

Whit Bissell - Hollywood's Invisible Actor

Whit Bissell was a character actor who most people will vaguely recognize, but never knew by name. He was probably in more TV episodes than any other guest star, and his list of movies is impressive as well. The list of his credits that I've compiled is by no means complete, and represents only his best known appearances on film. He was Hollywood's most enduring performer.

I've included the season and episode numbers of each of the TV credits listed here so that anyone interested can find a copy and see it for themselves.

Chuck Weiss



Lt. Gen. Heywood Kirk in
"The Time Tunnel" (1966-67)



Lurry in Star Trek's
"The Trouble with Tribbles" (1967)



Dr. Frankenstein in
"I was a Teenage Frankenstein" (1957)



Dr. Hill (with Kevin McCarthy) in
"Invasion of the Body Snatchers" (1956)



Walter Kemp in
"The Time Machine" (1960)



Dr. Alfred Brandon (w/Michael Landon)
in "I Was a Teenage Werewolf" (1957)

Major TV Credits

12 O'Clock High S02E18 - *Underground* (Character: George Richardson)

Alcoa Theater S01E01 - *Circumstantial* (Character: Chris Wallis)

Alfred Hitchcock Presents S07E21 - *Burglar Proof* (Character: Mr. Bliss)

Barbary Coast S01E12 - *Mary Had More than a Lamb* (Character: Minister)

Barnaby Jones S01E07 - *Murder in the Doll's House* (Character: Roy Bantry)

Ben Casey S04E12 - *Courage at 3A.M.* (Character: Dr. Ellis Turner)

Bonanza S03E32 - *The Long Night* (Character: Henry Neighbors)

Burke's Law S03E12 - *The Man's Men* (Character: Dr. Freestone)

Cheyenne S02E20 - *The Broken Pledge* (Character: General George Custer) & S04E11 - *Outcast at Cripple Creek* (Character: Myron Ackelroyd)

Daniel Boone S01E21 - *The Devil's Four* (Character: Stogie the Trapper)

Days of Our Lives S01E1484, S01E1496, E1497 & E1498 (Character: Dr. Les Miller)

Dr. Kildare S04E29 - *Charms & S04E32 - Wings of Hope* (Character: Dr. Kenneth Kline)

Falcon Crest S03E17 - *Power Play* (Character: Mr. Hobson)

Father Knows Best S03E11 - *The Great Guy* (Character: Sinclair Bruder)

General Electric Theater S03E11 - *Committed* (Character: Paul Wells), S04E22 - *Try to Remember* (Character: Dolph), S05E15 - *The Shadow Outside* (Character: not listed), S06E26 - *No Hiding Place* (Character: Father Tracy), S08E03 - *Hitler's Secret* (Character: Joseph Goebbels) & S08E23 - *The Book of Silence* (Character: Czadek)

Gomer Pyle: USMC S04E11 - *To Watch a Thief* (Character: Chaplain)

Harry O S01E14 - *The Last Heir* (Character: Col. Zachary Mays)

Have Gun Will Travel S01E12 - *No Visitors* (Character: Storekeeper Jonas), S01E33 - *The Silver Queen* (Character: Vance Crawford) & S06E22 - *Burning Tree* (Character: Fairchild, the serial wife-murder)

Here's Lucy S01E15 - *Lucy Goes on Strike* (Character: Ted Driscoll)

Hogan's Heroes 2E06 - *The Rise and Fall of Sergeant Schultz* (Character: Gen. Kammler)

I Dream of Jennie S02E07 - *Fastest Gun in the East* (Character: Horace Sedgwick)

Iron Sides S06E22 - *The Best Laid Plans* (Character: Walter Eusts) & S07E18 - *The Taste of Ashes* (Character: Simon Cole)

It Takes a Thief S03E23 - *Beyond a Reasonable Doubt* (Character: James Jenkins)

Judd for the Defense S01E21 - *What You Can Do with Money* (Character: Moss)

