

THE RED BARON (TV EPISODE)

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TEASER

FADE IN:

INT/EXT. WESTERN FRONT — CONTINUOUS

Three months after the event of Bloody April, The Red Baron and his squadron of Albatros D.V Fighters are in a dogfight against the British Royal Flying Corps. In the sky of the Western Front, most of the British aircraft were shot down by Richthofen and his Flying Circus.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN (V.O.)

My name is Manfred von Richthofen. My friends called me, "The Red Baron." After the event of Bloody April, I shot down five British planes, bringing to my total of 57 kills in the Western Front. My friend, Werner Voss, shot down six aircraft bringing down to total of 34 confirmed kills and Kurt Wolff brought down 31 aircraft. My brother, Lothar, shot down 24 British planes, while fighting alongside with me. I'm looking forward to claiming more victories in the sky of the Western Front.

DISSOLVE TO:

TITLE: THE GREAT WAR

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FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

FADE IN:

EXT. CONRAD'S HOUSE - DAY

July 6, 1917.

THE BOY NAMED JOHANNES AND HIS DOG, MOZART, looked outside and saw the aerial battle from a distance away.

JOHANNES

Is there a war going on, Mozart?

MOZART

Woof. Woof.

JOHANNES

Let me see what's going on.

The boy looks up with binoculars.

JOHANNES (CONT'D)

(Sighs)

I don't know, Mozart. It could be a friend or foe.

MOZART

Woof.

JOHANNES

No, we can't go out there! MY MOTHER told us to stay here and watch.

Suddenly, the Boy saw the red biplane landed in field 5 miles from his house. He saw the bullet wound on Richthofen's head.

JOHANNES (CONT'D)

Mom! There's a plane outside of my house!

The Boy's Mother found the Red Baron's plane landed on the field.

JOHANNES' MOTHER

Oh my god! His head is bleeding.
You stay here. I'll call the
doctor.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GERMAN HOSPITAL - DAY

Inside the hospital, Werner Voss is sitting between TWO GERMAN PILOTS, ERNST UDET AND HERMANN GOERING, as Kurt Wolff came to see them.

KURT WOLFF

Guys, you got see Richthofen!

WERNER VOSS

Me? I wasn't in combat with him,
Wolff! You did!

KURT WOLFF

Then, you should've seen my action
this morning, Voss.

HERMANN GOERING

Who cares about Richthofen? I
should've dealt with the British
Squadron earlier. Not him!

ERNST UDET

That's enough! Manfred von
Richthofen is the bravest German
Pilot in the Western Front.

WERNER VOSS

We better talk to Richthofen, in
person.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. GERMAN HOSPITAL - DAY

Wolff, Voss, Goering, and Ernst Udet came to see THE GERMAN NURSE.

WERNER VOSS

Excuse me, Ma'am. Have you seen my friend, Manfred von Richthofen?

THE GERMAN NURSE

Ja. He's with his brother, Lothar.

WERNER VOSS

I want to speak with him, *bitte*.

The German Nurse nods her head. Voss opened the door and saw Lothar sitting next to his brother. Manfred von Richthofen had a bandage wrapped around his head and appeared to be sleeping.

ENRST UDET

How was your brother, Lothar?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

My brother had a head wound so he needs to rest for a long time before he can fight for another day.

HERMANN GOERING

Another day? I should've fly in aerial combat against the British Royal Flying Corps in a first place!

WERNER VOSS

Hermann Goering!

HERMANN GOERING

Don't you get it? Richthofen got his bullet wound on his head and I won't stop until the British Squadron is destroyed!

ERNST UDET

I know you want to save their lives, Goering...

(MORE)

ERNST UDET (CONT'D)

...but going out there alone won't save your squadron. That's what happened to Utz while facing my opponent in a 1-on-1 duel.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Who's Utz?

ERNST UDET

Leutnant Utz Hanisch, a close friend of mine who was killed by French Ace, GEORGE GUYNEMER.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT./EXT. NO MAN'S LAND (JUNE 1917)

Stock footage was used in *Dogfights* as Ernst Udet and Georges Guynemer dueled with each other on the Western Front.

ERNST UDET (CONT'D) (V.O.)

I used the Immelmann Turn towards Guynemer, but I took a damage through my right-wing plane as the bullets struck the strut. I was about to shoot down Guynemer, but my guns were jammed. I tried to clear the jam, but I couldn't.

BACK TO PRESENT.

