

## D2700 DARKROOM (USA, 11/27/1981-1/15/1982) [TV SERIES]

**Series summary:** Anthology of tales of suspense and the supernatural.

**Siege of 31 August** (12/11/1981)

**Credits:** director, Peter Crane ; writer, Peter S. Fischer ; story, David Grubb.

**Cast:** Ronny Cox, Gail Strickland, Hank Brandt, Patrick Brennan, Pat Corley.

**Summary:** Farmer Neil McAdams (Cox) returns to his farm after getting a good price for his crop and a loan from the bank for a new well. He has also brought home a gift of a large play set of soldiers for his son Ben. Ben has been accepted to military school, but his mother is opposed to his leaving home at such a young age. She is afraid that her son will suffer the same fate as his father who was permanently crippled during his service in Vietnam. Neil wants his son to get a good education and escape the life of a dirt farmer. But strange events alter everyone's future plans. It seems that Ben's soldiers have started talking to him, and tell him about a massacre of Vietnamese women and children during an operation in which his father participated. Ben changes his mind about going to military school. Meanwhile the toy soldiers prepare a special fate for Neil to make him pay for his crimes.

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