

KNIGHTS OF THE AIR

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TEASER

EXT.: WESTERN FRONT — DAY

SFX: AIRPLANE SOUND

April 5, 1917.

In the skies of the Western Front, a pair of British Bristol F.2 Fighters of 48th Squadron are in patrol sector over Arras.

ALFRED TERENCE ADAMS

Any sign of German Troops, DONALD?

DONALD JAMES STEWART

I can't see a bloody thing,
ALFRED!

ALFRED TERENCE ADAMS

Keep looking. My brother-

But before Alfred finished his conversation with his gunner, one of the Bristol Fighters was blown out of the sky. 2nd Lieutenant Stewart spots four Albatros D.III Fighters diving towards the second Bristol Fighter.

DONALD JAMES STEWART

We've got four Jerries on our
tail!

Lieutenant Stewart FIRES his Lewis Gun at the Red Baron, but he SHOOTs DOWN with his twin Spandau Machine Guns at the second Bristol Fighter. The British Fighter CRASHES into the ground offscreen.

CUT TO:

TITLE: THE GREAT WAR

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FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

FADE IN:

INT.: ALLIED TRENCH ON ARRAS - DAY

Commander Young was looking at the newspaper article about last year's Zeppelin Raid on Great Britain.

CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG

What are you reading, Commander Young?

COMMANDER YOUNG

It said here, "The British Squadron destroyed two German Zeppelins on Essex and lost three British night fighters on Essex."

MAJOR ADAMS

Commander Young, you got to see this!

GO TO:

EXT.: ALLIED TRENCH ON ARRAS - DAY

Commander Young uses his binoculars and spots a wreckage where two British Pilots were captured by German Soldiers.

COMMANDER YOUNG (V.O.)

Oh no. It's Alfred Adams and Donald Stewart.

MAJOR ADAMS

Alfred is my brother.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Your brother?

MAJOR ADAMS

He's a pilot in the Royal Flying Corps.

COMMANDER YOUNG

We've got to save them!

MAJOR ADAMS

No! We can't.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Why not?

MAJOR ADAMS

I'll tell you why not, Young. The German Ace is none other than Manfred von Richthofen.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Richthofen? You mean the Red Baron?

MAJOR ADAMS

Exactly. He's a greatest German Ace on the Western Front.

COMMANDER YOUNG

But we can't shoot the aircraft down with our rifles.

CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG

But I can. I used a Vickers Machine Gun to shoot down the aircraft.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Or we can use anti-aircraft guns instead before the Germans tried to bomb our defenses.

MAJOR ADAMS

Young, the German Fighters don't have bombs like we have. The German Pilots shot down more aircraft than the British Pilots on the Western Front.

CAPTAIN ARMSTONG

Then we'll find an expert
Artillery Officer of the British
Army: HENRY HORNE.

CUT TO:

EXT.: BRAYELLES AERODROME - DAY

The German Pilots landed on Brayelles Aerodrome near Douai after completing their mission on Arras. Manfred von Richthofen and his squadron mates, WERNER VOSS AND KURT WOLFF climbed out of the cockpit and took off their goggles. They wave their hands to each other until the GERMAN MECHANIC shows up.

KURT WOLFF

We're back!

GERMAN MECHANIC

I'm glad you return from Arras,
Wolff.

KURT WOLFF

At least we're still alive.

GERMAN MECHANIC

Wolff, look at this mess. You got
some bullet holes all over your
plane.

KURT WOLFF

Don't worry. We'll teach the
British Squadron a lesson.

WERNER VOSS

How are you doing here, Wolff?

KURT WOLFF

I was in Arras Sector, but
Richthofen shot down two of them.

WERNER VOSS

You mean him over there?

Kurt Wolff is watching Manfred von Richthofen and HIS BROTHER,
LOTHAR.

KURT WOLFF

Ja, he has a little brother with
him in our last mission on Arras.

The German Mechanic came to see Manfred and Lothar.

