



OF MICE AND MEN...kamikaziism, fatalism, and self sacrifice in the conflict of World War II!

As the war was obviously lost for the Nazis and the Nips, both fascist allies went into the last suicidal counter-attack on the Western Allies, though the Germans used only men & materiel, while the Japanese threw in the human suicidal factor – the Kamikaze pilots. However, the Germans too had decided to turn the V-2 missile, piloted (as per attached photo), but it never came to pass, whether it was lack of human factor, fuel or other logistics... “Kamikaze” in Japanese means “the divine wind”!

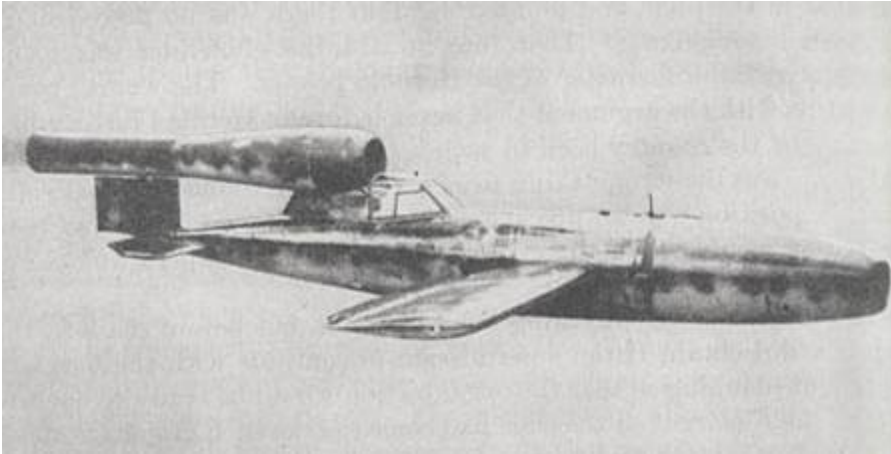


Fig. 1. The converted V-2 project that was never introduced, and perhaps not even practical to steer the V-2 rocket vehicle?

Fig. 2nd Lt. Yamaguchi’s Yokosuka D4Y3 (Type 33) *Suisei* diving at USS *Essex*, November 25, 1944. The air brakes are extended and the non-self-sealing port wing tank is trailing fuel vapor and/or smoke.



Fig. 3. Model 52c Zeroes are sent back from Korea to Kyūshū island, to take part in a Kamikaze attack (early 1945).



Fig. 4. Fighting fires on aircraft carrier *Belleau Wood* after the kamikaze attack on October 30, 1944. The carrier *Franklin*, also hit by kamikaze, burns in background.



Fig. 5. USS *Bunker Hill* was hit by Ogawa (see picture left) and another kamikaze near Kyūshū on May 11, 1945. Out of a crew of 2,600, 372 personnel were killed.

Approximately 2,800 Kamikaze attackers sunk 34 Navy ships, damaged 368 others, killed 4,900 sailors, and wounded over 4,800. Despite radar detection and cuing, airborne interception and attrition, and massive anti-aircraft barrages, a distressing 14 percent of Kamikazes survived to score a hit on a ship; nearly 8.5 percent of all ships hit by Kamikazes sank.

Even though the bombings lasted only four months the *putsch* claimed the lives of more than 7000 Japanese soldiers and 5000 Allied servicemen, destroying or damaging over 400 US and British ships.

The Germans were not as fanatical and suicidal, despite the obvious defeat faced in the spring of 1945, while the Oriental mind of Nips went for all or nothing, the Samurai 'banzai' action... It was much of a human tragedy perpetrated by the Japanese ruling elite as our ability to snuff out half a million innocent civilian sand to maim as many in the two atomic bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, August 6 and 9, 1945, and the war was in fact over?!



Fig. 6. The kamikaze aircraft going into in to the final deadly nose dive released the typical trade mark of the *moribund* heroic act – the afterburner con-trail!



Fig. 7. Wartime high school cheerleaders begging off a kamikaze pilot, with flowers and good wishes to die heroically by smashing his bird and himself to death against an Allies warship... I have always wondered whether children and teenagers ever understood the Game of War?! Did the young ladies realize the man behind the stick was about to die... For what good purpose? So that they could live free... in 1945, When the war was over...

