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MY MARCH TO LIBERATION

A Jewish Boy's Story of Partizán Warfare

Paul Strassmann was fifteen when his family's life in Trenčín, Slovakia was turned upside down by the war. His memoir tells one man's story of what it was like to be a teenager during World War II—what he learned, what he lost, and what he had to do to survive.

A compelling saga of a young Jewish boy coming of age during World War II, **MY MARCH TO LIBERATION (November 2011)** reflects on the reasons Strassman chose to take up combat as a means of escaping the Germans. During the summer and fall of 1944, life became perilous. Strassman's family was deported, and he became a fugitive, but he quickly determined that he was unsuited for a life in hiding. He joined a partisan unit, and took part in military actions and survival efforts during the brutal winter months that followed.

Strassman's memoir reflects on the reasons he chose to take up combat as a means of escaping the Germans. Not only does he provide the reader with recollections of various partisan campaigns, but he also offers portrayals of those he loved and eventually lost. In addition, the memoir addresses how the Slovak government methodically organized the impoverishment and then the annihilation of Slovak Jews—actions that Strassman describes as the “bureaucratization of genocide.”

Paul Strassmann arrived in the United States in 1948. His career includes 42 years as chief computer executive for Xerox, the U.S. Department of Defense, and NASA. He received academic appointments at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as well as at George Mason University, and authored five books and more than 300 technical articles. He holds the Defense Department's Distinguished Public Service Medal and the NASA Medal for Exceptional Service.

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