

"Bei uns ist immer was los!"

der 5. Februar—Last Fatal Shots at Berlin Wall (der 5. Februar 1989)

system in the GDR. This also applied to his second career choice, which was to become a pilot. Instead, Gueffroy trained as a waiter. During his work he met representatives of the western Allies and gained impressions of their attitude to life. This only strengthened his dream of a future in freedom.

His death, says Karin Gueffroy, wasn't in vain. Nor were the deaths of the many other people who died at the inner-German border and whose exact numbers are still unknown. According to figures provided by the judiciary, historians and victims' representatives, the numbers range from 280 to more than 1,600 fatalities.

After Chris Gueffroy's death, GDR citizens continued to die in escape attempts, but he was the last to be shot dead at the Wall. They drowned in the Baltic Sea or crashed, like Winfried Freudenberg who was attempting to fly to West Berlin in a homemade hot air balloon in March 1989. Karin Gueffroy says: "All of those who died removed a brick, and that finally resulted in the fall of the Wall."

On February 5, 1989, the last fatal shots fell at the Berlin Wall.

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From the time of the construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961, until its breaching in 1989, many people were shot by the border guards of the German Democratic Republic while attempting to flee. Our photograph shows eighteen-year-old Peter Fechter, who was shot by guards on August 17, 1962, just days after the first anniversary of the wall. Eastern and western Berliners watched, unable to reach him, as Fechter bled to death in the "no man's land" between East and West Berlin. Chris Gueffroy, who was shot on February 6, 1989, was the last fatality