GERMAN MECHANIC

Is that your brother, Manfred?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I have a family in my squadron.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

What about the Zeppelin Raid,
Brother?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I'm afraid Kapitan-Leutnant Werner
Peterson died during the Raid.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

That's a shame. Peterson is a good
man.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

And that's why I have a squadron
of my own. Our fighters are far
more superior than the zeppelin
itself. We'll deal with the
British Squadron where Peterson
have failed.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

FADE IN:

INT.: ALLIED TRENCH ON ARRAS - DAY

Major Adams, Commander Young, and Captain Armstrong came to see the Artillery Officer Henry Horne and A FEMALE SPY.

HENRY HORNE

Gentlemen, may I introduce Agent Amalia.

AMALIA

It's nice to see you, Major Adams.

MAJOR ADAMS

Are you a spy?

AMALIA

Yes, I am Major Adams.

COMMANDER YOUNG

So, what are you doing here?

AMALIA

I worked as an undercover agent.

CAPTAIN ARMSTRONG

An undercover agent?

AMALIA

That's my job to gather information for the Allies in the Arras sector.

COMMANDER YOUNG

What about the ariel combat on Arras?

AMALIA

I don't have information about the air battle in Arras Sector.

MAJOR ADAMS

Where's my brother?

AMALIA

I know how to find your brother.

MAJOR ADAMS

Really?

AMALIA

Follow me, boys. I know where the Germans taking him.

HENRY HORNE

I'm sorry, Madame, but I have an assignment for you and your men. GENERAL LUDENDORFF is carrying something in his file. Go to the General's office and steal the blueprint from his file.

MAJOR ADAMS

Yes, Sir.

CUT TO:

INT.: GERMAN MESS HALL - NIGHT

Meanwhile, the GERMAN PILOTS are in the mess hall. They're having dinner as we hear the phonograph PLAYING in the background.

WERNER VOSS

Lothar, how's your brother doing?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

My brother shot down two British planes in Arras sector and still no sign of Zeppelin killers.

KURT WOLFF

You didn't know the British pilots destroyed the Zeppelin last year over England?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Ja, none of them survived the Zeppelin Raid in Essex and now the British are planning for their air support in Arras.

SEBASTIAN FESTNER

OTTO SPLITGERBER brought down F.E.2b in Honnecourt Sector and Hans Auer got his first kill in Ober-Alpach Sector. I shot down two planes in the Arras sector and one of them is Nieuport 17.

WERNER VOSS

Nieuport? I never heard about a German pilot who shot down Nieuport 17 before.

KURT WOLFF

Is he a French or British?

SEBASTIAN FESTNER

British.

OTTO SPLITGERBER

British? What about the Zeppelin Killer?

SEBASTIAN FESTNER

The Zeppelin Killer was Leefe Robinson. He destroyed *SL11* Zeppelin last year in London. I managed to shoot him down while flying the Bristol Fighter.

KURT WOLFF

What about the other pilots in our squadron?

WERNER VOSS

That's HANS KLEIN. He got his first kill in Arras sector yesterday. ADOLF SCHULTE and Ernst Wiessner believed they claimed the British planes to their credit, but it was unconfirmed kill.

KURT WOLFF

Unconfirmed kill?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

What about the French Squadron, Wolff?

KURT WOLFF

Albert Dossenbach shot down a twin-engine Caudron Bomber with no fighter escort.

TWO GERMAN PILOTS, FRITZ OTTO BERNERT AND KARL MENCKHOFF, entered the mess hall.

FRITZ OTTO BERNERT

You must be Werner Voss.

WERNER VOSS

Ja.

FRITZ OTTO BERNERT

I'm Otto Bernert. You can call me Fritz.

WERNER VOSS

Hello, Fritz.

FRITZ OTTO BERNERT

And this is Karl Menckhoff.

KARL MENCKHOFF

Good to see you, Voss.

WERNER VOSS

Good to see you too, Karl.

KARL MENCKHOFF

Guess what, Voss? I got my first
kill in Athies Sector.

WERNER VOSS

You shot down a British Plane?

KARL MENCKHOFF

Nein. I shot down the French
Nieuport 23.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

What about Georg Schlenker?

