

1

00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:03,479

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2

00:00:03,479 --> 00:00:35,810

3

00:00:35,810 --> 00:00:38,595

To St. Paul's Cathedral

in the heart of London

4

00:00:38,595 --> 00:00:40,870

came England and

many of our allies

5

00:00:40,870 --> 00:00:43,870

to pay a tribute

to a fallen friend.

6

00:00:43,870 --> 00:00:45,460

The death of Franklin

Roosevelt had

7

00:00:45,460 --> 00:00:46,800

stunned the whole free world.

8

00:00:46,800 --> 00:00:49,626

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9

00:00:49,626 --> 00:00:54,340

10

00:00:54,340 --> 00:00:57,203

John Winant, the American

ambassador, and Admiral Stark,

11

00:00:57,203 --> 00:00:58,495

close friends of the president.

12

00:00:58,495 --> 00:01:01,125

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13

00:01:01,125 --> 00:01:03,030

14

00:01:03,030 --> 00:01:11,080

King Haakon of Norway,  
King Peter of Yugoslavia,

15

00:01:11,080 --> 00:01:12,580

Queen Wilhelmina  
of the Netherlands,

16

00:01:12,580 --> 00:01:13,872

and the Crown Princess Juliana.

17

00:01:13,872 --> 00:01:16,420

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18

00:01:16,420 --> 00:01:23,230

19

00:01:23,230 --> 00:01:26,470

The old warrior of  
England, Winston Churchill.

20

00:01:26,470 --> 00:01:30,490

For him, for all those there,  
it was a terrible and sober hour

21

00:01:30,490 --> 00:01:31,495

in a year of victory.

22

00:01:31,495 --> 00:01:34,035

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23

00:01:34,035 --> 00:01:36,290

24

00:01:36,290 --> 00:01:38,420

And the nameless unnumbered  
people of England

25

00:01:38,420 --> 00:01:40,154  
were there with their leaders.

26  
00:01:40,154 --> 00:01:43,472  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

27  
00:01:43,472 --> 00:01:48,700

28  
00:01:48,700 --> 00:01:51,633  
They were the king and queen of  
England and Princess Elizabeth.

29  
00:01:51,633 --> 00:01:54,048  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

30  
00:01:54,048 --> 00:01:58,400

31  
00:01:58,400 --> 00:02:00,770  
Four kings and three  
queens paid homage

32  
00:02:00,770 --> 00:02:04,310  
to a great man, whose life  
had, in the hour of victory,

33  
00:02:04,310 --> 00:02:05,735  
come suddenly to its close.

34  
00:02:05,735 --> 00:02:10,169

35  
00:02:10,169 --> 00:02:13,470  
In Paris, liberated  
Paris, a requiem mass

36  
00:02:13,470 --> 00:02:16,080  
was held at the  
Cathedral of Notre Dame.

37  
00:02:16,080 --> 00:02:18,330

American soldiers  
and the French people

38  
00:02:18,330 --> 00:02:20,383  
came silently and in mourning.

39  
00:02:20,383 --> 00:02:23,700  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

40  
00:02:23,700 --> 00:02:26,133  
The American  
ambassador, Mr. Caffery.

41  
00:02:26,133 --> 00:02:28,548  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

42  
00:02:28,548 --> 00:02:36,770

43  
00:02:36,770 --> 00:02:38,705  
General de Gaulle, the  
leader of free France.

44  
00:02:38,705 --> 00:02:41,420  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

45  
00:02:41,420 --> 00:02:45,220

46  
00:02:45,220 --> 00:02:48,280  
A champion of all  
free men had died.

47  
00:02:48,280 --> 00:02:52,000  
In our mourning, we are  
resolved that we shall march on

48  
00:02:52,000 --> 00:02:53,580  
with his spirit as our guide.

49  
00:02:53,580 --> 00:02:56,454  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

50  
00:02:56,454 --> 00:03:03,650

51  
00:03:03,650 --> 00:03:05,600  
For more than five  
relentless years,

52  
00:03:05,600 --> 00:03:08,090  
these Allied bombers have  
been pouring destruction

53  
00:03:08,090 --> 00:03:11,600  
upon the vital centers  
of the Nazi war machine.

54  
00:03:11,600 --> 00:03:15,410  
Now, at long last, the  
strategic bombing is over.

