



THRILLRIDE MEDIA

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LOGLINE

Inspired by true events, when an Austrian concentration camp survivor who has escaped the clutches of a young Nazi officer is recruited into a top-secret U.S. military intelligence training program, he must hide his true identity when his platoon is captured by the same officer at the Battle of the Bulge.

SYNOPSIS

Viennese engineering student George Feldmann has escaped Dachau and an upstart Nazi officer, Karl Bruns, who nearly tortures him to death. A mysterious benefactor secures his release as long as he leaves his country and family behind. After George makes his way to America, the Office of Strategic Services recruits him into a top-secret military intelligence course at Maryland's Camp Ritchie. He quickly earns the friendship of three other Jewish classmates: the controlling Viktor, the reckless Murray and the thoughtful Kurt.

George excels as a natural learner in the classroom where memorization of German Army details and mapping surveillance come easy. That confidence is quickly shattered when the training transitions to hand-to-hand combat--where his slight build betrays him--and marksmanship--that exposes his tepidness and inexperience with handling firearms.

During a "mock" Nazi pep rally on the base, George's memories of his family life in Vienna resurface. George protests his unsupportive father's unwillingness to let him accept a scholarship from the Technion in Palestine and throws the offer letter in the garbage.

On an overnight training mission, George's team can't find their way back to base, causing him to doubt his map-reading ability. He shares his prior life in Vienna where he was arrested on Kristallnacht and sent to the Dachau work camp.

At Dachau, George runs afoul of the camp rules when young officer Karl Bruns catches him sewing towels and giving them to other inmates to use as shirts. Bruns strings George up in a dark cell where he recites complex math equations to preserve his sanity.

George then guides his group back to base in record time. Confidence restored, he nails his interrogation test, improves his hand-to-hand combat skills, and earns an expert marksmanship award. George and the others pass the course and are shipped out to the European Theater of Operations.

After the D-Day invasion, George and the others are assigned to the Belgian Ardennes Forest, where they are captured by Bruns, now commanding a German Army battalion. Bruns singles out Kurt and Murray as "Jews from Berlin" and they are summarily executed. George and Viktor had been spared only because they had changed their names and altered their dog tags to hide their Jewish identity. Bruns eventually recognizes George, who fends him off long enough until American forces arrive on the scene.

Viktor confirms that George's parents were killed in the camps, but that Ilse, his sister, is missing. He also convinces George to testify at Bruns' murder trial.

At the war crimes trial, Bruns is convicted and sentenced to death. Viktor arranges a last-minute visit between the two men in Bruns' jail cell. George achieves retribution as a member of the firing squad that executes Bruns.

As Germany's surrender looms, George and Viktor discover an emaciated group of young women who survived a brutal death march. One of these girls is Ilse, who recognizes George. Reunited with Ilse, he learns that she was the mysterious benefactor who had arranged for his release from Dachau by using the scholarship letter that their father had thrown away.