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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:52,780

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00:00:52,780 --> 00:00:56,030
I'm Lieutenant Senior Grade
Jack H. Taylor, US Navy,

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00:00:56,030 --> 00:00:57,442
from Hollywood, California.

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00:00:57,442 --> 00:00:59,150
Believe it or not,
this is the first time

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00:00:59,150 --> 00:01:01,020
I've ever been in the movies.

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00:01:01,020 --> 00:01:04,640
I've been working overseas
in occupied countries

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00:01:04,640 --> 00:01:07,640
in the Balkans for 18 months.

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00:01:07,640 --> 00:01:12,470
In October '44, I was
the first Allied officer

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00:01:12,470 --> 00:01:15,740
to be captured in Austria.

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00:01:15,740 --> 00:01:19,670
I was captured December
1st by the Gestapo,

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00:01:19,670 --> 00:01:24,550
severely beaten, even though I
was in uniform, severely beaten

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00:01:24,550 --> 00:01:28,830
and considered as a

non-prisoner of war.

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00:01:28,830 --> 00:01:31,130
I was taken to the
Vienna the prison, where

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00:01:31,130 --> 00:01:32,510
I was held for four months.

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00:01:32,510 --> 00:01:35,090
When the Russians
neared Vienna, I

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00:01:35,090 --> 00:01:37,670
was taken to this
Mauthausen concentration

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00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:43,760
lager, an extermination
camp, the worst in Germany,

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00:01:43,760 --> 00:01:52,010
where we have been starving
and beaten and killed.

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00:01:52,010 --> 00:01:53,810
Fortunately, my
turn hadn't come.

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00:01:53,810 --> 00:01:57,110

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00:01:57,110 --> 00:02:00,480
Two American officers, at
least, have been executed here.

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00:02:00,480 --> 00:02:04,010
There is the insignia of
one, a US Naval officer,

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00:02:04,010 --> 00:02:06,340
and here is his dog tag.

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00:02:06,340 --> 00:02:10,850

And here is the army officer,
executed by gas in this lager.

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00:02:10,850 --> 00:02:15,210

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00:02:15,210 --> 00:02:15,710

There were--

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00:02:15,710 --> 00:02:17,960

How many ways do they execute?

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00:02:17,960 --> 00:02:22,280

Five or six ways, by gas,
by shooting, by beating.

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00:02:22,280 --> 00:02:30,770

That is beating with clubs, by
exposure, and just standing out

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00:02:30,770 --> 00:02:34,426

in the snow naked for 48 hours
and having cold water thrown

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00:02:34,426 --> 00:02:40,110

on them in the middle of
winter, starvation, dogs,

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00:02:40,110 --> 00:02:42,570

and pushing over 100-foot cliff.

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00:02:42,570 --> 00:02:45,720

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00:02:45,720 --> 00:02:51,170

This is all true, has been
seen, and is now being recorded.

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00:02:51,170 --> 00:02:52,650

You get that uniform
you have on??

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00:02:52,650 --> 00:02:55,500
This uniform-- I
came here in uniform,

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00:02:55,500 --> 00:02:56,990
but it was taken away from me.

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00:02:56,990 --> 00:03:01,920
And this was substituted
with my number and USA.

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00:03:01,920 --> 00:03:05,970
Might have been condemned
to death as another American

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00:03:05,970 --> 00:03:07,380
also in this camp.

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00:03:07,380 --> 00:03:10,393
But fortunately, the
11th Armored Division

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00:03:10,393 --> 00:03:12,060
has come through and
saved us some time.

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00:03:12,060 --> 00:08:06,120

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00:08:06,120 --> 00:08:09,300
Slave labor camp at Nordhausen
liberated by the 3rd Armored

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00:08:09,300 --> 00:08:10,740
Division, First Army.

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00:08:10,740 --> 00:08:12,900
At least 3,000
political prisoners

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00:08:12,900 --> 00:08:15,090

died here at the brutal
hands of SS troops

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00:08:15,090 --> 00:08:17,730
and pardoned Germans,
who were the camp guards.

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00:08:17,730 --> 00:08:21,390
Nordhausen had been a depository
for slaves found unfit for work

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00:08:21,390 --> 00:08:24,750
in the underground V-bomb
plants and in other German camps

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00:08:24,750 --> 00:08:25,500
and factories.

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00:08:25,500 --> 00:08:42,340

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00:08:42,340 --> 00:08:45,360
Amid the corpses are human
skeletons too weak to move.

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00:08:45,360 --> 00:08:55,280

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00:08:55,280 --> 00:08:57,050
Men of our medical
battalions worked

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00:08:57,050 --> 00:09:00,500
two days and nights binding
wounds and giving medications.

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00:09:00,500 --> 00:09:03,570
But for advanced cases of
starvation and tuberculosis,

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00:09:03,570 --> 00:09:05,470
there were often no cures.

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00:09:05,470 --> 00:09:07,970

Survivors are shown being
evacuated for treatment

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00:09:07,970 --> 00:09:09,080

in Allied hospitals.

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00:09:09,080 --> 00:09:35,740

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00:09:35,740 --> 00:09:38,050

The victims are mainly
Poles and Russians

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00:09:38,050 --> 00:09:40,690

with considerable numbers of
French and other nationalities

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00:09:40,690 --> 00:09:42,400

also included in
the camp roster.

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00:09:42,400 --> 00:10:18,830

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00:10:18,830 --> 00:10:20,480

The burgermeister
of Nordhausen is

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00:10:20,480 --> 00:10:23,630

ordered to provide 600
German male civilians who

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00:10:23,630 --> 00:10:26,630

will inter the 2,500
unburied bodies at the camp.

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00:10:26,630 --> 00:10:33,800

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00:10:33,800 --> 00:10:36,380

A priest administered

last rites for the dead

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00:10:36,380 --> 00:10:37,970

while the corpses
are being carried

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00:10:37,970 --> 00:10:39,380

to the hillside for burial.

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00:10:39,380 --> 00:10:56,110

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00:10:56,110 --> 00:11:00,360

Then the actual burial in common
graves of the 2,500 Nordhausen

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00:11:00,360 --> 00:11:01,910

victims.

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00:11:01,910 --> 00:11:11,000