

HISTORY
ARTS
CULTURE

DOCUMENTARY
30 MIN.

VERSIONS

English, German, Spanish

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05 x 30 min.

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Diverse



History – Second World War

Traitors Betrayed – Ghost Armies Against Stalin | 00 0736

During the Second World War, millions of Soviet soldiers landed in German prisoner-of-war camps. Many of them deserted to the German side. They formed volunteer units, which melded together in a huge anti-Stalinist crusade. At the end of 1944, much too late for it to have any strategic value, Hitler deployed the 1.2 million volunteers on the eastern front. They ended up in Allied camps, from where they were handed over to the Soviets and thus to Stalin, whose revenge knew no mercy.

The Betrayal of Ramsay – Stalin’s Master Spy | 00 0492

The German political scientist Dr. Richard Sorge (1895-1944) began working for the Comintern as a spy in 1929. This dedicated communist became Stalin’s master spy, warning him of the imminent German invasion in June 1941 and providing key information about Japanese intentions. Why then did Stalin deliver this top agent into the clutches of the Japanese? Might the dictator not have been able to accept the fact that Richard Sorge had witnessed his political blunders?

Putting Hitler in the Bin – The Holocaust: a Theme for Schools in Germany | 00 1375

Is the Holocaust a taboo subject? Certainly not in Germany’s schools. In fact, it is often more intensively discussed here than any other subject. In addition to it being dealt with formally in history, German and religion lessons, ambitious teachers and curious students often plan extra projects and initiatives of their own. It’s a way of finding their own approach to a difficult subject.

The Rocket Men of Huntsville – The German Contribution to the Conquest of Space | 00 0396

US space exploration began in Peenemünde on the German island of Usedom in the Baltic. Wernher von Braun and his team began work on the V2 rocket there in 1936. At the end of the Second World War, the US brought the men to Huntsville, Alabama, where they continued work that would eventually lead to the first moonlanding in 1969. This film uses archive material and interviews with the German scientists involved to shed some light on this critical period of German American cooperation.

The Wannsee Villa | 00 0231

On 20 January 1942, leading Nazi figures met at an exclusive villa in Southwest Berlin to decide on the “final solution of the Jewish question”, a meeting which was later to become known as the “Wannsee Conference”. Fifty years later, this house was turned into a memorial site for the Holocaust and opened to the public. The film documents the last phase of the establishment of the memorial and traces the changing history of the building.