However, it took an American senior commanding officer – Gen. Douglas McArthur, the postwar Governor of Japan, to make these children free... Did he understand the American presence. In South-East Asia, or that **dominance per se** was the name of the Gothic game? etc., etc., etc... I'm not sure? Perhaps very much so, since it's in the bloodline of the Germanic breed of people!



Fig. 8. Gunners on battleship *Missouri* aim at approaching kamikaze plane.

It was the Missouri aboard which the unconditional capitulation was signed in 1945.

USS Missouri – launched January 29, 1944, decommissioned March 31, 1992.

"I die with you, so I am not afraid. You should not be either, as I will always be with you," wrote a 24-year-old Kamikaze pilot in a suicide letter to his infant daughter. What motivates him to fly one final suicide mission is cultural brainwashing borne by the militant Samurai heraldic culture that lasted almost 800 years.

In the fall of 1944, with Midway and Kwajalein victories behind our American forces, the successful advance of American Armed Forces on Japan was impregnable; the task facing the Japanese air forces seemed impossible. The 1st Air Fleet commandant, Vice Admiral Takijiro Onishi decided to form a suicide attack force, the Special Attack Unit. In a meeting at Mabalacat Airfield (known to the U.S. military as Clark Air Base) near Manila, on October 19, Vice Admiral Takijiro Onishi told officers of the 201st Flying Group headquarters:

"I don't think there would be any other certain way to carry out the operation [to hold the Philippines], than to put a 250 kg bomb on a Zero and let it crash into a U.S. carrier, in order to disable her for a week."

This was the real beginning of the kamikaze super ditch plan, which came true in the spring of 1945, but at a very high cost to the Western Allies.

High-ranking military officials of all the Allied Powers were received on board on September 2, 1945, including (but not limited to) Free French General Leclerc, Republic of China.



Fig. 9. American and British sailors and officers watch General of the Army Douglas MacArthur sign documents during the surrender ceremony aboard *Missouri* on September 2, 1945. The unconditional surrender of the Japanese to the Allies officially ended the Second World War. General MacArthur signs was Supreme Allied Commander during formal surrender ceremonies on the USS MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay. Behind General MacArthur are Lieutenant General Jonathan Wainwright and Lieutenant General A. E. Percival.

Note: By the way, my father was a hero in the Battle of Verdun, 1916; his left lung had collapsed from Mustard gas thrown by the Germans on the Allied Forces; still he was invited to serve as member of the Honor Guard to President Woodrow Wilson at the Paris Peace Conference held in Versailles, and watched the signing of the Treaty of Paris, 1919, before being treated for Mustard gas injury, before to returning to the family farm in Iowa...When he passed away in 1974, at ripe old age of almost 90, my mother received a grateful letter of thanks from President Gerald Ford, recognizing the old soldier for his outstanding contribution to the nation in the painful hedge row trench war of WW-I, where discipline and commitment on the Mustard gas infested terrain won the war for the beleaguered continent!

General Hsu Yung-Ch'ang, Soviet Lieutenant-General Kuzma Nikolayevich Derevyanko, Australian General Sir Thomas Blamey, Canadian Colonel Lawrence Moore Cosgrave, Netherlands Vice Admiral Conrad Emil Lambert Helfrich, and New Zealand Air Vice Marshal Leonard M. Isitt. Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz boarded shortly after 08:00, and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Commander for the Allies, came on board at 08:43. The Japanese representatives, headed by Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, arrived at 08:56. At 09:02 General MacArthur stepped before a battery of microphones and the 23 minute surrender ceremony was broadcast to the waiting world.



Fig. 10. Surrender of Japan was effected in Tokyo Bay, 2 September 1945. It was signed by the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mamoru Shigemitsu, affixing his official signature to the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the Japanese Government, on board USS Missouri (BB-63), September 2, 1945. Lieutenant General Richard K. Sutherland, U.S. Army, watches from the opposite side of the table. Foreign Ministry representative Toshikazu Kase is assisting Mr. Shigemitsu, while General of the Army, Douglas MacArthur, watches on standing on the other side of desk in his military hat... My Uncle Sam met the general after the Battle of Manila Airport. Wearing a rain poncho MacArthur visited the battlefield with three other senior officers in tow, after a bitter night's fight, with 16 waves of Nips attacks against the American unit well dug-in positions...The 6-vol. official U.S. history of the war shows that photo...



