

# 1944

The Estonian war film

# Trailer

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDMzeKymx78>

# Plot

- Opens in July 1944 on the Tannenberg Line in Estonia.
- Back fighting on the Sõrve Peninsula in November.



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- The Soviet forces are superior in numbers of tanks and infantry.
- The victors are a Red Army Estonian unit.
- An Estonian in the Red Army called Jüri searches the body of an Estonian in the German forces called Karl and finds an unposted letter to Karl's older sister Aino.
- On Jüri's body, a comrade finds an unposted letter to Aino which he, when he has a spell of leave, delivers in person.

# Cast

- Kaspar Velberg as Karl Tammik
- Farm boy
- Wears the uniform of the SS



# Cast

- Kristjan Üksküla as Jüri Jõgi
- Son of a communist collaborator
- Officer of the Red Army



# Cast

- Maiken Schmidt as Aino Tammik
- Karl's older sister



# Cast

- Peeter Tammearu as a Partorg  
(Communist Party official)
- Capten Kreml





# Filmmakers

- Directed by Elmo Nüganen
- Produced by Maria Avdjuško, Ilkka Matila, Kristjan Rahu, Kristian Taska
- Written by Leo Kunnas
- Leo Kunnas is an Estonian former military officer.



# Battle of Porkuni

- 21 September 1944
- The largest engagement between Estonians serving in the Red Army and Estonian pro-independence and Waffen-SS units.
- More than 500 surrounded Estonians were killed, around 700 were captured.
- "Brother against brother" battle.
- Soviet victory.
- Close to our home, Tamsalu.



Thank you for listening!

Any questions?