



Born: 1495 in Vollenweid, Switzerland
 Married: Kleinann Waber
 Died: 1571 Hausen, Canton, Zurich, Switzerland
 Parents: Hans Naf & Katherine Huber

Battle of Kappel

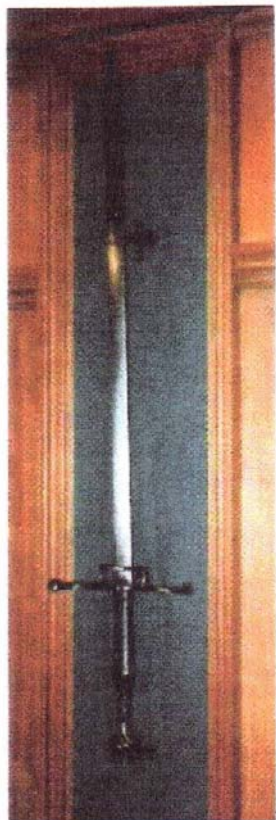
The peace derived from the Milk Soup War of 1529 did not last and by 1531 the good feelings which were so evident in 1529 had dissolved. The Zurichers declared an export embargo on grain to the Forest Cantons and the Forest Cantons declared war on Zurich. On 10th of October the Forest Cantons began to march toward Zurich. On the evening of the same day the soldiers of Zurich began its march toward Baar where the Forest Cantons had their headquarters. On Wednesday the 11th of October the army of the Forest Canton gathered at the fields surrounding Baar called Baarerborden. There they held divine services and prayed for victory. Then they sent a messenger with their challenge to Zurich and began their march toward Kappel. In the meantime the Zurichers with the Naf family well represented among them moved toward the same point. The Zurichers had at most 2000 men and opposed to them were 8000 of the Forest Cantons. These troops met at Kappel and the battle was joined.

All day the Forest troops were pressed back but about five in the evening the tide of battle turned. It appeared that the battle now favored the Forest Cantons and the Zurichers seemed to be at a disadvantage. As the Zurichers moved back, the standard bearer John Schweizer refused to give way. The battle became very fierce around the standard bearer but he would not yield ground, Zwingli, the religious leader, fell wounded in the head and in the thigh. As he fell he shouted, "You can kill the body but not the soul." John Schweizer, reached the mill stream. He was forced into the stream and the weight of his armor bore him down and he was drowned. Kleinsbaus Kambli rescued the banner. As he seized the banner he was rushed by a number of the enemy. He cried out, "Is there no honorable Zurichers here to save his army's banner?"

Adam Naf of Vollenweid heard the cry. Adam was an axguard who under Hans Huber had come to defend Zurich. His father and two brothers were also in the battle as well as two sons. Adam attacked with his broad sword. He cut off the head of the man who had seized the banner and Kambli was again able to hold the banner high and retreat in an orderly fashion. In the retreat there were 512 soldiers left behind including Adam's father, Hans, and his two brothers. There were 25 clergymen who lay dead or wounded. When Zwingli refused to deny the faith, he was dealt a fatal blow by Captain Bockinger. There were 26 members of the Zurich council and 65 canton citizens who also lost their lives. Two large graves were dug to receive the bodies of these fallen heroes. Finally negotiations for peace commenced and on the 15th and 16th of November ambassadors from both sides met to arrange terms of a peace and on the 20th the treaty was ratified.

Citizen of Zurich

Adam Naf, one of the heroes of this battle, received many honors. Among them was the citizenship of the city of Zurich "which shall also be extended to his descendants." He was further permitted to live in his house without paying a fee or taxes. Today one can see Adam Naf's sword and his armor as well as the banner which he rescued in the Swiss National Museum in Zurich, located across the street from the main train station. The civic record of Zurich reads "Adam Naf of Hausen has been freely granted the right of citizenship by my lord on account of his integrity, when at the battle of Kappel, he helped to save my lord's standard, and honor, and mark and cut off the head of an enemy in the act of taking the standard with a battle sword." Three Nafs were killed in that battle Adam's father, Hans Naf, and his two brothers, Konrad and Rudolf Naf. The family have been honored by the people of Zurich over the centuries and they are still remembered as people visit the Naf house and the museum where the relics of the battle are displayed.



Adam Naff's sword as it appears today in the Nafenhaus



[Photograph of Nafenhaus in Kappel am Albis, Switzerland](#)

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