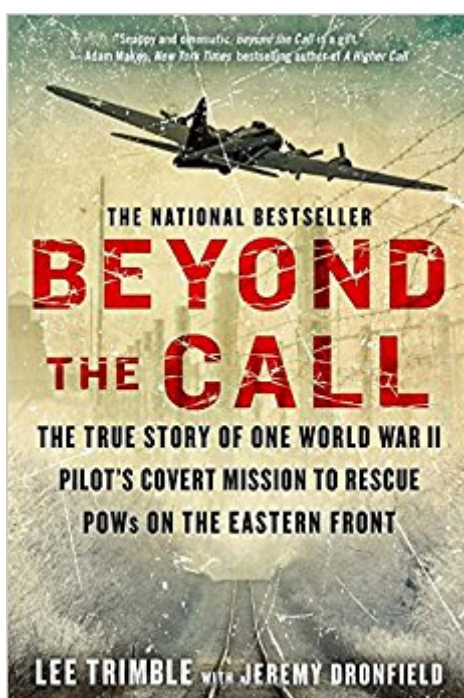


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# Beyond The Call: The True Story Of One World War II Pilot's Covert Mission To Rescue POWs On The Eastern Front



## Synopsis

This is the inspiring true story of veteran Air Force bomber pilot Robert Trimble, who laid his life on the line to rescue World War II POWs on the Eastern Front. Near the end of World War II, thousands of Allied ex-prisoners of war were abandoned to wander the war-torn Eastern Front. With no food, shelter, or supplies, the POWs were an army of dying men. As the Red Army advanced across Poland, the Nazi prison camps were liberated. In defiance of humanity, the freed Allied prisoners were discarded without aid. The Soviets viewed POWs as cowards, and regarded all refugees as potential spies or partisans. The United States repeatedly offered to help, but were refused. With relations between the Allies strained and the crisis growing, an eleventh-hour plan was conceived for an undercover rescue mission. In total secrecy, the OSS chose an obscure American air force detachment stationed at a Ukrainian airfield. The man they picked to undertake it was veteran 8th Air Force bomber pilot Captain Robert Trimble. With little covert training, Trimble took the mission. He would survive by wit, courage, and determination. This is the compelling true story of an American hero, who risked everything to bring his fellow soldiers home to safety and freedom. INCLUDES PHOTOS

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“An untold story from those last days of WWII in Europe when the unthinkable became real when our ally had turned against us, when our POWs were left to die, and when a veteran pilot would receive a harrowing final mission to fly against the might of the Soviet Union.” Adam Makos, New York Times bestselling author of A Higher Call

"Vivid and engaging, *Beyond the Call* is partly a story of one officer's guile and bravery in the face of forces much larger and more powerful than himself. But it is also a moving and appalling tale of the full horror of World War II's last year on the eastern front." — Randall Hansen, author of *Fire and Fury* and *Disobeying Hitler*

"*Beyond the Call* is the brilliantly told, fast-paced true story of a remarkable young man. Nerve-wracking, informative, yet profoundly moving, *Beyond the Call* is a truly inspiring book." — Susan Ottaway, author of *Sisters, Secrets, and Sacrifice*

"A little-known set of moving adventures, well-researched and presented." — Kirkus Reviews

"Trimble's son has provided a riveting, tense, and ultimately satisfying account of his father's heroic effort." — Booklist

"This account delivers a different story from the norm...a remarkable (and virtually unknown) story of courage in the face of incredible danger." — Library Journal

"A brilliantly told story of a true unsung hero." — History of War Magazine

Lee Trimble was born in 1950, the son of Captain Robert M. Trimble. He was educated in science and technology at Pennsylvania State University and received an MS at Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. He worked in research and development on lasers, electronics, and semiconductors, and has been a scientific writer and reviewer for various scholarly and professional journals. He has lately retired from the tech world, and works rehabilitating problem dogs, including work in conjunction with SPCA International and the U.S. military on "Operation Baghdad Pups."

Jeremy Dronfield is a multi-faceted writer, biographer, and novelist, with a special interest in WWII aviation. He began in archaeology, gaining his PhD at Cambridge University. In 1997 his debut novel, *The Locust Farm*, was a bestseller in the United Kingdom. He is also the author of *Resurrecting Salvador*, *Burning Blue* (a novel about the experiences of a U.S. pilot in WWII), and the critically acclaimed *The Alchemist's Apprentice*. He is also coauthor of several historical biographies, including one about the life of the Russian spy Moura Budberg.

Without doubt a fascinating story that will appeal to every veteran regardless of the combat tour. The pure hell that was endured by all warriors is never really released or forgotten for that matter. Memories like this are carried forever by veterans. What an incredible story and what an injustice he was given as a reward. Totally believable epic about an unbelievable part of our history. A must read for sure.

This is a well written view of one of our many heroes from WWII. Many people from that time changed the course of history for us. My father was one of the heroes as a fighter pilot. This story of a bomber pilot and his work with the Russians after completing his bombing missions is something we all need to be aware of. This is but a small piece of the history of a very troubled time.

This is a must read for people who read and study WWII. This shows a side of the war that most of us do not know about. It tells us what happened on the Eastern front to the American air crews, and the way the Russian handled the situation.

Incredible. A truly remarkable young man tricked into an impossible situation. I read "American Sniper" right before this. A much better story of one man surrounded by a belligerent ally that would block all of his humane efforts. He saved hundreds of strangers that were not even his own countrymen as well as the scores of American soldiers that were left behind. This is the kind of man that should be at least acknowledged as a great American. To see so much evil and still try to do good takes a special kind of person. Incredible.

This was a very interesting read, having not heard of this secretive army Air Force Unit. It was eye opening and what a truly amazing man Robert Trimble was. It is very sad to hear of our government's lack of recognition of the men and women in his unit. I could go on, but you should read for yourself and discover what they did. I only wish that there was more published about Eastern Command. Thank you for your service Captain Trimble and those of your comrades.

I thoroughly enjoyed Beyond the Call. We are so fortunate to have veterans like Captain Trimble dig back through the painful memories to relate their wartime experiences. In this case, an experience little known in the public arena. Thank God for his devotion to duty and compassion for those trying to exit Soviet occupied Poland. Well written by his son. Highly recommend.

This story is an inspiring tale of a man who really went beyond the call of duty. This true story is well written and gives the reader insight to how things worked and didn't work between the Americans and Russians during the war. Trimble was an amazing man and was able to save many lives due to his courage.

Very enjoyable and informative book. I didn't know about all the infighting between the US and

Russia near the end of the war. A truly moving story about a very patriotic and courageous man.

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