

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:09,424

2
00:00:09,424 --> 00:00:10,912
[CHATTER]

3
00:00:10,912 --> 00:00:15,390

4
00:00:15,390 --> 00:00:17,405
Scene one, take one.

5
00:00:17,405 --> 00:00:18,860
[CLAP]

6
00:00:18,860 --> 00:00:21,290

7
00:00:21,290 --> 00:00:23,160
OK, Jack, go ahead.

8
00:00:23,160 --> 00:00:26,330
I'm Lieutenant Senior Grade
Jack H. Taylor, US Navy,

9
00:00:26,330 --> 00:00:27,772
from Hollywood, California.

10
00:00:27,772 --> 00:00:29,480
Believe it or not,
this is the first time

11
00:00:29,480 --> 00:00:31,230
I've ever been in the movies.

12
00:00:31,230 --> 00:00:34,970
I've been working overseas
in occupied countries

13
00:00:34,970 --> 00:00:37,670

in the Balkans for 18 months.

14
00:00:37,670 --> 00:00:40,370
I was the first Allied
officer to come into Austria

15
00:00:40,370 --> 00:00:42,980
in October, 1944.

16
00:00:42,980 --> 00:00:49,640
I was captured in December
by the Gestapo here in Vienna

17
00:00:49,640 --> 00:00:52,220
and beaten severely,
my arm broken,

18
00:00:52,220 --> 00:00:58,800
and put in Vienna prison
for four months, where

19
00:00:58,800 --> 00:01:02,280
I lived on nothing
but a tiny bit of soup

20
00:01:02,280 --> 00:01:04,170
and a crust of bread a day.

21
00:01:04,170 --> 00:01:06,300
When the Russians
neared Vienna, we

22
00:01:06,300 --> 00:01:07,980
were sent to this
concentration lager,

23
00:01:07,980 --> 00:01:10,790
the worst in all of Germany.

24
00:01:10,790 --> 00:01:16,800
I have seen and heard terrible
stories here in this lager.

25

00:01:16,800 --> 00:01:18,720

I have found out in
the last few days

26

00:01:18,720 --> 00:01:24,500

that I, also, was
condemned to death.

27

00:01:24,500 --> 00:01:29,660

I have found out in the last
few days that an American Naval

28

00:01:29,660 --> 00:01:30,210

officer--

29

00:01:30,210 --> 00:01:32,030

here is part of his uniform--

30

00:01:32,030 --> 00:01:37,100

was executed here by gas in
April the 12th of this year.

31

00:01:37,100 --> 00:01:42,050

Another-- these are
the dog tags of an Army

32

00:01:42,050 --> 00:01:44,710

officer, which was executed
here in April of this year.

33

00:01:44,710 --> 00:01:47,520

34

00:01:47,520 --> 00:01:52,190

Approximately 1,100 men
a day have died here--

35

00:01:52,190 --> 00:01:53,780

have been killed
or starved to death

36

00:01:53,780 --> 00:01:55,560

during April of this year.

37

00:01:55,560 --> 00:01:58,647

The Nazis were trying to remove
all the possible evidence.

38

00:01:58,647 --> 00:02:02,310

39

00:02:02,310 --> 00:02:05,460

We had three crematoriums
going and a huge pit

40

00:02:05,460 --> 00:02:08,009

on the hill to bury the dead.

41

00:02:08,009 --> 00:02:11,070

They were killed in six
different ways, mainly

42

00:02:11,070 --> 00:02:14,700

by gas and shooting,
by starvation,

43

00:02:14,700 --> 00:02:18,000

by pushing the men
over a 100-foot cliff,

44

00:02:18,000 --> 00:02:22,800

by dogs, by exposure
in the wintertime,

45

00:02:22,800 --> 00:02:27,000

naked in the snow for
48 hours and throwing

46

00:02:27,000 --> 00:02:28,010

cold water over them.

47

00:02:28,010 --> 00:02:31,906

48

00:02:31,906 --> 00:02:34,828
Let's see, how many
are there left?

49
00:02:34,828 --> 00:02:40,050
There are conditions of hunger
here too extreme to mention.

50
00:02:40,050 --> 00:02:44,760
The men who have been in
the so-called hospital

51
00:02:44,760 --> 00:02:48,480
have been eating
themselves in cannibalism.

52
00:02:48,480 --> 00:02:51,360
Grass, anything they could eat.

53
00:02:51,360 --> 00:02:55,740
Five sick men in one single bed.

54
00:02:55,740 --> 00:02:58,480
Tell me about that
uniform you have on.

55
00:02:58,480 --> 00:02:59,920
This is the uniform
that I came--

56
00:02:59,920 --> 00:03:01,480
I was captured in uniform.

57
00:03:01,480 --> 00:03:05,305
This was the uniform they gave
me with my number and USA.

