full 21-piece marching Regimental Band of the premier SS regiment.

THE BERLIN '38 SERIES

KING & COUNTRY'S "Berlin Series" began many years ago with the men of the "Schutzstaffel" on parade... Our primary focus then, as now, was the premier SS Regiment (and later division) "Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler" ... the Fuhrer's very own Praetorian Guard.

When the Nazis came to power in 1933 their base of operations moved from Munich to Berlin. A special SS unit under the command of Josef "Sepp" Dietrich was set up to protect Hitler and his entourage. Later that same year they received their official title... "Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler" (LSSAH).

From then until the outbreak of war in September 1939 the black-clad troops of Hitler's personal regiment were a familiar sight at Party Rallies, Parades and on grand state occasions.



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To ensure that the LAH stood out further from other SS units they were authorized to wear white shirts... white leather fighting order and white gloves. They also had a unique cuff title worn on the lower left arm of their uniform jackets... a woven copy of the Fuhrer's very own signature ... "Adolf Hitler".



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Among the many "Leibstandarte SS" figures available are ... a complete 21 piece band... and brand-new versions of marching, presenting arms, at attention and at ease soldiers as well as various on parade officers.

MUSIC ON THE MARCH

The musical element within the SS was given a great deal of attention and much influenced by its Prussian predecessors.

Full SS bands were formed as early as 1933 and by 1938 had blossomed into some of the finest military bands the world has ever seen. All three pre war SS regiments together formed the SS Musikkorps.

Of all the Musikkorps bands the most famous and most visible was that of the "Leibstandarte SS Adolf Hitler". Some 120 members strong they could boast a full string orchestra... a wind instrument ensemble... a 15-piece big band... an 80-piece brass section and as an added bonus, a 70 strong choir!



Permanently based in Berlin it was much in evidence on all state occasions, special radio band concerts and, of course, Party Rallies. It was also a personal favourite of the LAH's commander 'Sepp' Dietrich!

During the war it was deployed on troop entertainment duties as well as secondary duties as medics and stretcher bears.

"MEINE EHRE HEISST TREUE"
... "Loyalty is my Honour"
 was the motto of the SS throughout its brief but bloody existence.

Under Himmler, the SS in general and *"Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler"* in particular selected its volunteers according to their adherence to Nazi ideology and their physical and mental prowess.

It's interesting that *Reichsführer SS Himmler* would probably have failed his own physical entrance test based on personal appearance alone!

SPECIAL UNIFORMS

The SS was distinguished from other branches of the German military and Nazi Party by its own rank structure, unit insignia and uniforms.

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"Der Oberste Führer der Schutzstaffel"... quite a mouthful!

THESE NEW FIGURES

All of these new parade figures are wearing the "special" *Leibstandarte* white leather fighting order but

in addition are also carrying the marching backpack and belt order bread bag, water bottle and bayonet scabbard.

Officers also carry both SS sabre and pistol. All are currently available as single pieces.

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Meine Ehre Heisst Treue

Its most visible distinction was, of course, the all-black uniform rumoured to have been designed and manufactured by famous German

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badge and a woven collar patch.

All of these different elements came together in 1932 when the SS *en masse* changed over to the new smarter uniforms from the older SA style of brown shirt, black kept and trousers.

RANKS & TITLES

Although the SS became one of the most complex of all Nazi organisations its rank structure underwent few major alternations during its short life.

Its nine initial ranks comprised

- SS-Mann
- SS-Scharführer
- SS-Truppführer
- SS-Sturmführer
- SS-Sturmabteilführer
- SS-Standartenführer
- SS-Oberführer
- SS-Gruppenführer
- SS-Obergruppenführer

Later additional ranks and titles were added to accommodate the general expansion of the SS, throughout the nineteen-thirties.

As with all Nazi formations, Hitler himself was ultimately "Commander-in-Chief" and held the personal title of

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Eagles on Plinth



LART15

menswear designer *Hugo Boss*! Other notable graphic elements were the double lightning runes bearing the legend "SS". This was incorporated into and onto collar patches... banners... badges, medals and even... license plates.

