

"FIGHTING IN THE DESERT"

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TEASER

FADE IN:

INT.: TOPKAPI PALACE - DAY

THE OTTOMAN COMMANDER, CAVIT PASHA, enters Topkapi Palace to meet THE OTTOMAN SULTAN, MEHMED V.

CAVIT PASHA

(In Turkish)

Sultan, we have an agreement with Germany.

MEHMED V

(In Turkish)

Are your soldiers ready, Commander?

CAVIT PASHA

(In Turkish)

We have weapon supplies from Germany to defend our position and our ships are patrolling in the Mediterranean Sea.

MEHMED V

(In Turkish)

Then send our forces to defend our position.

CAVIT PASHA

(In Turkish)

Yes, Sultan.

CUT TO:

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EPISODE TITLE: FIGHTING ON THE DESERT

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

FADE IN:

INT.: HMS *OCEAN* - SAILING - NIGHT

Onboard the HMS *Ocean*, THREE BRITISH SOLDIERS, PRIVATES KANE AND RUSSELL, AND LIEUTENANT HENRY BURT are having a conversation in their own quarters along with TWO INDIAN GURKHAS, PRIVATES BACHCHAN AND MISHRA.

PRIVATE KANE

I can't believe we're not fighting on the Western Front!

PRIVATE RUSSELL

We're not going to the Western Front, Kane. We're going to fight against the Ottoman Empire.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

The Ottoman Empire? Is that one of Central Powers who worked for Germany?

PRIVATE MISHRA

Yes, you and I were training for the British Empire before the war against the Ottomans.

Captain Burt had a mission briefing by showing the map of the Middle East to the Royal Marines and Indian Soldiers.

CAPTAIN BURT

Gentlemen, we have orders from BRIGADIER GENERAL W.S. DELAMAIN. The Allies declared war against the Ottoman Empire yesterday and tonight, we'll infiltrate the enemy fortification at Fao to steal their supplies from the enemy. Once the fortress was taken, we will advance toward the Suez Canal. Any questions?

None of the soldiers ask the question to Captain Burt.

CAPTAIN BURT (CONT'D)

Good. Into the boat, men.

CUT TO:

EXT.: BOAT - SAILING - CONTINUOUS

The Royal Marines and Indian Gurkhas are in the boat, including Captain Burt, Lieutenants Kane, Russel, Bachchan, and Mishra.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

How do we get inside the enemy fortress?

PRIVATE KANE

This is a stealth mission. Once we infiltrate the fortress, we'll take out the guards undetected and steal their supplies.

CAPTAIN BURT

There are boys! The Ottoman Fortress.

CUT TO:

EXT.: FAO FORTRESS - NIGHT

The Allies are on the enemy lines where the Ottomans guard the fortress.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

(whispering)

It's too dangerous to get inside the fortress. Any plans?

CAPTAIN BURT

(whispering)

Yes, I do have a plan. Mishra, you take out the guards from above. The rest of you, follow me to the fortress.

Captain Burt led his troops to infiltrate the fortress on the rear, while Private Mishra uses his sniper rifle to kill the Ottoman guards from above. One of the Ottoman guards is SHOT AND KILLED by a sniper.

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

What was that?

ONE OF THE OTTOMAN GUARDS investigates the Allies' whereabouts. Seconds later, Private Mishra kills another Ottoman guard to weaken its defenses. Meanwhile, Captain Burt and his troops continued to infiltrate the fortress. Captain Burt THROWS his knife to kill at the Ottoman guard. Private Russell kills another Ottoman guard with his bayonet.

CUT BACK TO:

INT.: FAO FORTRESS - CONTINUOUS

The Ottoman Soldiers were guarding inside the fortress to keep an eye on the intruders, but Captain Burt and his troops were already inside the fortress. Captain Burt realizes there are too many guards in the fortress.

CAPTAIN BURT

There are too many of them. Any ideas?

PRIVATE KANE

We'll take out the guards by using explosives.