FRITZ OTTO BERNERT

He shot down F.E.2b at Moeuvres.

KURT WOLFF

KARL EMIL SCHAFER, are you flying
with us tomorrow?

KARL EMIL SCHAFER

Ja. I'm ready for a dogfighting
mission on the Western Front
tomorrow.

The phonograph stopped playing as Manfred von Richthofen and THE
GERMAN CAVALRY OFFICER ERNST VON HOEPPNER arrived at the mess
hall.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Attention!

All German Pilots stand up to Ernst and Manfred.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER (CON'D)

Manfred von Richthofen has an
important announcement for
tomorrow morning.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Gentlemen. We have a mission in Arras at dawn tomorrow. The Allied Squadron are preparing for an air strike on Arras. Our mission is to patrol the sky on the Western Front before reaching Arras Sector. I need pilots to fly with my squadron tomorrow.

Manfred von Richthofen looks at the list of pilots.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN (CONT'D)

OTTO BRAUNECK.

OTTO BRAUNECK

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

HANS BERR.

HANS BERR

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Karl Emil Schafer.

KARL EMIL SCHAFER

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Fritz Otto Bernert.

FRITZ OTTO BERNERT

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

RUDOLF BERTHOLD.

RUDOLF BERTHOLD

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN
WILHELM FRANKL.

WILHELM FRANKL
Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN
Kurt Wolff.

KURT WOLFF
Present, *Rittmeister*.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN
WALTER GOTTSCH.

WALTER GOTTSCH
Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN
WALTER BONING.

WALTER BONING
I haven't shot down enemy aircraft
before.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN
Then you must prove yourself as a
novice pilot. HEINRICH GONTERMANN.

HEINRICH GONTERMANN
Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN
Adolf von Tutschek.

ADOLF VON TUTSCHEK
Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN
Otto Splitgerber.

OTTO SPLITGERBER

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

PAUL VON OSTERROHT.

PAUL VON OSTERROHT

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Adolf Schulte.

ADOLF SCHULTE

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

JOSEF JACOBS.

JOSEF JACOBS

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

HARTMUTH BALDAMUS.

HARTMUTH BALDAMUS

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Karl Menckhoff.

KARL MENCKHOFF

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

GEORG STRASSER.

GEORG STRASSER

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

HANS BETHGE.

HANS BETHGE

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

EDMUND NATHANAEL.

EDMUND NATHANAEL

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

JOACHIM VON BERTRAB.

JOACHIM VON BERTRAB

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

HEINRICH BONGARTZ.

HEINRICH BONGARTZ

Here.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

But Brother, they're just rookies.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

No interruptions, please. Werner
Voss.

WERNER VOSS

Here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Very good. You'll follow my lead
to hunt down the Allied Bombers.
The rest of the squadron will have
balloon busting mission on Arras
to clear a path for our ground
forces. Any questions?

Nobody is asking a question or two.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN (CONT'D)

Good. I'll see you tomorrow
morning.

They left the mess hall.

CUT TO:

EXT.: ALLIED TRENCH IN ARRAS - NIGHT

Back on Arras, Agent Amalia handed the German uniforms to two
men.

AMALIA

Hey boys, put these on.

COMMANDER YOUNG

What are those?

AMALIA

These are German uniforms, so they
won't know if we're on their side.

MAJOR ADAMS

So, how do we get there?

AMAILA

We'll use the captured German
truck to get General Ludendorff's
Office.

COMMANDER YOUNG

What the bloody hell are you
talking about? There are too many
guards in Germany.

AMALIA

Don't worry, we'll get the
blueprints and bring them back to
Arras without getting caught by
the Germans.

MAJOR ADAMS

And if we do, then we'll get
caught red-handed.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

FADE IN:

EXT.: BRAYELLES AERODROME - DAY

April 6, 1917.

The next morning, the German Pilots are preparing for a mission on Arras.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Boning, this is your first flight. You must follow eight rules of Dicta Boelcke. Remember, try to secure advantages before attacking. If possible, keep the sun behind you. Always carry through an attack when you have started it. Fire only at close range, and only when your opponent is properly in your sights. Always keep your eye on your opponent, and never let yourself to be deceived by ruses. In any form of attack, it is essential to assail your enemy from behind. If your opponent dives on you, don't try to evade the onslaught, but fly to meet it.