HERMANN GOERING

What do mean your guns jammed? I shot down the Zeppelin killer last month.

WERNER VOSS

Who is the Zeppelin Killer you shot down?

HERMANN GOERING

Captain Knight of the 60th Squadron.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Captain Knight is the Zeppelin
Killer?

HERMANN GOERING

Ja. He's responsible for shooting
down a Zeppelin over Essex last
year.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT./EXT. - WESTERN FRONT - (JUNE 8, 1917)

Hermann Goering was a member of Jasta 26 led by Fritz's brother,
Bruno Loerzer. Goering and his squadron were in a dogfight
against the 60th Squadron of the British Royal Flying Corps.

HERMANN GOERING (V.O.)

I was in a middle of the dogfight
between our squadron and the
British 60th Squadron until I
spotted Captain Knight below. I
pursued him on a treetop level. I
KILLED Captain Knight with my
Spandau Machine Guns, and then, he
CRASHED into a church.

Hermann Goering left the carnage and headed back to base.

BACK TO THE PRESENT.

WERNER VOSS

Wait a minute! You saw the carnage
inside the church?

ERNST UDET

Come on, Goering! Sending the
British Pilot into a church is a
war crime!

HERMANN GOERING

I don't care about church
services, Ernst! I only care about
the Zeppelin Killers!

KURT WOLFF

I know you want to shoot down the
Zeppelin Killers, Goering. Because
you've signed up as a German
Pilot, doesn't mean you have to
attack civilians.

HERMANN GOERING

(scoffs)

We'll see about that, Wolff.

Manfred von Richthofen wakes up from a coma.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Hey, guys! Look!

WERNER VOSS

What is it, Lothar?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

My brother is alive!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

FADE IN:

INT. GERMAN HOSPITAL - DAY

Manfred von Richthofen looks at his brother and his friends.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

(Groans)

How did I end up here?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

You're in the hospital, Brother.
You got a bullet wound on your
head earlier.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

What do you mean, Lothar?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

That British Observer was an
expert gunner that took you down.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Me? I'm supposed to take out the
British Squadron undetected!

KURT WOLFF

Leave the squadron to me, Manfred.
I'll shoot him down for you.

HERMANN GOERING

Wolff, I'm supposed to lead the
squadron to victory, not you!

ERNST UDET

Goering, Manfred was chosen to
lead the Flying Circus. You're
just a killer.

HERMANN GOERING

(Growls)

I'll show you who's the killer,
Ernst!

WERNER VOSS

Hey, guys! Take it easy! You're
making things worse!

HERMANN GOERING

I won't stop until the Zeppelin
Killers are dead.

KURT WOLFF

Let him rest for a while. We must
get back to our aerodrome.

WERNER VOSS

Lothar, are you coming with us?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

I'll stay with him before dinner.

ERNST UDET

Alright, Lothar. It's your choice.
They all left Lothar and his brother behind.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. MARCKEBEKE AERODROME, COURTRAI - NIGHT

They went back to the aerodrome, but General von Hoepfner was
waiting for them.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Gentlemen, due to *Rittmeister* von
Richthofen's injury, I need a
pilot in charge of the commanding
officer to lead the squadron at
dawn tomorrow.

The German Pilots raised their hands.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER (CONT'D)

Oberleutnant Wolff, you will lead
the squadron at dawn tomorrow.

HERMANN GOERING

What?! I know how to lead the
squadron better than him!

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

I'm sorry, Goering, but Kurt Wolff
was chosen as the new leader of
the Flying Circus.

Hermann Goering was furious! He wanted to lead the squadron, so
he went inside the quarters, instead.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. VON RICHTHOFEN'S HOUSE - DAY

July 11, 1917.

One week after Red Baron's injury, he wrote a story book called:
"THE RED FIGHTER PILOT" in German. Manfred heard someone
KNOCKING AT THE DOOR.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Was zu.

Lothar and HIS COUSIN came to see him.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Hello, Brother. What are you doing
here?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I'm writing my own story about
myself.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Manfred, meet our cousin, Wolfram.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Hallo.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Wolfram?

Wolfram and Manfred hugged each other.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Manfred! I missed you, Cousin!

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I missed you too, Wolfram!

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Wait a minute! You know Wolfram?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Yes, Lothar! I have a family!

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

I'm going to be a pilot, just like you and your brother.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

I've already signed up as pilot, Cousin.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Wait, you're the pilot, too?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Yes, Wolfram. I shot down the British Ace, Albert Ball.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Who's Albert Ball?

