

OUTLINE  
SUCH WERE OUR FIGHTERS

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### I. Introduction-

collection of a larger work ( etc. (1948)  
91 of 6000 of 6000  
poems, stories, essays, diaries, letters, paintings  
Quality of material- varied  
Object- Perpetuate memory of dead  
not eulogy but memorial  
best memorial is own words

### II. General Impressions

- A. Gives Sense of the Times  
Feelings and Attitudes toward problems and events  
(Holocaust, Decl. of Indep., deaths, etc.)
- B. Mature Young  
Crisis  
Responsibility  
(through youth redemption)
- C. Spirit  
Training and morale  
Confidence and Pride- "esprit de corps"  
(stereotyped Israeli) esp. pg. 278

### III. Motifs and Themes

- A. Solidarity with People  
Sacrifice men as greatest resource  
Ingathering of as many as possible
- B. Devotion to the Land  
"Homeland"  
"last hope"  
refusal of exemptions  
Jerusalem
- C. Ultimate Goals  
Build the Land not War create new kind of person (39)  
Dreams of nature and peace  
Peace of mind (little time to think of career)
- D. Relationship with Diaspora  
need help esp. arms  
create "new meaning for galus" (pg. 61)  
pg 316- loss of E, European creativity
- E. Moral War  
Don't hurt innocent people  
Hated of weapons  
Kill only to save hundreds  
Use of force necessary  
Search and prisoners  
Ordering comrade to their deaths
- F. Holocaust  
Memories of camps and stories of survivors

Holocaust (continued)

Fears of adding 700,000 to 6 m.

Break with passivity of past

will fight !

no more Maidanek

if not successful in getting our Homeland, we shall

leave it only as corpses

Nuremburg as sham - decline of the West

G. Travesty

Young

Survive Holocaust only to die

Die just before married

Sweethearts waiting for boyfriends

Parents waiting for sons

Fathers killed in 48 sons in 56

H. Matrydøem

New twist- die not for faith but for new faith the land

One dies with Shema on lips

A S RESPONSE

CONTINUITY ?