55  
00:03:15,410 --> 00:03:17,630  
The great centers are dead--

56  
00:03:17,630 --> 00:03:20,282  
dead as this oil  
refinery at Hamburg.

57  
00:03:20,282 --> 00:03:22,742  
[AERIAL BOMBS EXPLODING]

58  
00:03:22,742 --> 00:03:28,160

59  
00:03:28,160 --> 00:03:31,760  
Dead as the notorious Thyssen  
steelworks at Bruchhausen,

60  
00:03:31,760 --> 00:03:35,030  
its furnaces blasted, its  
chimneys a crumpled ruin.

61  
00:03:35,030 --> 00:03:37,285

[MUSIC PLAYING]

62

00:03:37,285 --> 00:03:39,540

63

00:03:39,540 --> 00:03:43,230

Dead as the Sterkrade-Holten  
works at Hamborn, once

64

00:03:43,230 --> 00:03:45,540

among the greatest synthetic  
oil plants of the Reich.

65

00:03:45,540 --> 00:03:47,850

[MUSIC PLAYING]

66

00:03:47,850 --> 00:03:50,160

67

00:03:50,160 --> 00:03:53,100

Here was the vital  
Ems-Weser canal,

68

00:03:53,100 --> 00:03:57,150

where it joined the Dortmund  
Waterway near Grafenhausen.

69

00:03:57,150 --> 00:03:59,970

No Hitler slave  
gangs could save it.

70

00:03:59,970 --> 00:04:02,010

No war cargo float  
down it again.

71

00:04:02,010 --> 00:04:05,690

[MUSIC PLAYING]

72

00:04:05,690 --> 00:04:09,920

Here once lay the wall works  
of Essen, busy, prosperous

73

00:04:09,920 --> 00:04:12,920

Essen, thriving  
on what was once,

74

00:04:12,920 --> 00:04:16,490

in the whole world, the highest  
concentration of industry

75

00:04:16,490 --> 00:04:21,470

for death, famous for Krupps  
with its power plant, Stark

76

00:04:21,470 --> 00:04:23,090

machinery.

77

00:04:23,090 --> 00:04:26,840

Yes, the work of the Allied  
bombers has finished here.

78

00:04:26,840 --> 00:04:30,521

Strategic bombing has  
ended all over Germany.

79

00:04:30,521 --> 00:04:32,320

Death has come back  
where it started.

80

00:04:32,320 --> 00:04:35,308

[MUSIC PLAYING]

81

00:04:35,308 --> 00:04:45,280

82

00:04:45,280 --> 00:04:46,930

Troops of the  
American Third Army

83

00:04:46,930 --> 00:04:49,930

fight their way south on  
the road to Nuremberg.

84

00:04:49,930 --> 00:04:50,760

This is Baumberg.

85

00:04:50,760 --> 00:04:52,946

[MUSIC PLAYING]

86

00:04:52,946 --> 00:04:58,110

87

00:04:58,110 --> 00:05:01,110

Resistance was heavy for the  
German armies under Kesselring

88

00:05:01,110 --> 00:05:04,950

are here defending the  
approaches to Berchtesgaden.

89

00:05:04,950 --> 00:05:07,380

But the infantry goes  
in under heavy fire

90

00:05:07,380 --> 00:05:10,012

to clear out snipers  
and machine gun nests.

91

00:05:10,012 --> 00:05:11,900

[BOMBS EXPLODING]

92

00:05:11,900 --> 00:05:16,160

93

00:05:16,160 --> 00:05:17,750

The town is won.

94

00:05:17,750 --> 00:05:20,580

The last fanatical  
defenders are beaten down.

95

00:05:20,580 --> 00:05:21,890

The advance goes on.

96

00:05:21,890 --> 00:05:26,490



97

00:05:26,490 --> 00:05:29,310

Back in Frankfurt am  
Main, German civilians

98

00:05:29,310 --> 00:05:31,690

queue up for their rations.

99

00:05:31,690 --> 00:05:33,840

These are distributed  
out of German food stocks

100

00:05:33,840 --> 00:05:35,325

by military government  
authorities.

101

00:05:35,325 --> 00:05:38,115

[MUSIC PLAYING]

102

00:05:38,115 --> 00:05:39,570

103

00:05:39,570 --> 00:05:42,360

In the little town of Dahn,  
civilians raid coal heaps

104

00:05:42,360 --> 00:05:45,420

left behind by the  
retreating German army.