58
00:03:05,305 --> 00:03:09,080

59
00:03:09,080 --> 00:03:10,330
What else do you want to know?

60

00:03:10,330 --> 00:03:13,280

All right, who freed you?

61

00:03:13,280 --> 00:03:18,200

11th Army, by God, two days ago, came in and saved us.

62

00:03:18,200 --> 00:03:20,090

God bless America.

63

00:03:20,090 --> 00:03:22,885

Cut.

64

00:03:22,885 --> 00:03:24,346

[CHATTER]

65

00:03:24,346 --> 00:03:29,720

66

00:03:29,720 --> 00:03:31,960

OK, Jack, go ahead.

67

00:03:31,960 --> 00:03:34,790

I'm Lieutenant Jack
H. Taylor, US Navy,

68

00:03:34,790 --> 00:03:36,262

from Hollywood, California.

69

00:03:36,262 --> 00:03:37,970

Believe it or not,
this is the first time

70

00:03:37,970 --> 00:03:40,220

I've ever been in the movies.

71

00:03:40,220 --> 00:03:42,590

I've been working
overseas in the Balkans

72

00:03:42,590 --> 00:03:47,600

in the German-occupied
countries for 18 months.

73
00:03:47,600 --> 00:03:52,250
I came to Austria in October,
1944 as the first Allied

74
00:03:52,250 --> 00:03:56,480
officer to try to find partisans
or a resistance movement.

75
00:03:56,480 --> 00:04:01,370
I was captured in December by
the Gestapo and lodged in the--

76
00:04:01,370 --> 00:04:06,170
beaten severely, my arm broken,
and locked in Vienna prison

77
00:04:06,170 --> 00:04:07,100
for four months.

78
00:04:07,100 --> 00:04:09,080
When the Russians
neared Vienna, I

79
00:04:09,080 --> 00:04:11,640
was taken to this
concentration camp--

80
00:04:11,640 --> 00:04:13,820
I was not considered
as a prisoner of war,

81
00:04:13,820 --> 00:04:15,920
even though I was
captured in uniform--

82
00:04:15,920 --> 00:04:19,459
to this Mauthausen
concentration lager,

83
00:04:19,459 --> 00:04:23,632

the worst concentration
lager in Europe.

84
00:04:23,632 --> 00:04:25,840

This is the finishing lager,
where they bring people,

85
00:04:25,840 --> 00:04:29,560

mainly, to kill them, and I
have seen terrible things here,

86
00:04:29,560 --> 00:04:30,920

even in the last month.

87
00:04:30,920 --> 00:04:35,070

Over 1,000 people a
day, almost every day,

88
00:04:35,070 --> 00:04:38,159

have died of starvation or
have been executed in this

89
00:04:38,159 --> 00:04:39,284

and the surrounding lagers.

90
00:04:39,284 --> 00:04:40,766

[ENGINE ROARING]

91
00:04:40,766 --> 00:04:50,646

92
00:04:50,646 --> 00:04:52,630

OK, Jack.

93
00:04:52,630 --> 00:04:55,705

My name is Lieutenant
Jack H. Taylor, US Navy,

94
00:04:55,705 --> 00:04:57,342

from Hollywood, California.

95
00:04:57,342 --> 00:04:59,050

Believe it or not,
this is the first time

96
00:04:59,050 --> 00:05:01,330
I've ever been in the movies.

97
00:05:01,330 --> 00:05:04,540
I've been working in the
Balkans in occupied countries

98
00:05:04,540 --> 00:05:06,670
for 18 months.

99
00:05:06,670 --> 00:05:11,515
In October '44, I was the
first Allied officer to--

100
00:05:11,515 --> 00:05:12,015
[COUGH]

101
00:05:12,015 --> 00:05:14,740
--come to Austria.

102
00:05:14,740 --> 00:05:21,130
I was captured December
1st by the Gestapo,

103
00:05:21,130 --> 00:05:25,090
even though I was in uniform,
severely beaten and considered

104
00:05:25,090 --> 00:05:27,920
as a non-prisoner of war.

105
00:05:27,920 --> 00:05:30,130
I was taken to
Vienna prison, where

106
00:05:30,130 --> 00:05:31,540
I was held for four months.

107
00:05:31,540 --> 00:05:34,090

When the Russians
neared Vienna, I

108
00:05:34,090 --> 00:05:36,640
was taken to this
Mauthausen concentration

109
00:05:36,640 --> 00:05:42,760
lager, an extermination
camp, the worst in Germany,

110
00:05:42,760 --> 00:05:51,010
where we have been starving
and beaten and killed.

111
00:05:51,010 --> 00:05:52,840
Fortunately, my
turn hadn't come.

112
00:05:52,840 --> 00:05:56,110

113
00:05:56,110 --> 00:05:59,500
Two American officers, at
least, have been executed here.

114
00:05:59,500 --> 00:06:03,070
Here is the insignia of
one, a US Naval officer,

115
00:06:03,070 --> 00:06:05,402
and here is his dog tag.