WALTER BONING

What about the enemy's lines at Arras Sector?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

You must never forget your own line of retreat. Follow my lead and attack on principle in groups of four or six. *Verstehe?*

WALTER BONING

Jahowl, Rittmeister.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Nat gut, dann. Auf geht es.

All the German pilots climbed into the cockpit with their goggles on.

GERMAN MECHANIC #1 (O.S.)

Ausschalten?

WERNER VOSS

Ausschalten.

GERMAN MECHANIC #1 (O.S.)

Kontakt?

WERNER VOSS

Kontakt.

GERMAN MECHANIC #2 (O.S.)

Ausschalten?

KURT WOLFF

Ausschalten.

GERMAN MECHANIC #2 (O.S.)

Kontakt?

KURT WOLFF

Kontakt.

A squadron of German Albatros D.III Fighters are preparing for takeoff.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT.: WESTERN FRONT - CONTINUOUS

The skies of the Western Front, a squadron of French Caudron G.IV Bombers are preparing for a bombing mission on the German lines, but the French Bomber Crew spotted the Red Baron and his Flying Circus at six o'clock high. Manfred von Richthofen used his hand to signal the attack on the twin-engine bombers. The French Gunner OPENS FIRE with his Lewis Machine gun on the nose. Rudolf Berthold and Walter Boning went after the French Bombers. Walter Boning LOCKS AND LOAD with his two 7.92mm Spandau Machine Guns and FIRES at the French Bomber, making his first confirmed kill of the war.

Seconds later, another French Bomber was shot down by Rudolf Berthold and Georg Strasser brought down the third French Bomber. Meanwhile, Kurt Wolff spotted a British Squadron of R.E.8 from. Wolff signals the attack on the British 59th Squadron. Fritz, Karl, and Wolff split up to intercept the R.E.8s. Fritz chased the R.E.8 on the left, and Karl chased the R.E.8 on the right. Wolff chased down the flight leader as the British Rear Gunner FIRES at Wolff with Lewis Machine Gun. Wolff outmaneuvers his plane to avoid getting hit. At the last moment, Wolff SHOOTs the R.E.8 down in flames.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT.: NO-MAN'S LAND - CONTINUOUS

After the R.E.8 SLAMS into the ground from the distance, Amalia and the boys don themselves as the German Officers as they spotted the British and German planes in a dogfight in a distance. The German Fighters laid waste on the Allied planes.

MAJOR ADAMS

Bloody hell! We're too late! The aerial battle was already started, and we still need to find the bloody blueprints.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Without air support, the British will be blown out of the sky. What are we going to do?

MAJOR ADAMS

We'll take a shortcut, Commander Young. Hopefully, we don't get spotted by the Germans.

Major Adams decided to take a shortcut to get the German HQ to steal the German Blueprint.

FADE OUT

END OF ACT III

ACT IV

FADE IN:

INT.: GERMAN HEADQUARTERS - CONTINUOUS

Agent Amalia and the boys arrived at the German HQ. It was heavily guarded by the German Soldiers and General Staff Officers.

AMALIA

Here we are, boys.

COMMANDER YOUNG

I don't think we should stay here much longer.

MAJOR ADAMS

You're right, Commander Young. We must get the German Blueprints quickly and quietly before they see us.

They went undercover to figure out what the Germans are up to.

MAJOR ADAMS

(whispering)

What is Young?

COMMANDER YOUNG

(whispering)

Looks like they're having a conversation together in the office.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: ERICH LUDENDORFF'S OFFICE - DAY

German General Erich Ludendorff and GERMAN GENERALOBERST LUDWIG VON FALKENHAUSEN are talking about their plan in Arras.

LUDWIG VON FALKENHAUSEN

(Speaking in German)

Thanks to the Red Baron, the Allied air strike was foiled.

