

'If the Germans had occupied Britain in 1940 ...' begs the most intriguing question of our times. Novelists, playwrights and military theorists have toyed with it; but David Lampe's *The Last Ditch* is the first detailed study of what is known to have been the intentions of both sides. Based largely on newly researched material and years of persistent detective work, it investigates the German plans for Occupied Britain and, much more startling, the British answer. It would have been a harsh occupation, harsher perhaps than the Nazi rule in Eastern Europe, as the stark content of the German draft orders and decrees shows only too plainly. Mass deportation of the able-bodied male population, wholesale appropriations of the country's agricultural, mineral and industrial produce, these and more would have reduced Britain to a starved and barren land. Few could have escaped oppression, and the notorious Gestapo Arrest List for Great Britain, here published in full for the first time since its distribution to senior Gestapo officers in 1940, shows how wide the Nazi net was to be spread.

What would the British have done? Mr. Lampe has been made privy to the secrets of Europe's first and best-trained Resistance movement. All over Britain its members went quietly about their daily jobs, but, by night, they moved in stealth about a darkened Britain, training, practising, testing their ability to sabotage, to spy and to kill. They took 'holidays' at a country house in Berkshire to acquire

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