Julia S01E01 - *Mama's Man* (Character: Mr. Colton)

Kraft Suspense Theater S01E11 - *The Deep End* (Character: Gus Hickman)

Kojak S03E21 - *Deadly Innocence* (Character: Suntan)

Land of the Giants S02E18 - *The Secret City of Limbo* (Character: Dr. Krane)

Laredo S01E19 - *Limit of the Law Larkin* (Character: Burke)

Lassie S12E14 - *Pitfall* (Character: Jim)

Mannix S02E23 - *The Solid Gold Web* (Character: Harry Meacham)

Marcus Welby, M.D. S01E21 - *The Other Side of the Chart* (Character: Arnold Winnick) & S04E21 - *The Working Heart* (Character: Dr. Myron Emrick)

Maverick S04W12 - *Kiz* (Character: Clement Samuels)

McCloud S05E01 - *The Barefoot Girls of Bleecker Street* (Character: Dr. Hansen)

Mod Squad S01E15 - *Flight Five Doesn't Answer* (Character: Max)

One Step Beyond S02E03 - *Brain Wave* (Character: Capt. Will Fielding)

Panic S01E05 - *The Embezzler* (Character: Frank Chambers) & S02E11 - *Parole* (Character: Lead)

Perry Mason S01E11 - *The Case of the Crooked Candle* (Character: Larry Sands), S04E05 - *The Case of the Lavender Lipstick* (Character: Max Pompey), S08E06 - *The Case of the Nautical Knot* (Character: Laurence Barlow) & S09E06 - *The Case of the Carefree Coronary* (Character: Dennison Groody)

Peter Gunn S01E05 - *The Frog* (Character: Daniel Swink)

Petticoat Junction S03E12 - *The Crowded Wedding Ring* (Character: Ralph Denton)

Peyton Place S01E37, E38, E39, E41, E44, E47 & E48 (Character: Calvin Hanley)

Playhouse 90 S01E04 - *Rendezvous in Black* (Character: not listed), S01E20 - *The Comedian* (Character: Otis Elwell) & S03E13 - *Face of a Hero* (Character: Mayor Chandos)

Rawhide S01E17 - *Incident of Fear in the Streets* (Character: Sam Harris) & S05E27 - *Incident of the 100 Amulets* (Character: Doc Taggart)

Route 66 S01E01 - *Black November* (Character: Jim Slade)

Sea Hunt S01E01 - *Sixty Feet Below* (Character: Mission Team Manager)

Science Fiction Theater S01E37 - *Sound of Murder* (Character: Harry Grayson), S02E04 - *The Green Bomb* (Character: Dr. Maxwell Carnaven) & S02E30 - *Dr. Robot* (Character: Fred Lopert)

Shirley Temple's Storybook S01E09 - *The Little Lame Prince* (Character: not listed)

Star Trek S02E15 - *The Trouble with Tribbles* (Character: Lurry)

The Alfred Hitchcock Hour S02E22 - *Behind the Locked Door* (Character: Adam Driscoll)

The Bionic Woman S03E11 - *Over the Hill Spy* (Character: Wolfe)

The Bob Cummings Show S01E02 - *Very Warm for Mayan* (Character: Paul Hunter)

The Dick Powell Theater S01E08 - *The Geetas Box* (Character: Sims)

The Donna Reed Show S06E03 - *Whatever You Wish* (Character: Mr. Herbert)

The Dukes of Hazard S02E16 - *Treasure of Hazzard* (Character: Dr. James Fenwick)

The F.B.I. S01E21 - *The Spy-Master* (Character: Carter)

The Fugitive S02E20 - *Scapegoat* (Character: John Gibson)

The Incredible Hulk S02E19 - *Kindred Spirits* (Character: Prof. Williams) & S04E02 - *Prometheus Part II* (Character: Dr. John Zenderman)

The Invaders S02E08 - *Dark Outpost* (Character: Col. Harris)