ERICH LUDENDORFF

(Speaking in German)

Have you found the location of the English Lines?

LUDWIG VON FALKENHAUSEN

(Speaking in German)

Our scouts found something in the Arras Sector. The English have fortified with anti-aircraft guns and observation balloons.

ERICH LUDENDORFF

(Speaking in German)

Good. Send the message to JD 1 for the balloon busting mission.

LUDWIG VON FALKENHAUSEN

Jawohl.

They both left the office; unaware General Ludendorff left his files on his desk.

COMMANDER YOUNG

(whispering)

Did you hear that? The Germans will do the same thing what our tanks did in the Somme Offensive.

MAJOR ADAMS

(whispering)

Except the Germans use their air support in Arras.

AMALIA

(whispering)

Did you call the air support to take down the observation balloon?

MAJOR ADAMS

(whispering)

I didn't call the air support.

COMMANDER YOUNG

(whispering)

Smythe brought our tanks to clear the enemy trench until one of our tanks destroyed the observation balloon.

AMALIA

(whispering)

Now it's our chance. Let's go.

Agent Amalia and the boys snuck into General Ludendorff's Office undetected. Commander Young opened the file and saw the blueprint of Fokker Triplane.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Guys, look.

MAJOR ADAMS

What is it, Young?

COMMANDER YOUNG

It's a blueprint of German Fokker Triplane.

AMALIA

Yes, it is.

The men were surprised. Amalia PULLED OUT the Lugar pistol at them.

AMALIA (CONT'D)

It belongs to the Red Baron and his Flying Circus. Hand over the blueprint or suffer the consequences.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Amalia! You bloody bastard! I
thought you were on our side!

AMALIA

I worked for General Ludendorff as
a double agent.

MAJOR ADAMS

You'll pay for your treachery,
Amalia!

AMALIA

How dare you insult me like that?!
I'm calling reinforcements to take
you boys down! Soon, Arras will
belong to the German Empire.

Major Adams grabs the pistol and knocks Amalia unconscious as
Commander Young steals the blueprint from General Ludendorff's
file.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Hey, what the devil?

MAJOR ADAMS

There's no time to talk, Young.
Amalia is working for the Germans.
We've got to get out of here, now!

COMMANDER YOUNG

I'm with you, Sir.

CUT TO:

INT.: GERMAN HEADQUARTERS - CONTINUOUS

The German Soldiers found the boys and opened fire with their
rifles. As they escape from General Ludendorff's Office, Major
Adams kills one of the guards with the German pistol.

CUT TO:

EXT.: GERMAN HEADQUARTERS - DAY

They escaped just in time and Major Adams drives the truck with
Commander Young as the Germans opened fire at them.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT.: NO MAN'S LAND - CONTINUOUS

COMMANDER YOUNG

Whew! We made it.

MAJOR ADAMS

We've got to get back to our lines
and give the blueprint to--.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Adams, look there!

Major Adams saw the German Ace Werner Voss chasing down the British B.E.2e and claimed his victory as the British plane crash landed on the ground. TWO BRITISH PILOTS escaped from the wreckage. Major Adams stopped the truck.

MAJOR ADAMS

Hey, guys! You need a ride?

ALBERT HIGGS VINSON

Yes, please. Get us to Arras as
fast as you can!

MAJOR ADAMS

Get inside the truck, boys.

EVERARD CHAMPION GWILT

Yes, Sir.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Guys, they're coming right at us!

Major Adams drives the truck quickly as two German Aces, Karl Schafer and Wilhelm Frankl, begin their strafing run at the truck. Schafer makes his first pass on the stolen truck and misses the target. Frankl aims at the truck with his Spandau machine guns, but he overshoots the truck. Schafer tries again, but nothing happens. The British watched as the Germans return to base.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Who are you guys?

ALBERT HIGGS VINSON

My name is Albert Higgs Vinson,
and this is my observer, Everard
Champion Gwilt.

EVERARD CHAMPION GWILT

Hello, Commander Young.

COMMANDER YOUNG

I'm glad you're safe with us.