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Albert Ball was a member of the British Royal Flying Corps who claimed 44 kills until he was fatally injured in a crash, but I survived from my injury two months ago.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

I thought you want to be a gunner
instead.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I was a gunner two years ago, when
GEORG ZEUMER was flying the German
AEG G.II Bomber.

FLASHBACK TO:

EXT. CHAMPAIGN SECTOR (1915)

After completing the bombing run on Champaign Sector, when they
spot the bogey at 12 o'clock.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN (CONT'D) (V.O.)

We spotted the French MF.11
Shorthorn Reconnaissance Aircraft
in front of us. I got in the
position and took out the enemy
aircraft with Parabellum Machine
Gun.

BACK TO PRESENT.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN (CONT'D)

It was a confirmed kill for
Zeumer, until I became a fighter
pilot on Jasta 2.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Man, I thought you would never fly
again.

Suddenly, Werner Voss came to see Manfred.

WERNER VOSS

Manfred! Our commanding officer is
down!

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

What's the problem, Voss?

WERNER VOSS

It's Wolff, he was badly injured
on Courtrai Railway Line.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

Brother, where are you going?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

There's no time for a family
reunion, Lothar. We must find
Wolff on the Courtrai Railway
Line.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

But you're hurt, Manfred! You
can't fly alone!

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I know, Cousin. Just get in the
car.

Werner Voss and the Richthofen Family went inside the truck to
figure out what's going on with Kurt Wolff.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. COURTRAI RAILWAY LINE - DAY

Few minutes later, the car stopped at Courtrai railway line
where THE GERMAN MEDICS pulled Wolff out of the wreckage.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

What happened to Wolff?

GERMAN MEDIC #1

He was badly shot up by the
British Sopwith Triplane.

Kurt Wolff GROANS WITH HIS PAIN.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

A triplane?

WERNER VOSS

I had never seen a British
Triplane before.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

I guess Wolff was not so lucky
after all, eh?

GERMAN MEDIC #2

Yes, we have no choice but to take
Wolff for a medical emergency.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

That's where the doctors took care
of me last week.

GERMAN MEDIC #1

But Wolff's injury was serious,
Rittmeister. His plane was upside
down and hit his head on the metal
fence very hard.

GERMAN MEDIC #2

Would you like to come with us?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Thanks for offering, but I'm
taking my family to the ballroom
dancing tonight.

GERMAN MEDIC #2

What about you, Voss?

WERNER VOSS

Ja, bitte.

Two German Medics escort Werner Voss to the ambulance and drives
away.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Where's he going?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

He's going to the hospital to
check on Wolff's injury.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

I can't wait to see our parents in
the ballroom tonight.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Me too.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I prefer flying with my squadron,
but you can teach me how to dance
tonight.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

What about Voss? Is he coming with
us?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

He's not coming with us.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

FADE IN:

INT. BALLROOM - NIGHT

At night, the Richthofen Family went to the ballroom with their suits on to meet THE REST OF RICHTHOFEN FAMILY. THE GERMAN PILOTS and German General Staff were already in the ballroom.

ELSE VON RICHTHOFEN

Manfred!

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Else!

Else gives her cousin a HUG AND KISS.

ELSE VON RICHTHOFEN

It's good to see you, Cousin!

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Else, this is my brother, Lothar,
and your brother, Wolfram.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Hallo Else.

ELSE VON RICHTHOFEN

Hallo Jungen.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

(Stammering)

Oh, uh, *hallo*, Else.

ELSE VON RICHTHOFEN

It's nice to have a family reunion
in the ballroom.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

Are you the German Scientist?

ELSE VON RICHTHOFEN

Yes, brother. I enrolled in Heidelberg University since the beginning. Oh, and Manfred, meet your parents, Major Albrecht Philipp Karl Julius Freiherr von Richthofen and Kunigunde von Schickfuss und Neudorff.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Hallo, Mama and Papa.

MANFRED'S DAD

Hallo, Mein Sohn. I'm glad you survived the aerial combat a week ago.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Yes, my squadron and I shot down more British planes in the Western Front.

MANFRED'S MOM

Manfred, what happened to your head?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I got a bullet wound on my head last week.

MANFRED'S MOM

(gasps)

Thank goodness, my son. I was afraid that you're going to get yourself killed.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Ja, Voss and I were trained by Oswald Boelcke at Jasta 2 by using aerial combat tactics against the British Royal Flying Corps.

