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Shot... Alistair Bell

Gunman cop's kill 'justified'

By PAUL SIMS

A GANG enforcer who shot and wounded an unarmed cop was lawfully killed by police, an inquest ruled yesterday. Ex-con Alistair Bell, 42, "fired a considerable number of shots" from an illegal handgun during a six-hour stand-off. Armed police told him to surrender, but he said he wanted to go down in a "blaze of glory". Officer D20 fired three shots as Bell came down stairs at his home pointing a pistol at cops. Bell, of Kirkheaton, West Yorks, was fatally injured and died later. Officer D20 told the Bradford Crown Court inquest Bell had said: "This is going to be a firefight to the death, I'm not going back to jail." After a majority jury decision the coroner gave a narrative verdict saying: "The shots fired by the police were justified."

Hospital's bad taste

HOSPITAL patients were served cold food cooked **80 MILES** away – with some not getting a meal at all. Bridlington Hospital in East Yorks shut its kitchens to cut costs then shipped in food from Darlington, Co Durham – a two-hour drive away. York NHS Foundation Trust admitted "teething problems" but said they are now resolved. Terry Cunliffe, of union Unite, said: "The people running this organisation know the cost of everything and the value of nothing, but it is patients who pay the price."



8-PAGE PULLOUT INSIDE
CELL YOUR HOME
Tough Peterhead Prison in Aberdeenshire, dubbed the "Hate Factory", could be turned into homes after closing last month.

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Himmler exposed

EVIL... Himmler with Gudrun in 1938. Above, letters find

Heil HIMMLER

Sick fury of Nazi thug's daughter over auction of family letters...

FROM the outside, it is an ordinary home on an unremarkable suburban street.

But huddled inside, away from the bitter German winter, is 84-year-old Gudrun Burwitz, now a greying grandmother but once known as Gudrun Himmler – the daughter of notorious Nazi mass murderer Heinrich Himmler. Rather than turn her back on the SS Reichsführer, who ran the Gestapo, SS and extermination programme that murdered six million Jews, Gudrun has spent her life **DEFENDING** her father.

She is also involved with a shadowy Nazi support group, Stille Hilfe – or Silent Help. The pair's close relationship is made clear in a recently found cache of Himmler's correspondence, hidden for 40 years, which has made headlines all over the world. Written by Himmler to Gudrun and her mother Marga, they represent the largest archive of personal papers belonging to a senior Nazi. In one letter, the monster remains disturbingly cheery as he informs



By **ALLAN HALL** in Munich

his family of his travels to a concentration camp, saying: "I'm going to Auschwitz. Kisses." In another Gudrun, then aged 11, informs her dad: "It's terrible we are going to war with Russia. They were our allies after all. "Russia is sooo big. The struggle will be very difficult if we want to conquer all of Russia." The Sun approached Gudrun at home in Fuerstenried, Munich, to comment on the 700 letters, kept in Israel by a collector who looted the Himmler family home in Bavaria following the Second World War. After knocking on the door of the modest maisonette, 15 miles from the Dachau concentration camp where 36,000 people died, Gudrun's husband Wolf Dieter responded: "Go away, you are not welcome." But a family friend, who visited Gudrun on Monday as the story of the letters broke around the world, heard of her fury at their release

first hand. According to the source, she spat: "Israeli criminals! They sold them on, these private letters." Gudrun, known as Puppi or Doll to her father, is incensed their messages have been authenticated and published. She said: "Some criminals in Israel have my letters. They were plundered by the Americans from the family home near Tegernsee. I do not know how they got to Israel but I know they are mine and not theirs."

'She's pin-sharp and very dangerous'

"There is no doubt they belong to me, to the family. "They have nothing to do with any inquiries of what did, or did not, happen in Auschwitz. "They have no historical value and do not belong in a paper." While cherishing the memory of Himmler and his evil, Gudrun also works helping surviving Nazis evade justice. As a leading figure in the dwindling but sinister support group Stille Hilfe, she is monitored by the German authorities.

A senior intelligence figure said: "She is over 80 but pin-sharp. She has a genuine love for these men and women who served the Nazi regime from 1933 until 1945. She is a true believer and, like all zealots, that makes her dangerous." Although legal, Stille Hilfe operates in a moral grey zone. It was formed on November 15, 1951, with the intention of providing "quiet but active assistance to those who lost their freedom during or after the war by capture, internment or similar circumstance and who need help to this day".

With just 40 members, it receives funding from rich industrialists known to be sympathetic to the Nazi scene, a few even from the UK. "Sometimes the group gathers at Gudrun's home. Andrea Roepke is an expert on Burwitz and published a book about Stille Hilfe in Germany. She says: "Besides former Nazis, the group collects money to help the neo-Nazi movement, operating with the new generation. It is unconsidered by the public and undisturbed by the authorities." Thanks to cult

status among neo-Nazis because of her father, Gudrun is looked up to by many younger women in the movement.

Many of them only wear traditional Bavarian "dirndl" dresses and refuse to use English words such as "T-shirt" which have found their way into the German language. Gudrun's activities would no doubt be a great source of pride to her father, one of Hitler's closest henchmen.

Despite rising to the top of the Nazi tree, Himmler died a coward's death – swallowing a cyanide pill to commit suicide and avoid justice in May 1945. A picture from the time shows his corpse partially covered by a blanket. Gudrun refuses to believe her father would have died in such a cowardly way. She has said: "I don't believe he swallowed that capsule. "My mother and I never had official notification of his death. "To me, the photo of him dead is a retouched photo of when he was alive."

In fact it is as real as the newfound letters, which shed light on the start of Himmler's monstrous family legacy.

Children of the damned

MANY of the bloodline of the Nazi mass murderers are haunted by the crimes of their relatives – but not all. Some remain sympathetic of their despicable deeds. Here we look at the offspring of the men behind the Holocaust.

EDDA GOERING – Only child of Gestapo secret police founder Hermann Goering, Edda, 76, has "loving" memories of her dad.



BETTINA GOERING – Goering's great niece, 54, had herself sterilised aged 30 so she would not "create another monster".

KATRIN HIMMLER – Heinrich Himmler's great niece, 46, wed an Israeli Jew. She said Himmler was the "worst" mass murderer.



MARTIN ADOLF BORMANN – Namesake dad was a senior Nazi. Eldest son, a priest, met Holocaust survivors. Died aged 82.

RICARDO EICHMANN – Adolf Eichmann deported Jews to death camps. His son, 58, says Israel was right to execute him in 1962.



NIKLAS FRANK – Hans Frank was brutal governor of Poland. His son, 74, has said: "My country will never be rid of that history."



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