

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:02,994
[MUSIC PLAYING]

2
00:00:02,994 --> 00:00:07,490

3
00:00:07,490 --> 00:00:10,640
As still resisting German
forces that rolled back,

4
00:00:10,640 --> 00:00:13,090
Allied armies press
forward on all fronts

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00:00:13,090 --> 00:00:15,060
toward the heart of Germany.

6
00:00:15,060 --> 00:00:18,530
Gigantic traps are sprung along
the Moselle and in Weisser

7
00:00:18,530 --> 00:00:22,100
as the Russians cross the
Oder and the American 1st Army

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00:00:22,100 --> 00:00:24,588
smashes beyond the Rhine.

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00:00:24,588 --> 00:00:27,552
[EXPLOSIONS]

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00:00:27,552 --> 00:00:30,520

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00:00:30,520 --> 00:00:34,360
Here, the Ruhr River, last
major barrier before the Rhine,

12
00:00:34,360 --> 00:00:37,750
is crossed in force by
infantry and armored elements

13
00:00:37,750 --> 00:00:41,320
of the United States
9th Army, a vital phase

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00:00:41,320 --> 00:00:44,470
of what Berlin has called
the greatest of west front

15
00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:45,410
offensive.

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00:00:45,410 --> 00:00:48,110

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00:00:48,110 --> 00:00:50,950
The battle-scarred German
town of Lennik is cleaned up.

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00:00:50,950 --> 00:00:59,440

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00:00:59,440 --> 00:01:04,209
And here at Julich, still more
German soldiers dead and alive

20
00:01:04,209 --> 00:01:07,420
helped swell the enemy's
casualty lists, now far

21
00:01:07,420 --> 00:01:09,630
past 1 million on
the western front.

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00:01:09,630 --> 00:01:18,790

23
00:01:18,790 --> 00:01:21,710
Amid a shambles of
silence and emptiness,

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00:01:21,710 --> 00:01:24,550

the German people are
learning what warfare means.

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00:01:24,550 --> 00:01:35,190

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00:01:35,190 --> 00:01:38,310
Supreme Commander Eisenhower
with the 9th Army's commanding

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00:01:38,310 --> 00:01:41,610
General Simpson inspects
positions near Julich,

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00:01:41,610 --> 00:01:44,490
and forces lined up for
the smash across the Rhine

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00:01:44,490 --> 00:01:46,330
to Dusseldorf and beyond.

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00:01:46,330 --> 00:02:00,910

31
00:02:00,910 --> 00:02:05,030
As a security measure, civilians
are assembled for questioning,

32
00:02:05,030 --> 00:02:07,450
but they are few compared
to the mounting toll

33
00:02:07,450 --> 00:02:08,870
of captured German soldiers.

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00:02:08,870 --> 00:02:13,790

35
00:02:13,790 --> 00:02:16,130
As the American troops
approached the Rhine,

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00:02:16,130 --> 00:02:19,550
they freed thousands of Russian
and Polish prisoners forced

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00:02:19,550 --> 00:02:22,040
into labor battalions
by the Nazis.

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00:02:22,040 --> 00:02:26,420
Now an end to captivity
and new Allied friends.

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00:02:26,420 --> 00:02:52,360

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00:02:52,360 --> 00:02:56,470
This concentration camp, guarded
by electrified barbed wire,

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00:02:56,470 --> 00:02:58,840
deep trenches, and
many gun posts,

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00:02:58,840 --> 00:03:02,590
gives new testimony to the
horror that once reigned here.

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00:03:02,590 --> 00:03:05,590
The Nazis capable
of this are also

44
00:03:05,590 --> 00:03:10,150
capable of desperate last ditch
fight to save their own skins,

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00:03:10,150 --> 00:03:14,130
but their defeat is inevitable.

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00:03:14,130 --> 00:03:16,160