The final sinister touch was the use of the "Totenkopf" or "Death's Head" symbol as both a metal cap

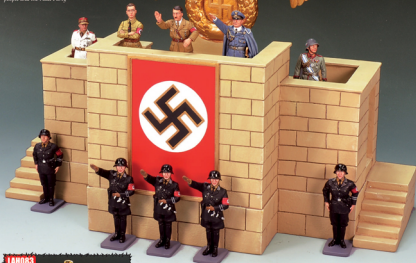
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The first party rallies by the Nazis took place in 1923 in Munich. From 1927 on, they ran exclusively in Nuremberg. Nuremberg was selected for pragmatic reasons: It was situated in the center of the Germany and well suited as a venue. After 1933, the rallies were held in the first half of September under the label of *Reichsparteitage des deutschen Volkes* ("National Congress of the Party of the German People"), which was meant to symbolize the solidarity between the German people and the Nazi Party.



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The stand itself can accommodate several of the Nazi "top-brass" and provides a perfect centre-piece of any "Berlin '38" collection.

The large bronzed-gold ceremonial eagle completes the display.

DIMENSIONS

Reviewing Stand:
333mm x 147mm x 135mm
Ceremonial Eagle:
213mm x 166mm x 47mm

THIS COMBINED two-piece display stand is based on some of the ruins that can still be seen in present-day Nuremberg.

Nuremberg Display Stand

The **BERGHOF** was Adolf Hitler's home in the **Obersalzberg** of the Bavarian Alps near **Berchtesgaden**, Germany from 1935 until 1945.

It was also one of the most widely known of the **Fuhrer's** headquarters and probably his favourite.

Originally built as a modest holiday chalet in 1916 Hitler purchased the property in 1933 after renting it for several years. A spacious terrace/patio was added along with a large picture window looking out onto the nearby mountains.

From 1935 until almost the end of the war virtually all of the "high and mighty" of the **Third Reich** came to visit and report to Hitler at the **Berghof** at one time or another.

Before the outbreak of hostilities in September 1939 many foreign dignitaries also paid court there. It became something of a tourist attraction during the late 1930's with large crowds gathering and hoping to catch a glimpse of their beloved **Fuhrer**.

Hitler himself visited the **Berghof** for the last time on 14 July, 1944 before leaving for his military headquarters in East Prussia... never to return.



Hitler's Berghof

On 25 April 1945 the whole **Obersalzberg** area (including the **Berghof**) was heavily bombed by British aircraft. Several days later SS troops set fire to

the bomb-damaged villa. A few days later it was captured and thoroughly looted and stripped by Allied soldiers.

Only the building's exterior shell survived and it was demolished by the Bavarian Government in 1952.

K&C's MODEL

The 2-piece **King & Country** "BERGHOF" features a large three-dimensional façade of the front of the building together with a spacious open patio area, big enough to accommodate tables, chairs, sun loungers and... even some of the **Nazi hierarchy!**



DIMENSIONS

Building: 12.5" x 4" x 9.5" (320mm x 111mm x 253mm)

Patio: 14" x 10.5" x 3" (370mm x 270mm x 77mm)

CAKE AND COFFEE

EVERY AFTERNOON, while Hitler was in residence at the Berghof, cake, coffee (and tea if desired) would be served on the spacious terrace facing the mountains.

Tables would be laid, chairs and sun loungers positioned as the smartly-dressed SS Mess waiters moved among the guests serving coffee,

LAN007 tea, mineral water and, of course, cake... The Führer had a "sweet tooth".

At these afternoon gatherings the high and mighty (and most feared) members of the Third Reich would often be present...



Here we see the quiet, unassuming *Himmler* enjoying a coffee, the proud and boastful *Goring*... the cunning and devious *Goebbels*...

Listening carefully, the dreaded head of the SD and *Himmler's* Deputy, *Reinhard Heydrich*...

ALL THE USUAL SUSPECTS

Amongst the other Nazi notables who made frequent visits to the Berghof where *Rudolf Hess*, Hitler's Deputy in those pre war years... *Baldur Von Schirach*, the leader of the Hitlerjugend... and *Martin Bormann*, Head of the Party Chancellery and a close



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