

Watchdog

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A Nazi secret agent, code name Watchdog, is captured in a small Gaspe town in 1942, setting in motion a 'double cross' spying operation lead by the RCMP and Great Britain's MI5, based on a true story of Allied covert counter-intelligence operations during World War Two.

Act 1 Summary

Under the moonlight on November 9, 1942, a German U-Boat enters the Bay of Chaleurs undetected to dispatch Lieutenant Werner Von Janowski, a highly trained Nazi intelligence operative. His mission, to blend in, board the next train bound for Montreal, and coordinate Nazi spy and sabotage operations in Canada. A quick thinking hotel General Manager in the coastal Gaspe town of New Carlisle, picks up on a number of clues that arise suspicions his hotel guest is not what he seems, and alerts the authorities, leading to Janowski's capture.

Act 2 Summary

Janowski thwarts initial interrogations with a deceptive cover story hiding his loyalties, while RCMP counter intelligence officials race to the Gaspe, and the Canadian government goes to extraordinary lengths to censor the media and suppress reports of the incident reaching Nazi Germany. Janowski is moved to a secret location in Montreal and agrees to cooperate. MI5 dispatches a top spy catcher who sets up the double-cross scheme to fool the Nazi intelligence agency Adwehr, but soon suspects Janowski's treachery, and his true intentions.

Act 3 Summary

As coded communications go back and forth, MI5 agent Mills continues to press Janowski, who is discovered embedding a secret SOS code to tip his Nazi masters that he is caught. With his cover blown, Watchdog is shut down, and Janowski's true loyalty's as a dedicated Nazi party member finally come into light. He is deported to England to spend the rest of the war under MI5 control, and following VE Day in 1945, Gaspe innkeeper Earle Annett becomes a home grown hero as his account of events publishes in Canadian media.

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