CAPTAIN BURT

Well then, be my guest.

Lieutenant Kane throws the grenade at the guards. The blast killed two Ottoman soldiers. One of the Ottoman Soldiers triggered the alarm.

CAPTAIN BURT (CONT'D)

Now it's our chance, boys! Come on!

The Royal Marines and Indian Soldiers began to attack!

CAPTAIN BURT (CONT'D)

Turn off the lights, quickly!

One of the Royal Marines switched off the lights so the Ottomans couldn't see the Allies troops inside the enemy fortress. ONE OF THE OTTOMAN SOLDIERS called out ONE OF THE GARRISONS.

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #2

(Shouting in Turkish)

Sir, we're under attack!

OTTOMAN SOLDIER #3

(Shouting in Turkish)

All troops defend positions! Hurry!

Meanwhile, Private Kane placed the explosives on the steel door to get inside the supply room. The supply room contains medical and ammunition crates. As the Ottoman Garrison reached the supply room, the Allies stole the crates from the supply room. The enemy garrison attacked the intruders, but the Allied soldiers counterattacked the Ottomans. Both sides were either killed or wounded inside the supply room, while other Allies escaped with their stolen supplies. Inside the fortress hallway, both sides FIRED at each other with their rifles while Private Kane THREW a grenade right at the Ottoman Garrison. GRENADE EXPLOSION killed the Ottoman Garrison while defending their position. Both sides suffered casualties inside the Fao Fortress. The Ottoman Garrison decided to surrender to the Allies. The Allies captured 300 Ottoman garrisons, leaving 135 dead inside the fortress.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT.: FAO FORTRESS - NIGHT

The Allies took control of the fortress, and the stolen supplies were loaded onto the horse wagons.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

(grunts)

CAPTAIN BURT

Is this the last of supplies?

PRIVATE RUSSELL

Yes, Captain. We have everything we need
for our headquarters at Suez Canal.

CAPTAIN BURT

Excellent work, Russell. Carry on.

Indian Lieutenants Bachchan and Mishra are riding on their
horses.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

Captain Burt, GENERAL JOHN MAXWELL is
waiting for you at HQ.

CAPTAIN BURT

Russell, I want you to take over from me
while I'm gone.

Captain Burt rides the horse, leaving Private Russell in
charge.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

FADE IN:

INT.: SECTOR I HEADQUARTERS AT SUEZ - DAY

Captain Burt entered the British Headquarters to meet General John Maxwell about the British night attack at Fao Fortress last year.

GENERAL JOHN MAXWELL

Captain Burt, have you got any supplies for the outpost?

CAPTAIN BURT

Yes, Sir. We have taken control of the fortress and supplies that we need to defend the outpost.

GENERAL JOHN MAXWELL

Good work, Captain Burt. Order your men to fortify their positions right here in this outpost in case the Ottomans tried to retake the supplies that you and your men stole.

Captain Burt salutes General Maxwell and exits the headquarters.

CUT TO:

EXT.: SINAI PENINSULA - CONTINUOUS

The Allied Soldiers are marching toward their base at Suez Canal. Some of the Allies rode horses and camels, while others sat on the wagons for a ride. The horses also carried artillery pieces to deliver the outpost for defense.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

Hurry up, guys! We must find the outpost on the Suez Canal.

PRIVATE KANE

Is it getting hot out there? Is there anything for me to cool off?

PRIVATE MISHRA

Mine's full. Take it.

Lieutenant Mishra gives the water canteen to Lieutenant Kane.

PRIVATE KANE

Thank you, Mishra.

PRIVATE MISHRA

(Speaking in Hindi)

You're welcome.

PRIVATE KANE

I didn't know you spoke Hindi.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

Yes, Mishra and I were trained at the Indian Military Academy before the war broke out.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT.: SECTOR I HEADQUARTERS AT SUEZ - DAY

The Allies placed their artillery pieces and machine guns to defend the position against incoming attackers.

CAPTAIN BURT

Lieutenant Russell, I want you to meet General John Maxwell, veteran of the Second Boer War.

