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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,830

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00:00:06,830 --> 00:00:09,650
At this concentration
camp in the Gotha area,

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00:00:09,650 --> 00:00:12,080
the Germans starved,
clubbed, and burned to death

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00:00:12,080 --> 00:00:14,150
more than 4,000
political prisoners

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00:00:14,150 --> 00:00:15,860
over a period of eight months.

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00:00:15,860 --> 00:00:18,860
A few captives survived
by hiding in the woods.

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00:00:18,860 --> 00:00:20,690
The camp is chosen
for a high command

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00:00:20,690 --> 00:00:23,390
inspection led by General
Dwight D. Eisenhower.

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00:00:23,390 --> 00:00:26,150
Also present are generals
Omar and Bradley and George S.

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00:00:26,150 --> 00:00:29,240
Patton, the 4th Armored Division
of General Patton's Third Army

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00:00:29,240 --> 00:00:31,340
liberated this camp
early in April.

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00:00:31,340 --> 00:00:33,822

The generals view the rack
that was used by the Nazis

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00:00:33,822 --> 00:00:34,655

to whip the inmates.

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00:00:34,655 --> 00:00:59,020

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00:00:59,020 --> 00:01:01,660

They see the woodshed where
lime-covered bodies are

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00:01:01,660 --> 00:01:04,697

stacked in layers and the
stench is overpowering.

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00:01:04,697 --> 00:01:24,220

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00:01:24,220 --> 00:01:26,020

Former inmates
demonstrate how they

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00:01:26,020 --> 00:01:27,160

were tortured by the Nazis.

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00:01:27,160 --> 00:01:40,140

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00:01:40,140 --> 00:01:42,060

American congressmen
invited to view

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00:01:42,060 --> 00:01:45,090

the atrocities we're told by
General Eisenhower nothing

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00:01:45,090 --> 00:01:46,170

is covered up.

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00:01:46,170 --> 00:01:47,850

We have nothing to conceal.

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00:01:47,850 --> 00:01:49,500

The barbarous
treatment these people

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00:01:49,500 --> 00:01:51,540

received in the German
concentration camps

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00:01:51,540 --> 00:01:53,220

is almost unbelievable.

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00:01:53,220 --> 00:01:55,608

I want you to see for
yourselves and be the spokesmen

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00:01:55,608 --> 00:01:56,525

for the United States.

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00:01:56,525 --> 00:02:06,810

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00:02:06,810 --> 00:02:09,449

The general and his party
next see the crude Woodland

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00:02:09,449 --> 00:02:12,780

crematory actually a grill
made of railway tracks.

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00:02:12,780 --> 00:02:15,180

Here the bodies of
victims were cremated.

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00:02:15,180 --> 00:02:16,950

Charred remains
of several inmates

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00:02:16,950 --> 00:02:18,600

still heaped atop the grill.

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00:02:18,600 --> 00:02:39,550

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00:02:39,550 --> 00:02:41,800
Another group to
visit the Ohrdruf camp

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00:02:41,800 --> 00:02:45,700
is composed of local townspeople
including prominent Nazi party

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00:02:45,700 --> 00:02:46,510
members.

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00:02:46,510 --> 00:02:48,820
They'll be taken on a
forced tour of the camp site

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00:02:48,820 --> 00:02:50,950
by Colonel Hayden
Sears, commander

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00:02:50,950 --> 00:02:53,110
of the 4th Armored
Division's combat command

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00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:54,520
A, which captured Ohrdruf.

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00:02:54,520 --> 00:03:05,160

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00:03:05,160 --> 00:03:07,110
A German medical
major is compelled

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00:03:07,110 --> 00:03:08,490
to accompany the townspeople.

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00:03:08,490 --> 00:03:20,010

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00:03:20,010 --> 00:03:22,230
Colonel Sears stands
by as the Nazis

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00:03:22,230 --> 00:03:25,410
are informed that they must see
all the horrors at the camp.

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00:03:25,410 --> 00:03:38,660

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00:03:38,660 --> 00:03:41,000
First, the visitors
view some 30 freshly

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00:03:41,000 --> 00:03:43,370
killed bodies lying in
the courtyard of the camp

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00:03:43,370 --> 00:03:45,470
where they'd been shot
on the evening preceding

54
00:03:45,470 --> 00:03:46,700
the entry of American tanks.

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00:03:46,700 --> 00:03:56,810

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00:03:56,810 --> 00:03:58,940
These two are identified
as slave labor

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00:03:58,940 --> 00:04:01,102
bosses who maltreated
and tortured and killed

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00:04:01,102 --> 00:04:01,685
their workers.

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00:04:01,685 --> 00:04:09,080

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00:04:09,080 --> 00:04:12,350
Next to the woodshed, which the
Nazis are reluctant to enter,

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00:04:12,350 --> 00:04:14,810
but Colonel Sears demands
that they get a close up

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00:04:14,810 --> 00:04:16,370
look at the most
gruesome of sights.