Fig. 11. The Japanese delegation leaves the USS Missouri (in shame, for the proud race) after signing the capitulation (see below).



Fig. 12. The Japanese capitulation delegation in waiting aboard the USS Missouri, September 2, 1945, for the capitulation ceremony to begin.



Fig. 13. The third USS Missouri (BB-63) ("Mighty Mo" or "Big Mo") is a U.S. Navy battleship, notable as the final battleship to be built by the United States, the second-to-last in the world after HMS Vanguard, and the site of the Japanese surrender at the end of World War II.

Note: By the way, my father's brother (our beloved Uncle Sam, a successful Iowa farmer) was a volunteer and a patrol leader, dropped behind enemy lines all over the Pacific Islands throughout the War on Japan; he was wounded in a kamikaze attack at the end of the war, where the troop carrier vessel was cut in two – more than 200 men lost their lives in the deck fire and burning fuel on the surface of the sea just off shore. Alas, he swam to shore and was hospitalized for the shrapnel wound in the hip, and discharged with a Purple Heart and Medal Valor for the Battle at Manila Airport. He could never forgive his fate for not landing in Japan itself; he died at the ripe old age of 98... I sure had his attention as a kid and learned all about that war; I can still retell most of the episodes, and reconstruct the plans of battle island by island, names of friends and commanders he lost in the pitch of battle. Japanese fighting men were rarely POWs... My first cousin Eve (from Uncle Louis) was a Marine captain, decorated for valor at Iwo Jima's Mt. Suribachi. He was an All-State basketball player from Indianola, Iowa.



Fig. 14. 80-G-421130 Carrier planes over USS Missouri, 2 September 1945 fly in formation over the U.S. and British fleets in Tokyo Bay during surrender ceremonies. USS Missouri (BB-63), where the ceremonies took place, is at left. USS Detroit (CL-8) is in the right distance. Aircraft include TBM, F6F, SB2C, and F4U types.

The *Missouri's* main battery consisted of nine 16 inch (406 mm) 50 caliber Mark 7 naval guns, which could hurl 2,700 lb armor piercing shells some 24 miles away. The secondary battery consisted of ten 5 inch (127 mm) 38 caliber guns, which could fire at targets at a distance of up to 9 miles. With the advent of air power and the need to gain and maintain air superiority came a need to protect the growing fleet of allied aircraft carriers; to this end, *Missouri* was fitted with an array of Oerlikon 20 mm and Bofors 40 mm anti-aircraft guns to defend allied carriers from enemy air strikes. When reactivated in 1984 the *Missouri* had the 20 mm and 40 mm AA guns removed, and was outfitted with Phalanx CIWS mounts for protection against enemy missiles and aircraft, and Armored Box Launchers and Quad Cell Launchers designed to fire Tomahawk missiles and Harpoon missiles, respectively.

Kamikaze: in a closing commentary, I wish to add the following:

By the end of World War II, the Japanese naval air service had sacrificed 2,525 kamikaze pilots, and the US Army air force had lost 1,387 aircraft. According to an official Japanese announcement, the missions sank 81 ships and damaged 195, and according to a Japanese tally, suicide attacks accounted for up to 80 percent of the American losses in the final phase of the war in the Pacific.

The acts of bravery, heroism and chivalry are not valued in the fanatical act of abrupt self-destruction but to outwit the other guy, to be better, craftier, stronger, wittier or what-ever it takes to face the adversary, however, it's not to die without a choice to survive. It's inhuman, insane, and downright stupid to die for a cause—cause invented by others, by the ruling elite. Let the

