

From the Testimony of Eva Goldberg about Revenge.

...The gates were opened and we went out towards the town of Salzwedel... I will never forget that as we were walking along an avenue with trees, on the pavement, with American jeeps on both sides of the road, a German woman came towards us carrying stockings. These were stockings of a kind that I certainly was not wearing then, nylons. I stopped her. My cousin pinched me and said, 'They will kill us, what do you want, we have been liberated, they will kill us'.

"The German woman told me that she had daughters at home and that she had to bring them the stockings because during the war they didn't have any. I told her, 'Before the war I had a father and a mother, and now I don't. Now you will drop all those stockings and tear them to ribbons with your teeth and hands'. I stood beside her until she had torn the stockings. My cousin kept pinching me until I was almost blue. Then I said to the German woman, 'Now pick up the stockings and take them to your girls'. That was how I let off steam...

"Suddenly, just as we finished with that, one of the American soldiers said, 'Maidele, maidele, do you speak Yiddish?' 'Yo [Yes]', I replied. 'Come here, come here', he said in Yiddish. He asked me why I had done that to the German woman. I said, 'What I did was for my mother, for my father, for my brother'. I started to cry, and they began to cry too. There was a huge black soldier there and he cried too. The black soldier took a necklace from around his neck and put it around my neck. We were all crying.

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