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Subject: Re: H&D review

Date: Tue, May 3, 2011 4:21 pm

Commander --

Thank you for your kind words. I had hoped to write a two-part or multi-part review, demolishing Weber's book chapter by chapter -- but the *H&D* editor thought that was a bit much for his publication. Still, I am satisfied with what appeared.(errors aside -- twice I use the indicative mood when I had meant to use the subjunctive, for example).

One thing that I did not include, but would have liked to, is a discussion of why Adolf Hitler never made it out of the ranks of the enlisted personnel. This is a surprisingly complex topic. Weber gives three different reasons in three different places. While not mutually exclusive, they conflict which one another.

1. Hitler's superiors felt that he lacked even the most basic leadership ability.

- The job of dispatch runner was exclusively held by enlisted personnel. To be promoted, Hitler would have had to resign from the regiment and re-enlist in a different unit. Hitler liked his job and he felt "at home" in the List regiment headquarters, and did not want to be assigned elsewhere.
- 3. Hitler was afraid of responsibility, and was loath to have other men under his command.

None of these seems quite right to me, although there may be elements of #2 involved in the real reason (whatever it is).

One thing Weber's research reveals, and which I had **never** heard before, is that Hitler was at least once, and probably twice, offered a promotion -- but he turned it down!

Thus, although we do not know what his thinking was, we can say conclusively that Hitler's apparent relegation to the lowly rank of *Gefreiter* was his own decision -- and that it was not forced on him by external circumstances.

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my review of
Hitler's First War.

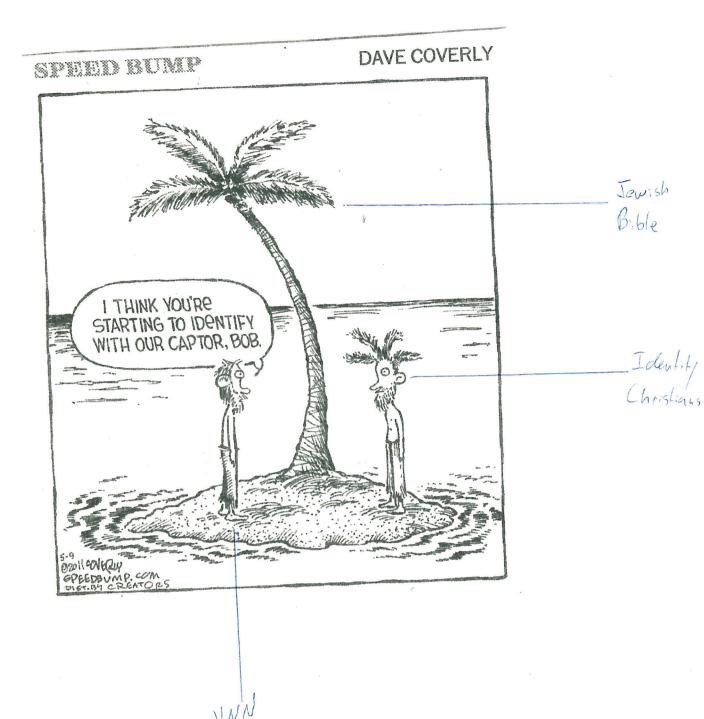
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Comrade Kerr:

I have just finished reading your superb book review on Hitler's war record in the April-June issue of *Heritage & Destiny*, which I received today. It is outstanding and a much-needed introduction to the subject.

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