

## “Hold Out!”: Postcard (1915)

### Abstract

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Very soon after the start of the war, Germany's food supply and distribution system began to deteriorate. Food imports that German Reich depended upon came to a halt. People had to make use of whatever could still be obtained. In 1915, the potato was still the last resort. One year later, however, potatoes could no longer be produced in sufficient quantity and people had to content themselves with turnips and rutabagas.

The text on the postcard reads:

May our enemies threaten us ever so much  
With the horror of starvation  
We will mobilize the last potato  
We Germans, we will hold out!

### Source

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