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An unsuccessful attempt by 300-man task force of 4th Armored Division to liberate a POW camp located deep inside enemy territory, at Hammelburg, near Wurzburg, Germany, 26-28 Mar 1945. It invited controversy because of Gen Patton's involvement--his insistence on conducting the risky operation in combination with his son-in-law's internment at the camp.

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