

Return to my Father's Homeland

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ONE DAY FRITZ OTTENHEIMER SAT AT HIS HOME IN PITTSBURGH TO TELL HIS STORY.



IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHEN I WAS IN GERMANY I WAS TOO YOUNG TO DO MUCH OF ANYTHING HEROIC.

THAT WAS MY PARENTS AND OTHER ADULTS.

MY FATHER LUDWIG WAS A DECORATED VETERAN OF WWI. BECAUSE OF HIS SERVICE WE MISTAKENLY BELIEVED WE WOULD BE SPARED THE WORST OF THE ANTI-JEWISH BOYCOTTS.



ONE MORNING WHEN HE ARRIVED AT WORK TO OPEN HIS CLOTHING STORE...

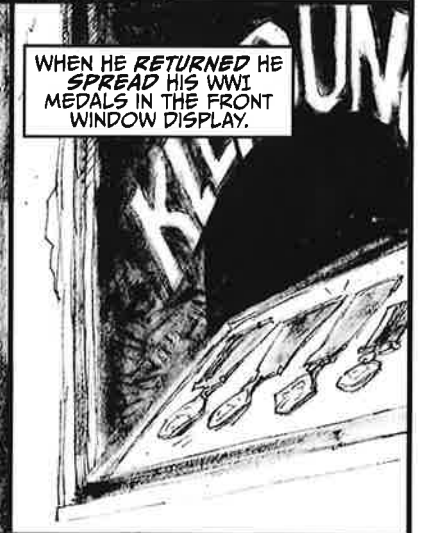
ONLY JEWS CAN SHOP HERE! NO ONE ELSE IS ALLOWED!



FATHER TURNED AROUND AND WENT HOME.



WHEN HE RETURNED HE SPREAD HIS WWI MEDALS IN THE FRONT WINDOW DISPLAY.



OUR NEIGHBORS STOOD UP TO THE NAZI AS WELL.

EVENTUALLY, THE SOLDIER LEFT.