policy-makers take that final step and die ahead of 'this' Kamikaze subject, or some time-bomb fundamentalist, the so-called *terrorist* or be it freedom fighter--it's still insane and beyond comprehension, a real human tragedy to waste talent and life and progenitors of this still viable Hominid race of man for some fanatical or messianic idea, surely not for profit for the money-makers. This kind of fanaticism maybe an instrument of change, as Eric Hoffer taught half a century ago in his treatise, *The True Believer* (1951), but it's not the road to personal happiness or national progress, and social tranquility. His *true believer* was a 20th century fanatic, kamikaze or in the 21st the so-called *terrorist* or "suicide bomber," who may become revered for his sacrifice in national liberation strivings from western hegemony and dominance as the *partisan* fighting fascism deep behind enemy lines came to be a treasured hero of World War II, indeed, in the postwar struggle against our American colonial or ideological transgressions in Indochina and now in the Middle East be it for petroleum resources or religious enmity, regardless the terrorist is the only opposition and true grit today against our Anglo-Saxon dominance of worldly meridians. Unfortunately, in the struggle against a more powerful invading enemy, short of viable negotiating forums, where still sheer military power cannot be reasoned with--with any degree of civil success, but for capitulation--the suicide pilot from the air or the suicide bomber on the ground remain the only reminders of national resistance and vivid opposition by the weak and meek leaning on whatever serves the purpose from the arsenal of Unconventional Warfare.

Finally, I have perhaps somewhat erred in overtly criticizing our American policy-makers conducting the last act of war in the WW-II conflict in the Pacific, dropping the two atomic bombs on Japan. Obviously, in view of the above analysis, the cost of closing out the four-year bloody conflict had become immense ending with the "suicidal" kamikaze aircraft, that the losses were considerable in *men & materiel* in the last days of the war, when it had become imperative to take to task the island nation of Japan and its capital of Tokyo at any cost. Our experience with Germany was much less violent over the fall of Berlin, where the V-1 and V-2 had already been taken out of commission, although the price of Dresden, in the aerial firestorm of 150,000 civilians was perhaps uncalled for... As the above commentary demonstrates, we were paying a considerable price with Nippon persistence not to give up the ship of state without excising the last drops of blood from the awesome Yankee cavalcade, their fatalistic approach so abstinent that severe measures had to be taken, be it with nuclear bombs... However, as I have said elsewhere in this omnibus, it's likely that the obstinate Oriental mentality island nation, the Samurai traditional mood, in balancing the books of warfare could in fact take corrective measures at another time and place to revenge our Yankee nuclear *putsch* visited on its innocent civilian population in that final act of war at Nagasaki and Hiroshima that fateful August 1945. Indeed, it might be naïve for us to think that in just two-three generations the nature of the two war-faring nations (Japan and Germany) can change the behavior of man, though racially we're brethren with the Germans in the West. Of course, the submissive and marshaled population supporting war efforts is a matter in fact which cannot be glossed over by only blaming the aggressive Ruling Elite, even though I have rebuked the establishments not necessarily the national origin *per se* or the racial type, though it becomes difficult to draw the line of blame—it's just that more often than not the aggressive elites derive more from certain origins, where their behavioral norms are accepted more readily than with other nationalities, when fielding of totalitarianism is met with opposition.

History has demonstrated to observers, experts and readers alike, how those who use **suicide** warfare have lost their wars; they use it because significantly they are weaker than the enemy, technologically, economically, hence militarily, otherwise no such extreme tactics would be applied to commit the last stand of fatal heroism, which is insane and always too little and too late. The vengeful act perhaps only creates certain response to the contrary, such as our nuking of the innocents at the close of the conflict with Japan. Short of the kamikaze onslaught at the end of WW-II, Washington might not have gone to such extremes. On the other hand, the nowadays suicide bomber uses the tactic to "harass" the invader and the national fifth column, demonstrating his weakness and desperateness, for it was the false body count and the "black zip bags" which eventually drove us Americans out of Vietnam, losing the will to plan and to fight an impossible unconventional war in the first place.



GERMAN SECRET WEAPONS

The advanced German weapons of World War II



Fig. 17. In World War II, Germany had a significant advantage in several fields of high-tech weaponry, particularly noticeable at the beginning of the war, and towards the end of it, with a diverse series of innovative systems, commonly referred to at home as **Wunderwaffen** or **German secret weapons** by the Allies. The German advantage in weapons technology was not a coincidence. It was the result of three main factors:

- (1) Germany was the most scientifically advanced nation on the eve of the war. It had a history of military innovation, and in the decades before World War II, despite sanctions imposed by the international community in the interwar period, its science and technology leadership in many fields was at its peak. However, Post-War I sanctions and loss of colonies to the Allies, i.e. *lebensraum*, the unequal share in colonization, drove the Third Reich to revengeful fatal warfare in both wars.
- (2) When the war began, the over-confident Hitler, with the fall of Poland and France, in fact most of continental Europe, plus the 1939 Non-Aggression Pact signed with Russia, were causes which failed to fully support the high-tech development projects desperately needed by the R&D and industrial production phase; especially making a mistake in not committing the Wasserfall anti-aircraft missile to protect the homeland air space, leaving the Atlantic Wall ground forces to protect its sensitive rear, while engaged in the death-throw warfare with Russia, thinking that “isolative” America will not enter the fry or not before the Eastern Front was won and communism defeated in Russia.
- (3) American joined the war after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941), which Hitler and his General Staff thought would keep the Yankees busy in the Pacific, USA committing its industrial might, men & material on three fronts: (a) the Pacific Theatre; (b) in the North African campaign; and (c) in defense of UK, logistics, naval and air forces over the continent; significantly producing by the end of the 1942: 50,000 aircraft and 10,000 Liberty cargo ships, which was in a way the very reason why the Vice Fuhrer Rudolph Hess flew the Bf 110 military aircraft to Scotland to forestall the British-American tandem from entering the land war, the carrot, of course, the preemptive attack on Russia.

Fig. 18. The V-1 Kami-kaze version (notice the control cabin, above), a program which the test pilot Hanna Reitsch wanted to launch with her own corps, but it met with resistance for numerous reasons, among them technical and tactical, i.e. the inability to control and direct the aircraft to target, the aircraft basically designed as the first successful **cruise missile** engaged in warfare. Moreover, the German mindset was not as fatalistic as of its Oriental brethren – the Nips; obviously, the German fighting man sufficiently acculturated by WesternCiv was not to die so stupidly by terminal suicide, although the challenge of warfare, the blood and guts syndrome was very much within the racial reach; therefore



the success in the field, where only superior numbers in committed *men & materiel*, the deluge and overkill by the Limey-Yankee tactics were decisive with, of course, the Russian commitment in troops over 90% that won World War II. Gen. Reinhard Gehlen, the head of Wehrmacht's military intelligence on the Russian front disclosed to this writer, how there was nothing the German General Staff could do to defeat an enemy which could throw on the front line unlimited number of troops... In other words he underscored: "It was a 'no win' situation with all that 'protoplasm' consistently committed on the firing line... I knew it was over in early 1942, especially when the Americans joined the war effort, with their superior air power and naval power..." Presumably the German armored units and mechanized infantry could never reload the ammunition fast enough, e.g. to keep Gen. Simeon Budeni's cavalry at bay!



Fig. 15. The Nazi Germans were not as fatalistic as their Oriental brethren... Actually, the lady test pilot of this piloted version of the V-1, Hanna Reitsch, was the last personality to see Hitler alive; she flew in to see Hitler three days before his suicide in the Berlin bunker, April 28, 1945 (he d. April 30th), and landed bravely on the city street right by the Reichstag through all the Russian firepower... She was in the Otto Skorzeny aircraft (Heinkel He 111) in which he rescued Mussolini, Sept. 12, 1943. Indeed, the peanut size Flugkapitän [See, Hanna Reitsch in "A Secret Weapon" illustrated booklet in this Website.]



Fig. 16. V-1, the exotic bird with "silver wings", which gave birth to modern rocketry, as Maj-Gen. Avigdor Kakhalani spoke of a DC-3, the Israeli commander of Golan Heights in the 1982 PLO-IDF War, he flew aboard with his family back to the Promised Land from Yemen back in 1947! [The quote is from the Old Testament, prophesied...].



Copyright©2005 by prof PSCutter, based on notes taken and reflections considered back then in the field (1961-85) mostly in Siberia, over that August 1945 finale of World War II; how the conflict ended dramatically with the kamikaze *putsch* on one hand, the Atomic bombs dropped by the other adversary... Evidently, as they say – all is fare in love and war... Do we ever learn from our mistakes in aggression and conquest, from the pages of history or are we committed to keep repeating the same mistakes – never learning from the lessons of the past? Evidently, the Human Condition is condemned to repeat its mistakes, until one day *riason d'etre* takes over its *laissez faire* rule over the planetary meridians birthing a new civil Commonwealth of Nations with *local functional autonomy*.