ALBERT HIGGS VINSON

Yeah, we were chased by Werner
Voss, one of the Red Baron's
squadron mates.

EVERARD CHAMPION GWILT

But we did see Oberleutnant Hans
Berr ends up in a mid-air
collision near Noyelles.

COMMANDER YOUNG

What do you mean?

ALBERT HIGGS VINSON

I mean, he collided with one of
his own squadrons.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: ALLIED TRENCH IN ARRAS - NIGHT

At night, Commander Young handed over the blueprint to General
Henry Horne.

COMMANDER YOUNG

General Horne, we found a
blueprint from General
Ludendorff's office.

HENRY HORNE

It's a blueprint of Fokker Triplane. So that's why the Red Baron wanted to produce this aircraft to control the sky on the Western Front.

MAJOR ADAMS

If the Germans built more triplanes, then our squadron won't stand a chance against the Red Baron and his Flying Circus.

HENRY HORNE

Where's Amalia?

COMMANDER YOUNG

She betrayed us. Amalia is working for the Germans, but however, we brought the pilots here.

HENRY HORNE

Thank you for bringing the British pilots back, Major Adams. I'll call THE SQUADRON COMMANDER on the phone right away.

General Horne called the British Officer Hugh Trenchard on the phone.

HUGH TRENCHARD (V.O.)

Hello?

HENRY HORNE

Officer Trenchard, this is General Henry Horne speaking. The boys found the blueprint from General Ludendorff's Office, and they found your pilots on the wreckage.

HUGH TRENCHARD (V.O.)

Thank you, General Horne. I'll send my troops to pick them up.

HENRY HORNE

And one more thing, Trenchard. The blueprint is the German Fokker Triplane.

HUGH TRENCHARD (V.O.)

A Fokker Triplane? How can we defeat the Red Baron and his Flying Circus if they keep shooting down our bloody squadron?

HENRY HORNE

You need the Fighter Squadron tomorrow at dawn, Trenchard. That's an order.

HUGH TRENCHARD (V.O.)

Yes, Sir. We'll keep an eye on your sector tomorrow morning at dawn.

HENRY HORNE

Okay, Trenchard. Goodbye.

Henry Horne hangs up the phone.

MAJOR ADAMS

What about our air support, General Horne?

HENRY HORNE

Our air support has blown out of the sky.

COMMANDER YOUNG

If the Red Baron and his squadron shoot down the Royal Flying Corps, we'll be defenseless.

MAJOR ADAMS

What are we going to do, now? Sit there and do nothing?

HENRY HORNE

We'll have to do this a hard way
to bring the Red Baron and his
squadron down.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT IV

ACT V

FADE IN:

EXT.: ALLIED TRENCH IN ARRAS - DAY

April 7, 1917.

The next morning, General Horne gives THE BRITISH OBSERVER direction as the British anti-aircraft guns and Vickers machine guns were loaded in a firing position.

HENRY HORNE

Remember, keep an eye on the lookout for enemy aircraft and use binoculars to spot enemy troop movement.

BRITISH OBSERVER

Yes, Sir.

HENRY HORNE

Raise the observation balloon.

The British Soldier nods his head. The British observation balloon rises, and the British Observer uses his binoculars to spot the enemy troop movement. He picks up the phone.

BRITISH OBSERVER

No sign of enemy forces, but I see the German trench on the other side.

HENRY HORNE

(On phone)

Then keep looking.

Suddenly, the British heard the airplanes roaring across sky on Arras.

COMMANDER YOUNG

Guys, look up there!

General Horne spotted the enemy fighters heading towards the British Lines.

HENRY HORNE

Bloody Hell! It's the Red Baron
and his Flying Circus!

MAJOR ADAMS (CONT'D)

General Horne, these squadrons are
not ours! They're Germans and
they're headed right for us!

HENRY HORNE

Finley, order your men to shoot
them down!

MAJOR ADAMS

Open fire!

