



Corporals Broderick Crawford, Ray Mckinley, & Captain Glenn Miller

In the book *The Glenn Miller Conspiracy* by Hunton Downs it reminds of a lost episode of *The Twilight Zone*. The author interviewed three people who knew the secret behind the real death of the famous bandleader, David Niven, Otto Skorenzy, and Broderick Crawford. Only Brod admitted that Miller was on a mission for Eisenhower that went wrong.

Brod called him Mill and they hit it off when they were both assigned in the army at Yale to make overseas broadcasts. Then both of them and Major Niven spent most of the war in London. Miller (actually born of German immigrants as Mueller) did orchestra broadcasts to the Third Reich where Miller would speak fluent German and tell the enemy to surrender and be well-treated. There was a deal being cooked up between Ike and General von Runstedt. A gap would be left in the front and the three Panzer divisions would be led into a trap and destroyed. Von Runstedt and other generals would capture Hitler and negotiate a surrender ending the war in 1944.

Miller was flown from Versailles (Ike's HQ) in an Army plane to a German airfield. He was supposed to go on the seized Berlin radio and speak to the German troops to stop the fighting. Instead he flew into a trap and was captured by Col. Otto Skorenzy the daring, swashbuckling German commando. Miller was tortured to reveal Ike's whereabouts since Hitler ordered Skorenzy to assassinate Ike. Miller didn't talk and he was flown back to the American airbase in a captured/repared B-24 with an all-German crew that spoke English fluently and wore American uniforms. Miller was taken to a Bordello in Paris owned by the SS and tortured until he died. Then his body was dumped outside the doorstep of the bordello.

The author, a WWII vet, had every door slammed in his face by several governments and the Estate of Glenn Miller. Niven never mentioned Miller in his two autobiographies but Brod was sad about it as he saw him board that plane to oblivion. It would make for a great movie. One final note Glenn Miller was officially awarded the Bronze Star. That is only given out for valor in combat. A routine plane crash would only rate a Purple Heart.

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