105

00:05:45,420 --> 00:05:47,490

Here the advance  
has been so swift

106

00:05:47,490 --> 00:05:51,420

that military government had not  
yet been able to restore order.

107

00:05:51,420 --> 00:05:55,290

In nearby Wertheim,  
it is food barges.

108

00:05:55,290 --> 00:05:58,230

Coal, food, clothing,  
whatever they can seize,

109  
00:05:58,230 --> 00:06:01,210  
they carry off to the  
holes in which they live.

110  
00:06:01,210 --> 00:06:02,830  
This is the master race.

111  
00:06:02,830 --> 00:06:06,071  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

112  
00:06:06,071 --> 00:06:08,860

113  
00:06:08,860 --> 00:06:13,210  
All over occupied Germany,  
the pattern remains the same.

114  
00:06:13,210 --> 00:06:16,900  
The battle, the swift driving  
on of the armies, the civilians

115  
00:06:16,900 --> 00:06:19,330  
who come out of their  
shelters, the posting

116  
00:06:19,330 --> 00:06:21,490  
of Allied proclamations.

117  
00:06:21,490 --> 00:06:23,650  
And the stunned  
and beaten people

118  
00:06:23,650 --> 00:06:27,730  
cut off from the outer world,  
cut off even from its neighbors

119  
00:06:27,730 --> 00:06:31,510  
is given orders and obey.

120

00:06:31,510 --> 00:06:35,200  
One of the captures of the week  
is Franz von Papen and his son.

121  
00:06:35,200 --> 00:06:37,210  
This former chancellor  
and Nazi ambassador

122  
00:06:37,210 --> 00:06:40,600  
becomes a prisoner of war,  
along with almost 2 million

123  
00:06:40,600 --> 00:06:42,430  
of the German army.

124  
00:06:42,430 --> 00:06:44,780  
In the great advances  
of the month of April,

125  
00:06:44,780 --> 00:06:46,510  
the Allied armies  
have taken enough men

126  
00:06:46,510 --> 00:06:49,180  
for 100 German divisions.

127  
00:06:49,180 --> 00:06:51,910  
And the terrible blows  
continue, preparing

128  
00:06:51,910 --> 00:06:54,760  
for the junction of the  
Russian and Allied armies.

129  
00:06:54,760 --> 00:06:56,650  
Germany is almost split in two.

130  
00:06:56,650 --> 00:07:02,640

131  
00:07:02,640 --> 00:07:04,400  
And the drive goes on.

132

00:07:04,400 --> 00:07:05,990

Hanover is captured.

133

00:07:05,990 --> 00:07:07,910

And civilians waved  
white handkerchiefs

134

00:07:07,910 --> 00:07:10,730

and lined in the streets  
to watch a victorious army

135

00:07:10,730 --> 00:07:12,950

rumble through to the east.

136

00:07:12,950 --> 00:07:16,100

They see the awesome power  
of an avenging world.

137

00:07:16,100 --> 00:07:19,390

[MUSIC PLAYING]

138

00:07:19,390 --> 00:07:23,630

139

00:07:23,630 --> 00:07:25,460

All along the Allied  
advance, the gates

140

00:07:25,460 --> 00:07:27,605

swing open from German  
concentration camps.

141

00:07:27,605 --> 00:07:32,940

142

00:07:32,940 --> 00:07:34,980

At once American  
army investigators

143

00:07:34,980 --> 00:07:38,730

begin questioning freed Allied  
soldiers on their experiences

144  
00:07:38,730 --> 00:07:40,340  
in these camps of  
the living dead.

145  
00:07:40,340 --> 00:07:43,490  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

146  
00:07:43,490 --> 00:07:45,620  
The men report  
starvation and violation

147  
00:07:45,620 --> 00:07:48,290  
of the international code on  
treatment of captured soldiers.

148  
00:07:48,290 --> 00:07:50,990  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

149  
00:07:50,990 --> 00:07:54,020  
They punished proof of slavery  
imposed on helpless women.

150  
00:07:54,020 --> 00:07:57,520  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

151  
00:07:57,520 --> 00:08:00,160  
Branded for all their  
years, their hands

152  
00:08:00,160 --> 00:08:02,260  
mangled by machines  
and munition factories.

153  
00:08:02,260 --> 00:08:06,180  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

154  
00:08:06,180 --> 00:08:08,640  
Men, women, and  
children were slain,

155  
00:08:08,640 --> 00:08:11,520

piled together in common graves.

