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*An extraordinary woman's
letters witness
Germany's descent into chaos.*

Daughter of the Chief Justice of South Africa and married into the illustrious family of Helmuth von Moltke, Germany's greatest military hero, Dorothy von Moltke penned frequent letters to her parents that capture the life of the elite on a large estate in Silesia, formerly part of Germany and now part of Poland. The letters poignantly describe living through World War I, the devastating inflation of the Weimar Period, and the rise of Nazism as armed militias clashed in the streets of Berlin and Hitler became der Führer.

The letters reveal how they instilled in their children the liberal values that led their eldest son, Helmuth James von Moltke, to found the anti-Nazi Kreisau Circle, for which he was hanged in 1945. The von Moltkes' idealism is perpetuated in The Kreisau Center for European Understanding on the family's former estate, where young people learn the art of waging peace.

About the Author

Through a fascinating series of happenstances, writer and biographer Kate Hammond met the von Moltkes, including Freya von Moltke, who read the manuscript and shared with the author her personal recollections of Dorothy and Helmuth von Moltke, as well as her husband, Helmuth James von Moltke.

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