

P1570 P.O.W. THE ESCAPE (USA, 1986)

(Other titles: Behind enemy lines; Dans les bras de l'enfer; Grande fuga; Vergeltung; Vietnam: la grande fuga)

Credits: director, Gideon Adair ; writers, Jeremy Lipp, James Bruner, Malcolm Barbour, John Langley ; story, Avi Kleinberger.

Cast: David Carradine, Charles R. Floyd, Mako, Steve James, Phil Brock.

Summary: War film set in North Vietnam in 1973. Colonel Jim Cooper (Carradine) is a battle-hardened veteran picked to go behind enemy lines and rescue a group of American POWs at the end of the war. The problem is that the North Vietnamese know he is coming and they have a trap waiting. Cooper ends up in a cage with the men he was sent to rescue at the mercy of the sadistic camp commandant, Major Vinh (Mako). Vinh knows the end of the war is coming and wants to get to the U.S. with a trunk full of gold bullion and other trinkets stolen from prisoners. Vinh proposes letting Cooper go if Cooper will help him get to Saigon. Cooper holds out until Vinh agrees to release all his prisoners, then leads the rag-tag prisoners through enemy territory, outwitting Vinh and making sure that "everybody goes home."

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