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Hitler's Last Stand (Series 2)

6x60'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

1. Lost Battalion

When an American regiment drives for the coast to liberate the French port city of St Malo, they encounter stiff Nazi resistance and every road blocked. Even when the 3rd Battalion does break through, within hours, they find the roadblock retaken by Nazi forces and the Battalion surrounded by the enemy. Cut off from food, reinforcement and medical care, the saga of the Lost Battalion begins.

2. Island of Fire

As part of the Allied effort to open the port in Antwerp, the Canadian First Army spends weeks clearing the Scheldt Peninsula in Holland. On November 1st, 1944, the Calgary Highlanders launch a diversionary attack against a heavily defended causeway. With the Germans distracted, Allied Commandos carry out an amphibious assault on Walcheren Island, the final Nazi stronghold guarding the port.

3. Nazi Kill Zone

September 1944. After liberating much of France, Luxembourg and Belgium Allied forces launch General Bernard Montgomery's ambitious plan to end the war in 1944. Operation Market Garden is the largest airborne operation ever, but over confidence and miscalculations trap Allied soldiers behind Nazi lines in desperate attempts to capture bridgeheads. When they fail, the fight for survival begins.

4. Nazis Strike Back

December 1944. Determined to recapture the port of Antwerp, Hitler mobilizes a massive surprise offensive into the Ardennes Forest against undermanned American lines. The plan relies on speed and paved roads to advance tanks to Bastogne, then Antwerp before the Allies can mobilize a response. US forces fight to extinction to slow the Nazi advance allowing for the legendary defense of Bastogne.

5. Deadly Defiance

January 1945. As part of the Allied campaign to liberate France, the Americans 7th Infantry Regiment prepares to capture the village of Houssen in the Colmar Pocket. To drive Nazi forces back across the Rhine, a decorated battle hero volunteers for a dangerous role as forward artillery observer to counter an attack by elite Mountain Division troops, despite efforts to keep him safe.

6. Defend the Rhine

March 1945. As Allied armies line up along the River Rhine prepared to invade Nazi Germany, the generals jostle for the honor to be the first to cross. Hitler has ordered that no bridge is to fall into Allied hands. So when a surprise opportunity develops, there is a dramatic race to capture a crossing intact, which could change the course of the war.