116
00:06:05,402 --> 00:06:09,880
Here is the Army officer,
executed by gas in this lager.

117
00:06:09,880 --> 00:06:14,690

118
00:06:14,690 --> 00:06:16,970
How many ways do they execute?

119

00:06:16,970 --> 00:06:21,710

Five or six ways, by gas, by shooting, by beating, that is,

120

00:06:21,710 --> 00:06:29,180

beating with clubs, by exposure, that is,

121

00:06:29,180 --> 00:06:31,670

standing out in the snow naked in 48 hours

122

00:06:31,670 --> 00:06:33,830

and having cold water thrown on them

123

00:06:33,830 --> 00:06:39,890

in the middle of winter, starvation, dogs, and pushing

124

00:06:39,890 --> 00:06:41,600

over a 100-foot cliff.

125

00:06:41,600 --> 00:06:44,260

126

00:06:44,260 --> 00:06:45,780

This is all true.

127

00:06:45,780 --> 00:06:47,815

It has been seen and is now being recorded.

128

00:06:47,815 --> 00:06:50,492

129

00:06:50,492 --> 00:06:52,200

Where'd you get that uniform you have on?

130

00:06:52,200 --> 00:06:55,330

This uniform, I came

here in uniform,

131
00:06:55,330 --> 00:06:56,740
but it was taken away from me.

132
00:06:56,740 --> 00:07:01,850
And this was substituted,
with my number and USA.

133
00:07:01,850 --> 00:07:05,920
I have been condemned to
death, as another American

134
00:07:05,920 --> 00:07:09,610
also in this camp, but
fortunately, the 11th Army

135
00:07:09,610 --> 00:07:12,250
Division has come through
and saved us in time.

136
00:07:12,250 --> 00:07:13,670
God bless America.

137
00:07:13,670 --> 00:07:14,170
Cut.

138
00:07:14,170 --> 00:07:17,026

139
00:07:17,026 --> 00:07:18,454
[CHATTER]

140
00:07:18,454 --> 00:07:21,800

141
00:07:21,800 --> 00:07:23,330
OK, Louis.

142
00:07:23,330 --> 00:07:27,560
I'm Sergeant Louis Biagioni
from Brooklyn, New York.

143
00:07:27,560 --> 00:07:29,298
that's in the United States.

144
00:07:29,298 --> 00:07:32,910
It's from [INAUDIBLE]
in America.

145
00:07:32,910 --> 00:07:39,080
I came to Europe in 1943,
and in 1944, April the 1st,

146
00:07:39,080 --> 00:07:42,710
I dropped in northern Italy,
working with the partisans.

147
00:07:42,710 --> 00:07:49,890
On May the 19th, I was taken by
a Gestapo and roughly beaten.

148
00:07:49,890 --> 00:07:51,905
A few months later,
I was taken here

149
00:07:51,905 --> 00:07:55,310
to this concentration camp.

150
00:07:55,310 --> 00:07:58,620
Four months after I was
here, I was taken to Linz

151
00:07:58,620 --> 00:08:01,190
and sentenced to death.

152
00:08:01,190 --> 00:08:04,790
I was brought back here in
the wait of my execution,

153
00:08:04,790 --> 00:08:07,130
but the Americans
came here first.

154

00:08:07,130 --> 00:08:08,450
And I was saved.

155
00:08:08,450 --> 00:08:09,490
God bless them.

156
00:08:09,490 --> 00:08:09,990
Cut.

157
00:08:09,990 --> 00:08:17,090

158
00:08:17,090 --> 00:08:18,680
OK, Louis, go ahead.

159
00:08:18,680 --> 00:08:23,340
I'm Sergeant Louis Biagioni
from Brooklyn, New York.

160
00:08:23,340 --> 00:08:27,880
I came overseas in 1943.

161
00:08:27,880 --> 00:08:32,159
In 1944, April the 1st, I
dropped in northern Italy,

162
00:08:32,159 --> 00:08:34,395
worked with the partisans.

163
00:08:34,395 --> 00:08:37,470
A couple of months later,
I was taken by the Gestapo

164
00:08:37,470 --> 00:08:41,220
and roughly beaten.

165
00:08:41,220 --> 00:08:42,840
I was brought here
to Mauthausen.

166
00:08:42,840 --> 00:08:46,710
And a few months after we

was here, I was taken to Linz

167

00:08:46,710 --> 00:08:48,720
and sentenced to death.

168

00:08:48,720 --> 00:08:51,780
I was brought back
here, but they

169

00:08:51,780 --> 00:08:54,420
didn't get the chance to execute
me because the Americans came

170

00:08:54,420 --> 00:08:55,620
in here first.

171

00:08:55,620 --> 00:08:58,070
God bless the boys.

172

00:08:58,070 --> 00:09:04,000