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00:04:16,370 --> 00:04:40,940

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00:04:40,940 --> 00:04:43,880
The Nazi major asserts that the
whole German people cannot be

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00:04:43,880 --> 00:04:46,940
held responsible for the
actions of a few SS guards.

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00:04:46,940 --> 00:04:50,120
He refuses to go inside,
and additional persuasion

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00:04:50,120 --> 00:04:51,890
is found necessary in his case.

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00:04:51,890 --> 00:04:57,790

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00:04:57,790 --> 00:04:58,780
The labor bosses enter.

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00:04:58,780 --> 00:05:13,680

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00:05:13,680 --> 00:05:15,270

He's protesting
that he's innocent

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00:05:15,270 --> 00:05:17,700
and that this is a propaganda
demonstration arranged

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00:05:17,700 --> 00:05:18,600
by the Americans.

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00:05:18,600 --> 00:05:23,390

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00:05:23,390 --> 00:05:25,370
According to reports,
the local Nazis

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00:05:25,370 --> 00:05:28,220
continued their tour of the
camp without apparent emotion.

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00:05:28,220 --> 00:05:30,890
All denied knowledge of what
had taken place at Ohrdruf.

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00:05:30,890 --> 00:05:37,580

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00:05:37,580 --> 00:05:40,580
They are taken to the crematory
two miles outside the camp

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00:05:40,580 --> 00:05:43,790
where the list of the atrocities
is read and for all to hear.

81
00:05:43,790 --> 00:05:45,830
The 4,000 Ohrdruf
victims are said

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00:05:45,830 --> 00:05:48,890
to include Poles, Czechs,
Russians, Belgians, Frenchmen,

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00:05:48,890 --> 00:05:51,625
German Jews, and German
political prisoners.

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00:05:51,625 --> 00:06:05,220

85
00:06:05,220 --> 00:06:07,860
A day before these
Nazis visited the camp,

86
00:06:07,860 --> 00:06:10,920
the burgermeister of Ohrdruf
was forced to view the horrors.

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00:06:10,920 --> 00:06:14,100
He and his wife were later
found dead in their home,

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00:06:14,100 --> 00:06:15,105
apparently suicides.

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00:06:15,105 --> 00:06:23,600

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00:06:23,600 --> 00:06:26,090
American officers arrive
at a Nazi institution

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00:06:26,090 --> 00:06:27,920
seized by first army troops.

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00:06:27,920 --> 00:06:30,090
Under the guise of
an insane asylum,

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00:06:30,090 --> 00:06:32,480
this has been the headquarters
for the systematic murder

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00:06:32,480 --> 00:06:36,110

of 35,000 Poles, Russians,
and Germans sent here mainly

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00:06:36,110 --> 00:06:38,660
for political and
religious considerations.

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00:06:38,660 --> 00:06:41,030
Those still alive are
examined by Major Herman

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00:06:41,030 --> 00:06:44,140
Bolker of the American war
crimes investigation team.

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00:06:44,140 --> 00:06:46,010
The townspeople in
Hadamar, Germany,

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00:06:46,010 --> 00:06:47,780
call this place the
House of Shutters.

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00:06:47,780 --> 00:07:43,760

101
00:07:43,760 --> 00:07:46,340
Meanwhile at the graveyard
attached to the institution,

102
00:07:46,340 --> 00:07:48,560
bodies are exhumed for autopsy.

103
00:07:48,560 --> 00:07:50,540
20,000 are buried here.

104
00:07:50,540 --> 00:07:53,930
15,000 who died in a lethal
gas chamber were cremated

105
00:07:53,930 --> 00:07:55,010
and their ashes interred.

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00:07:55,010 --> 00:08:21,290

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00:08:21,290 --> 00:08:24,230

Death books found hidden in
the wine cellar of the Hadamar

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00:08:24,230 --> 00:08:27,590

institution revealed part of
the story of the mass killings.

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00:08:27,590 --> 00:08:29,600

The bulky volumes
contained thousands

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00:08:29,600 --> 00:08:31,070

of death certificates.

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00:08:31,070 --> 00:08:33,559

Profession unknown,
nationality unknown

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00:08:33,559 --> 00:08:35,090

was written after each name.

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00:08:35,090 --> 00:08:53,340

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00:08:53,340 --> 00:08:57,045

The corpses are lined up pending
the arrival of WCIT officers.

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00:08:57,045 --> 00:09:15,520

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00:09:15,520 --> 00:09:17,920

Major Bolker
performs the autopsy.

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00:09:17,920 --> 00:09:21,780

A detailed listing is
made of all clinical data.

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00:09:21,780 --> 00:09:40,000