E9600 EXPLOSION (CANADA, 1970)
(Other titles: The blast)

**Credits:** director, Jules Bricken; writers, Jules Bricken, Alene Bricken.

**Cast:** Don Stroud, Gordon Thomson, Michele Chicoine, Cec Linder, Rubin Ward.

**Summary:** Melodrama set in contemporary U.S. and British Columbia. Peter Evans (Ward) intends to go to Canada to avoid the draft, but his father (Linder) and fiancée Doris (Chicoine) persuade him to stay in the US. He is drafted, sent to Vietnam and killed in action. Peter's younger brother Alan (Thomson), is also approaching draft age, and he rebels against his father and blames Doris for Peter's death. Alan leaves home and with a hippie friend (Stroud) steals a car and heads for British Columbia. They break into a gas station along the way and kill two policemen, thereby becoming the objects of a police manhunt across Canada. The action climaxes on a high cliff where the choice is death or capture.

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