Lieutenant Russell shakes General Maxwell hand.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

Hello General Maxwell.

GENERAL JOHN MAXWELL

It's good to see you, too, Lieutenant Russell. I heard that you're the medical officer.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

Yes, Sir.

GENERAL JOHN MAXWELL

Take care of the wounded soldiers at the medical camp.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

Yes, Sir.

Lieutenant Russell exits as the battle plan was already drawn in sand below showing where the Ottomans will strike.

GENERAL JOHN MAXWELL

Our intelligence reports that the Ottomans will strike right here, Qantara, and Ismailia. Captain Burt, I want you to command your troops to repel the attackers. Lieutenant Bachchan, make sure your Vickers Machine Gun doesn't jam, and Lieutenant Mishra, since you're the sniper, I want you to keep an eye on your target. The rest of you defend your position and wait for further orders. That is all.

General Maxwell exits and Captain Burt takes command of the outpost.

CAPTAIN BURT

You heard General Maxwell. Load your weapons.

The Allied Soldiers loaded their rifles and machine guns with bullets, and the artillery pieces were loaded with shells. Lieutenant Mishra was using his binoculars to seek out the enemy.

PRIVATE KANE

Any sign of the attackers?

PRIVATE MISHRA

I can't see anything!

PRIVATE KANE

Let me see.

Lieutenant Kane looks through the BINOCULARS to see at the further distance.

KANE'S POV OF BRITISH CAVALRY BRIGADE WALKING TOWARDS THE OTTOMAN ATTACKERS.

PRIVATE KANE (CONT'D)

Bloody hell. It's just the British Cavalry Brigade searching for the attackers. We must stay here until our Cavalry Brigade returns.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

FADE IN:

EXT.: SINAI PENINSULA - CONTINUOUS

January 26, 1915.

The Allied Cavalry Brigade patrol in Sinai Peninsula led by Lieutenant Anderson, who reassigned as a member of the British Cavalry Brigade.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

Lieutenant Anderson, I thought we're disgraced as soldiers.

LIEUTENANT ANDERSON

Not exactly, Atkinson. We're riding on horseback because I'm in charge of the British Cavalry Brigade to fight in the desert.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

And the outpost?

LIEUTENANT ANDERSON

We need to protect the outpost before the Ottomans show up.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

What's that up there?

LIEUTENANT ANDERSON

It's just a sandstorm.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

Wait a minute, Anderson! That's no sandstorm! It's the Ottoman Cavalry Brigade!

The Ottoman Cavalry Brigade appeared about 25 miles away.

OTTOMAN COMMANDER

(Shouting in Turkish)

Attack!

The Ottoman Cavalry charged on the right flank.

LIEUTENANT ANDERSON

Charge!

The British Cavalry charged right at the Ottoman Cavalry to stop the enemy's advance at Suez Canal. The cavalry fight begins as both sides suffered casualties in Sinai Desert.

OTTOMAN COMMANDER

(Shouting in Turkish)

Fall back!

The British defeated the enemy on first wave and celebrated their victory as the Ottoman Cavalry retreated to its own line.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

Yeah! Eat your bloody sand, Turks!

LIEUTENANT ANDERSON

There's no time to celebrate! We must head back to base before the Ottomans launched their next wave. Yah!

The British Cavalry Brigade head back to Suez Canal for the Ottoman's next wave.

CUT TO:

EXT.: SECTOR I HEADQUARTERS AT SUEZ - DAY

The British Cavalry Brigade arrived to see Captain Burt.

CAPTAIN BURT

(gasps)

Anderson? Atkinson? I thought you left the camp last year!

LIEUTENANT ANDERSON

We were trained at the camp to become soldiers, but Atkinson and I decided to reassign as the Cavalry Bridge.

CAPTAIN BURT

I'm glad you're here to join us today.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

Where did we miss?

CAPTAIN BURT

We took the fortress last year, and the Ottomans are looking for revenge.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

That means they're not giving up just yet!

