



On 2 September 1944, a German Wehrmacht Liaison Officer was captured by the Russians in Bucharest.

His name was Lieutenant-Colonel Heinz-Helmut von Hinckeldey and he was to remain a "war convict" of the Soviets until 1955.

For 11 years, Heinz-Helmut von Hinckeldey had to endure the deprivation - both physical and psychological - of imprisonment; the filth and squalor of the cells, in which he was kept; the agony of isolation and repeated self-examination; and the pain of ignorance, of not knowing if his mother-land (Germany) still existed or whether those he loved, ever realized that he was alive.

Isolation

*Will power*

Uncertainty

*Endurance*

Deprivation

*Fortitude*

Injustice

*Resistance*



The personal Story that, like countless others, would never have been told, had it not been for the admiration and fascination built up over time by the Author



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