156

00:08:11,520 --> 00:08:16,470

30,000 are buried here, and  
they were mostly Russians.

157

00:08:16,470 --> 00:08:19,170

Throughout Germany, there  
are numerous burial grounds

158

00:08:19,170 --> 00:08:23,205

for Poles, Czechoslovaks,  
Frenchmen, Belgians, Dutchmen,

159

00:08:23,205 --> 00:08:23,705

Norwegians.

160

00:08:23,705 --> 00:08:26,535

[MUSIC PLAYING]

161

00:08:26,535 --> 00:08:29,430

162

00:08:29,430 --> 00:08:31,680

Now war crimes  
investigating officers

163

00:08:31,680 --> 00:08:33,990

sieve the evidence from the  
staff of the alleged insane

164

00:08:33,990 --> 00:08:36,090

asylum at Hadamar.

165

00:08:36,090 --> 00:08:40,710

Adolf Merkel, a admits that  
sane people were incarcerated

166

00:08:40,710 --> 00:08:44,310

and executed here every day  
for political and religious

167

00:08:44,310 --> 00:08:45,630  
beliefs.

168  
00:08:45,630 --> 00:08:48,900  
But scarred Dr. Adolf  
Wahlmann, the imposing chief,

169  
00:08:48,900 --> 00:08:52,440  
and short, bald Karl  
Willig, the executioner,

170  
00:08:52,440 --> 00:08:56,760  
blamed the murders by overdoses  
of morphine on other men.

171  
00:08:56,760 --> 00:08:58,470  
They insist they  
merely carried out

172  
00:08:58,470 --> 00:09:00,540  
the orders of higher  
officials in the Reich

173  
00:09:00,540 --> 00:09:02,550  
government and the Nazi Party.

174  
00:09:02,550 --> 00:09:05,436  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

175  
00:09:05,436 --> 00:09:12,180

176  
00:09:12,180 --> 00:09:16,245  
The court establishes guilt.  
In the graveyard at Hadamar,

177  
00:09:16,245 --> 00:09:17,370  
the evidence was uncovered.

178  
00:09:17,370 --> 00:09:20,496  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

179

00:09:20,496 --> 00:09:23,360

180

00:09:23,360 --> 00:09:27,150

An American Army doctor  
makes autopsies at the grave.

181

00:09:27,150 --> 00:09:30,140

He report symptoms of  
starvation, abuse, and poison.

182

00:09:30,140 --> 00:09:33,390

183

00:09:33,390 --> 00:09:36,840

There are 20,000  
dead at Hadamar.

184

00:09:36,840 --> 00:09:41,055

And at Ohrdruf, many more, shot  
in the open fields and burned.

185

00:09:41,055 --> 00:09:45,290

186

00:09:45,290 --> 00:09:48,590

The list of crimes is read  
to local German authorities.

187

00:09:48,590 --> 00:09:50,472

And they are shown  
the sheds where bodies

188

00:09:50,472 --> 00:09:51,680

are stacked up like cordwood.

189

00:09:51,680 --> 00:09:57,580

190

00:09:57,580 --> 00:10:00,040

Each of the German officials  
blame somebody else



191

00:10:00,040 --> 00:10:01,990  
for the grisly crimes.

192

00:10:01,990 --> 00:10:04,210  
They claim they were  
puppets carrying out

193

00:10:04,210 --> 00:10:07,990  
the governmental orders, the  
orders which the entire nation

194

00:10:07,990 --> 00:10:11,130  
supported and upheld.

195

00:10:11,130 --> 00:10:14,910  
In the eyes of Supreme Commander  
Eisenhower and of the world,

196

00:10:14,910 --> 00:10:18,330  
this kind of torture and beating  
practiced on the prisoners

197

00:10:18,330 --> 00:10:19,035  
is a crime.

198

00:10:19,035 --> 00:10:21,214  
[MUSIC PLAYING]

199

00:10:21,214 --> 00:10:26,990

200

00:10:26,990 --> 00:10:28,760  
Throughout Germany,  
the scene of death

201

00:10:28,760 --> 00:10:31,790  
repeats itself in  
concentration camps,

202

00:10:31,790 --> 00:10:33,890  
along the path of  
the Allied advance.

203

00:10:33,890 --> 00:10:37,540

[MUSIC PLAYING]

204

00:10:37,540 --> 00:10:45,000