

# Wilhelm Keitel

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I believe German soldiers are good and decent, and if they did anything wrong it was because of military necessity.

~Wilhelm Keitel

This war no longer has anything to do with knightly conduct or with the agreements of the Geneva Convention.

~Wilhelm Keitel

If I had known it I would have told my son, I'd rather shoot you than let you join the SS. But I didn't know.

~Wilhelm Keitel

It isn't right to be obedient only when things go well; it is much harder to be a good, obedient soldier when things go badly and times are hard. Obedience and faith at such time is a virtue.

~Wilhelm Keitel

Death by hanging. That, at least, I thought I would be spared.

~Wilhelm Keitel

I call on God Almighty to have mercy on the German people. More than two million German soldiers went to their death for the fatherland before me. I follow now my sons - all for Germany.

~Wilhelm Keitel

The troops are therefore empowered and are in duty bound in this war to use without mitigation even against women and children any means that will lead to success.

~Wilhelm Keitel

I am a soldier and I worked for the kaiser, under Ebert, Hindenburg, and Hitler, all the same way, for the past 44 years.

~Wilhelm Keitel

No matter what Hitler said, he spoke with a fine feeling for the particular circle which he addressed. ... He was a great psychologist.

~Wilhelm Keitel

A field marshal who issued orders to the armed forces but had no idea of the results they would have in practice.

~Wilhelm Keitel

Hitler gave us orders - and we believed in him. Then he commits suicide and leaves us to bear the guilt. He should have remained alive to bear his share.

~Wilhelm Keitel

Consideration of any kind are a crime against the German people and the soldier at the front.

~Wilhelm Keitel

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