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Churchill's **SECRET MISSIONS**

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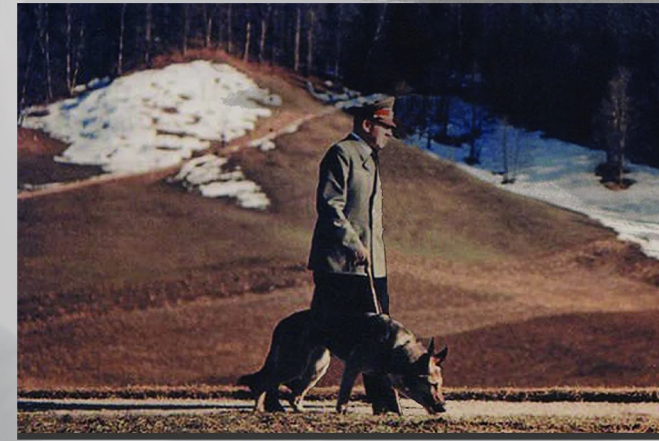
Following the brilliant series *Hitler's Secret Missions*, the *History Hunters* - Lisa Pine, Adrian Weale, Annabel Venning, Guy Walters - return to present more exciting secret missions from World War

EPISODE 1:

Code Name: **Operation Foxley**

The Mission : **ASSASSINATION ADOLF HITLER**

Personally approved by Churchill, this ambitious secret plan called for two agents to be parachuted into Austria, and to disguise themselves as German mountain troops in order to get close to Hitler's mountain lair to shoot him with a sniper rifle on his daily walk. Although the plan was stopped at the last minute, the extensive secret plans are available for the History Hunters to assess the mission, and to recreate it to see if it would have worked...



EPISODE 2:

Code Name: **Operation Tombola**

The Mission : **DESTRUCTION OF THE GERMAN ARMY HQ IN ITALY**

Armed with intelligence from spies indicating the location of the Nazis' top secret army HQ, on the night of 27 March 1944, fifty men from the elite SAS parachuted into the hills above the Italian town of Reggio Emilia. This would be a highly daring mission, like something out of Where Eagles Dare. Yet not everything that night would go according to plan...



EPISODE 3:

The Mission : **ATTEMPT TO STEAL A V2 ROCKET**

In March 1944, British intelligence received a report from the Polish Home Army that V2 rockets were being transported by train across occupied Poland. The British and the Poles mounted a top secret plan to hijack a train, dismantle a rocket, and send it back to Britain for analysis. Unfortunately, the trains were too heavily guarded. But as luck would have it, a V2 crashed into a swamp in May, and was undamaged. The Poles managed to grab it before the Germans, but now there was a problem: How do you smuggle a massive rocket across the Third Reich to Britain...?



EPISODE 4:

Code Name: **Operation Gunnerside**

The Mission : STOP THE NAZI ATOMIC BOMB

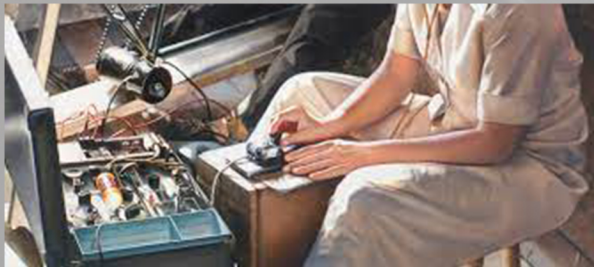
It goes without saying that if Hitler had the atomic bomb, the world would today belong to the Nazis. This is why the secret mission by British and Norwegian agents to destroy Germany's supply of 'heavy water' - that was thought to be a crucial component in the manufacture of the nuke - was absolutely vital. The plan was daring and bold, and called for a parachute drop into the frozen wastes of Norway, and then to attack and destroy a heavily-fortified hydroelectric plant. If the plan failed, the stakes could not have been higher...



EPISODE 5:

The Mission : THE OFFICE GIRL WHO FOILED A NAZI SPY RING IN WARTIME LONDON

Not all of Churchill's secret missions took place in the Third Reich, but some even took place in Britain itself. Despite strict security, Nazi spies and their sympathisers were able to operate in London during the war, and the British intelligence service MI5 had a full time monitoring them. One of the most notorious spy rings, featuring an American cipher clerk and the Russian owner of a tea room in South Kensington, was passing to the Italians and the Nazis the secret correspondence between the British and American leaders. It was up to Joan Miller, a shy and retiring office girl, to infiltrate this shadowy network and to stop the spies before more damage could be done...



EPISODE 6:

Code Name: **Operation Source**

The Mission : MIDGET SUBMARINE RAID TO DESTROY THE TIRPITZ

No Nazi battleship represented a more mighty threat to the British Navy than the Tirpitz, and when she was discovered hiding in a Norwegian fjord, Churchill immediately approved a daring mission in September 1943 to use special midget submarines to sink her. This was undoubtedly one of the bravest and most ingenious missions of the war, and if the brave men on these tiny craft succeeded, then it would mean that so many vital supplies would make it across the Atlantic to keep Britain's war effort going...



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