CAPTAIN BURT

We need more time to defend the Suez Canal. Defend your positions.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

But Captain Burt, our soldiers. They're wounded.

CAPTAIN BURT

(sighs)

Alright, Russell. Treat the wounded men before their next wave.

PRIVATE KANE

It's a good thing I got explosives with me.

CAPTAIN BURT

Save it, Kane. Give the ammo to our soldiers.

PRIVATE KANE

Yes, Sir.

Lieutenant Bachchan placed the Vickers Machine Gun for his position.

PRIVATE KANE (CON'T)

Here's the ammo for you and Mishra.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

Just what I needed. Thank you, Kane!

PRIVATE MISHRA

Captain Burt! Look over there!

Lieutenant Mishra gives the binoculars to Captain Burt. Captain Burt looks at the enemy through the binoculars.

CAPTAIN BURT'S POV - THE OTTOMANS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SUEZ CANAL.

CAPTAIN BURT

They brought the camels with them! **All troops, defend your positions!**

The Allies are ready to defend the outpost as the Ottomans are preparing for a second wave, but this time, the enemy soldiers brought the camels with them. The Ottomans carried their rifles with their bayonets attached.

BRITISH ARTILLERY OFFICER

Wait for it.

CUT TO:

EXT.: SECTOR I HEADQUARTERS AT SUEZ - CONTINUOUS

The Ottomans are marching towards Suez.

BRITISH ARTILLERY OFFICER

Steady. **Fire!**

The British artilleries opened fire at the Ottoman Troops. Some of the Ottoman Soldiers were killed by the artillery shells, including the camels, while others charge towards the British outpost.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT III

ACT IV

FADE IN:

EXT.: SECTOR I HEADQUARTERS AT SUEZ - CONTINUOUS

As the British artilleries bombarded at the Ottoman troops, the Ottoman Troops charge towards the British outpost.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

The Ottomans are closing in fast, Sir!

CAPTAIN BURT

Fire at will, Soldiers!

Private Bachchan fires with his Vickers Machine Gun at the enemy, while other soldiers fire at the Ottomans with their rifles. The Ottomans were taking heavy casualties compared to the British Garrison.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

Captain, our reinforcements have arrived!

CAPTAIN BURT

Lieutenant Anderson. **Cease fire! (x2)**

The British Soldiers hold their fire as British Cavalry Brigade joined the fight to wipe out the remaining Ottoman Soldiers with their rifles forcing the enemy in full retreat. Only 700 Ottoman soldiers were captured during the raid.

LIEUTENANT ANDERSON

Gentlemen, victory is ours!

The British cheered and the horses neighing.

CAPTAIN BURT

Well, done, Anderson! You saved our base. You are now promoted to the rank of Captain, Anderson.

CAPTAIN ANDERSON

Thank you, Captain Burt.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

Wait a minute, Captain Burt!

CAPTAIN BURT

Is something wrong, Atkinson?

PRIVATE ATKINSON

I thought we're not soldiers..

CAPTAIN BURT

Of course, you are Atkinson. You and Anderson worked together as a team.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

Captain Burt, I counted 32 dead and 130 wounded.

CAPTAIN BURT

Take the wounded soldiers to the medical camp, Russell. That's an order.

PRIVATE RUSSELL

Yes, Sir!

CAPTAIN ANDERSON

Let's go, Atkinson. We have got work to do at Gallipoli.

PRIVATE ATKINSON

I'm right behind you, Captain Anderson.
Yah!

Anderson and Atkinson rode off.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT IV

ACT V

FADE IN:

EXT.: SECTOR I HEADQUARTERS AT SUEZ - DAY

The British took Ottoman prisoners to the wagons.

PRIVATE MISHRA

You did very well today, Bachchan.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

Thank you, Mishra. I couldn't have done it without the Cavalry Brigade.

PRIVATE KANE

Yeah, thanks to Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Atkinson.

PRIVATE MISHRA

What about the prisoners?

