seventy-five
OCCUPATION
CONSIDERATIONS

one man
two World Wars
three summons to the commandant
four corners of an island nine miles by five
five medals
six children
seven days a week of rationing

twenty-four hours a day under Occupation

minus
food
shoes
freedom

multiplied by family and community

plus loyalty and duty

divided by
adversity
hatred
anger
fear

times revenge and retribution

and twenty-five words in a Red Cross letter

salvation from starvation

deliverance from ignorance

release and make peace

believe that the human race
will embrace before
we run out of words

please

STOP

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