The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp S04E20 - *Muleskinner* (Character: Lige Fuller)

The Lineup S06E02 - *The Strange Return of Army Armitage* (Character: Maxwell)

The Lone Ranger S04E13 - *A Broken Match* (Character: Herman Martin), S04E33 - *False Accusations* (Character: John Delroy) & S04E47 - *Framed for Murder* (Character: Roger Gillman)

The Man from U.N.C.L.E. S02E28 - *The Bat Cave Affair* (Character: Prof. Harvey Gloom)

The Millionaire S05E30 - *Millionaire Ann Griffin* (Character: James Mahoney)

The Outer Limits S01E10 - *Nightmare* (Character: Commanding General)

The Real McCoys S02E03 - *Blow the House Down* (Character: Mr. Curtis) & S03E21 - *The Town Councilman* (Character: Mr. Murdock)

The Rifleman S02E01 - *The Patsy* (Character: Sam Barrows), S02E32 - *The Fourflusher* (Character: Gabe Fenway), S02E36 - *The Hangman* (Character: Volney Adams) & S04E11 - *Long Gun from Tucson* (Character: Henry Waller)

The Time Tunnel S01E01 Through S01E30 (Character: Lt. Gen. Heywood Kirk)

The Untouchables S01E112 - *You Can't Pick the Number* (Character: Pat Danning)

Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea S02E09 - *The Peacemaker* (Character: Connors)

Wagon Train S02E08 - *The Millie Davis Story* (Character: Albert Sykes), S04E10 - *The Jane Hawkins Story* (Character: Dr. Morton Hicks), S05E32 - *The Mary Beckett Story* (Character: Frank Lane), S07E26 - *The Ben Engel Story* (Character: Mac Mcleod) & S08E03 - *The John Gillman Story* (Character: Mr. Moore)

Whirlybirds S01E09 - *Diamond Smugglers* (Character: Morrison) & S02E05 - *The Brothers* (Character: Henry Thompson)

You Are There S01E3 - *The Boston Tea Party* (Character: John Adams), S02E02 - *The Capture of John Wilkes Booth* (Character: Major, uncredited), S02E06 - *The Secret of Sigmund Freud* (Character: Sigmund Freud), S04E03 - *The Boston Massacre* (Character: John Adams), S04E11 - *Eli Whitney Invents the Cotton Gin* (Character: Major Forsythe), S04E16 - *Benedict Arnold's Plot Against West Point* (Character: not listed) & S05E09 - *Daniel Webster's sacrifice to Save the Union* (Character: Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Zorro S02E11 - *The Flaming Arrow* (Character: Commandant Luis de Guerro)

Major Movie Credits

Airport (1970) Character: Mr. Davidson

Birdman of Alcatraz (1962) Character: Dr. Ellis

Creature from the Black Lagoon (1954) Character: Dr. Edwin Thompson

Gunfight at the O.K. Corral (1957) Character: John P. Clum

I Was a Teenage Frankenstein (1957) Character: Professor Frankenstein

I Was a Teenage Werewolf (1957) Character: Dr. Alfred Brandon

Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956) Character: Dr. Hill (uncredited)

Seven Days in May (1964) Character: Sen. Frederick Prentice)

Soylent Green (1973) Character: Gov. Santini

The Cane Mutiny (1954) Character: Lt. Comdr. Dickson M.D. (uncredited)

The Defiant Ones (1958) Character: Lou Gans

The Horn Blows at Midnight (1945) Heavenly Piccolo Player (uncredited)

The Lincoln Conspiracy (1977) Character: Sen. John Conness

The Magnificent Seven (1960) Character: Chamiee)

The Manchurian Candidate (1962) Character: Medical Officer (uncredited)

The Red Badge of Courage (1951) Character: Wounded Officer (uncredited)

The Sea Hawk (1940) Character: Gate Guard at Palace Entrance (uncredited)

The Time Machine (1960) Character: Walter Kemp

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