PRIVATE KANE

We'll take care of them at the nearest prison camp.

Before Captain Burt and Privates Kane and Mishra's departure to the Western Front he has something to say to Private Bachchan about the upcoming battle.

CAPTAIN BURT

Private Bachchan, you must stay here until

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

What? You're leaving, now?

CAPTAIN BURT

I'm taking Private Mishra to the Western Front, because Captain Finley Adams is dealing with the Germans, and I must do the same.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

What about Russell?

CAPTAIN BURT

He'll stay here in case we're outnumbered.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

Then, who will lead us against the Ottomans?

CAPTAIN BURT

You'll find out soon enough, Bachchan.

PRIVATE BACHCHAN

Good luck fighting in the Western Front, Captain Burt.

Private Mishra and two British Soldiers leave Private Bachchan behind to aid Captain Adams on the Western Front because the Germans are still fighting against the Allies. Private Bachchan watches as they leave the Middle East.

CUT TO:

INT.: OTTOMAN HEADQUARTERS - DAY

As we HEAR the Arabian Desert Music, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DJEMAL PASHA is at the office with THE OTTOMAN BRIGADIER GENERAL ZEKKI PASHA.

BRIGADIER GENERAL ZEKKI PASHA

(In Turkish)

Commander Pasha, what happened to our forces at Suez Canal?!

COMMANDER DJEMAL PASHA

(In Turkish)

General, our raid on Suez Canal has failed.

BRIGADIER GENERAL ZEKKI PASHA

(In Turkish)

You disobeyed my orders, Commander!

(MORE)

BRIGADIER GENERAL ZEKKI PASHA
(CONT'D)

Your mission is to take the Suez Canal, but you let the British stopped our advance! From now on, you'll use the weapons that the Germans used on the Western Front.

COMMANDER DJEMAL PASHA

(In Turkish)

Please, Sir, give me another chance. I'll promise I won't let the British get into my territory, again.

BRIGADIER GENERAL ZEKKI PASHA

(In Turkish)

Very well. It's your last chance to redeem yourself, Commander. Send the 5th Army to defend Gallipoli. We will crush the British once and for all. Give the artilleries and machine guns to our soldiers to fortify our positions before the British overrun us.

COMMANDER DJEMAL PASHA

(In Turkish)

But, Sir, we don't have enough firepower to defeat the Royal Navy and we have no planes for our air support.

BRIGADIER GENERAL ZEKKI PASHA

(In Turkish)

Then, use the phone to contact with the German HQ to have their planes deliver to us, so we can repel the British Invaders away from our territory and send our ships to prevent the enemy from amphibious assault so we can deal with the British on land, air, and sea.

Commander Pasha nods his head with his agreement and went to the office to call the German HQ on the phone.

CUT TO:

INT. BRIGADIER GENERAL ZEKKI PASHA'S OFFICE - DAY

Commander Pasha CALLS the German HQ on the phone.

GERMAN HQ (O.S.)

Hallo?

COMMANDER DJEMAL PASHA

(In Turkish)

Hello? Is this the German HQ?

GERMAN HQ (O.S.)

Ja, was ist dein Problem?

COMMANDER DJEMAL PASHA

(In Turkish)

We don't have air support to defend our land! I need airplanes to take control of the skies of the Middle East!

GERMAN HQ (O.S.)

Wir haben Staffeln von zur Eindeckers hier auf meinem Flugplatz.

COMMANDER DJEMAL PASHA

(In Turkish)

Bring the planes to our airfield. I want to teach our pilots to fly with the squadron here.

GERMAN HQ (O.S.)

Sehr gut, ich schicke die Flugzeuge sofort.

COMMANDER DJEMAL PASHA

(In Turkish)

Thank you, Sir. Goodbye.

Commander Pasha HANGS UP the phone.

COMMANDER DJEMAL PASHA (CONT'D)

(In Turkish)

*The British may have won the battle, but
I'll make sure the British will fall to
our hands.*

FADE OUT.

THE END