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: ARRAS - CONTINUOUS

FLAKS BURST all around Richthofen and his Flying Circus. Some of
the fighter squadrons were damaged by anti-aircraft guns, but
Richthofen and the rest of his squadron avoided getting hit by
flak before reaching Arras.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: ALLIED TRENCH ON ARRAS - CONTINUOUS

Looking through the binoculars, the British Observer spots
Richthofen and his Flying Circus. He picks up the phone again.

THE BRITISH OBSERVER

Enemy fighters, incoming!

MAJOR ADAMS

**Lower the observation balloon!
Don't let them reach our lines!**

The British OPENED FIRE with Lewis and Vickers machine guns as
the British lowers the observation balloon as the German
fighters SHOOTING at the British observation balloon with
Spandau machine guns. At the last moment, the British Observer
bails out and pulls the ripcord from his parachute before Hans
Klein destroys the observation balloon. It was Klein's first
balloon victory in the West of Arras.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT./EXT.: ARRAS - CONTINUOUS

The Red Baron and his fighter squadron regrouped until they spotted the British Squadron from the East of Arras. ONE OF THE BRITISH PILOTS OF THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS IS LIEUTENANT BILLY BISHOP OF THE 60TH SQUADRON. Billy spotted Richthofen and his Flying Circus. Billy signals the attack on the Germans. The British and the German Fighters clashed in a dogfight over Arras. Wilhelm Frankl takes out British Nieuport 17 with his Spandau Machine guns. Meanwhile, Fritz spots the British Nieuport 27 right on his tail. Fritz's plane was taken damage by the British Fighter. Kurt Wolff can see Fritz in trouble. He dives to rescue Fritz and takes out the British Fighter with his Spandau Machine guns. The Red Baron spots the British Nieuport 17 right behind him, but the Red Baron pitches up and drops the nose behind the British with his twin Spandau Machine Guns fire. British Ace, Billy Bishop spots the checker nosed Albatros D.III, piloted by Ludwig Muller. Billy gets in the position and fires his Vickers Machine Gun. Billy Bishop followed the stricken German Fighter plunging earthward until the German Fighter crashed into the ground in pieces. The aerial battle on Arras is over. The *Luftstreitkrafte* claimed 245 Allied Aircraft with a loss of 66 fighters of their own. It was a stunning victory for the Red Baron and his Flying Circus.

CUT TO:

EXT.: BRAYELLES AERODROME - DAY

After the dogfight on Arras, the ceremony begins as German Commander announced all the German Pilots for their victory over the Allied Squadron.

THE GERMAN COMMANDER

(Speaking in German)

Gentlemen, we have received a message from General Ludendorff. The British are planning for their offensive in Arras on day after tomorrow, but today, I'm giving you award for shooting down enemy aircraft. Rittmeister von Richthofen, congratulations for your victory on Arras with 37 kills of the war.

The German Commander gives the Military Order of St. Henry medal to the Red Baron.

THE GERMAN COMMANDER (CONT'D)

(Speaking in German)

Oberleutnant Wolff, you're promoted to Orden Pour le Merite by shooting down 7 planes today.

The German Commander gives the Blue Max medal to Kurt Wolff, making him an ace with 7 kills on Arras.

THE GERMAN COMMANDER (CONT'D)

(Speaking in German)

Leutnant Frankl, you've scored 20 kills on Arras today. Congratulations, you've earned Orden Pour le Merite today.

Wilhelm Frankl gets the Blue Max medal from the German Commander.

THE GERMAN COMMANDER (CONT'D)

(Speaking in German)

Leutnant Voss, I have a report you haven't claimed a victory by shooting down the Sopwith Pup, but you did claim 24 confirm kills yesterday. I'm giving you the Orden Pour le Merite medal as your reward.

It would've been 25th kill to Werner Voss' credit, but he did receive the Blue Max medal from the German Commander.

THE GERMAN COMMANDER (CONT'D)

(Speaking in German)

And Oberleutnant Otto Bernert, by shooting down 15 planes you've earned the Iron Cross for your bravery, honor, and respect. Congratulations.

After the German Commander gives the Iron Cross to Otto Bernert,
the German Pilots salute as the German Fighters fly in a V-
shaped formation above the German Aerodrome.

FADE OUT:

THE END