MANFRED'S DAD

Who's Boelcke?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

He's a German Ace like me.

FLASHBACK TO:

INT./EXT. WESTERN FRONT - DAY (OCTOBER 28, 1916)

Manfred was in a dogfight against the Royal Flying Corps on the Western Front led by Oswald Boelcke.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN (CONT'D) (V.O.)

I fought alongside with him and his squadron in a dogfight against the Royal Flying Corps, until THE GERMAN PILOT, ERWIN BOHME, ends up in mid-air collision with Boelcke.

BACK TO PRESENT.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN (CONT'D)

Later, Bohme was court-martialed for colliding with one of his own squadron mates.

HERMANN GOERING

I didn't get a court-martial for my actions in the aerial combat.

ERNST UDET

Goering, you attacked innocent civilians and destroyed British medical supplies.

HERMANN GOERING

Just wait until the Gotha Bombers arrive in our aerodrome so we can terrorize the cities on the Western Front.

WOLFRAM VON RICHTHOFEN

With all due respect, Goering, we don't bomb cities. We're dogfighters.

LOTHAR VON RICHTHOFEN

We're fighting against the enemy in the sky of the Western Front all the time.

HERMANN GOERING

I would be happy if we prepare for a strafing run mission against the British Army.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Manfred, may I introduce ANTHONY FOKKER.

ANTHONEY FOKKER

You must be the fighter pilot, Manfred von Richthofen.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Ja, but my friends call me, "The Red Baron."

ANTHONY FOKKER

It's good to see you, Baron.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

What's your news, Anthony?

ANTHONY FOKKER

I found a downed Sopwith Triplane where Kurt Wolff made his last kill of the war before he was sent to the hospital.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I was in the hospital last week, Anthony.

ANTHONY FOKKER

Would you like to talk to him,
Manfred?

Manfred nods his head to Anthony Fokker.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. HOSPITAL/INT. BALLROOM - SPLIT SCREEN - NIGHT

At the hospital, the phone RANG, and Werner Voss picks up the phone.

WERNER VOSS

Hallo? This is Werner Voss
speaking.

ANTHONY FOKKER

Hallo Voss. How's Kurt Wolff
doing?

WERNER VOSS

Nicht gut, Anthony. He won't be
able to fly with us this time.

ANTHONY FOKKER

I see. Meet me at the factory with
Manfred tomorrow.

WERNER VOSS

What are you working on?

ANTHONY FOKKER

It's a surprise, Voss. Just wait
and find out tomorrow.

WERNER VOSS

Okay, Anthony. I'll be there
tomorrow. *Auf Wiedersehen.*

Werner Voss hangs up the phone. He looks at the operating room through the window, then he watches in horror as the nurses perform surgery on Kurt Wolff. Werner Voss was worried about Kurt Wolff's injury. Kurt Wolff's wounds were serious, compared to Manfred's head injury.

If Kurt Wolff doesn't recover from his wounds, then he won't get a chance to fly with the squadron and he'll be out of action forever.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT III

ACT IV

FADE IN:

INT. FOKKER FACTORY - DAY

August 31, 1917.

The next morning, Werner Voss and Manfred von Richthofen arrived at the Fokker Factory where Anthony Fokker is waiting for them to show off their new aircraft.

ANTHONY FOKKER

Gentlemen, this is a new fighter,
the Fokker DR. I Triplane.

WERNER VOSS

A Fokker Triplane?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

You have a triplane of your own?

ANTHONY FOKKER

Of course. I found the wreckage
after Kurt Wolff's final kill
before he was sent to the
hospital. So that's why we have a
triplane of our own. It was
powered by Oberursel Ur.II 9-
cylinder air-cooled rotary piston
engine. This prototype has three
wings and is armed with two
Spandau Machine Guns. It was more
maneuverable than any other
fighters on the Western Front.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I'll fly this plane for a test
flight.

ANTHONY FOKKER

Very well, Manfred, but I want
this plane in one piece.
Verstehen?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

*Ja, Anthony. I'll bring this plane
in one piece.*

WERNER VOSS

What about me, Anthony?

ANTHONY FOKKER

I have two more prototypes left,
Voss, but I have a special one for
you.

Anthony Fokker shows two triplanes, but one of the triplanes has
a mustache on the bottom and two eyes on the top of the
propeller.

WERNER VOSS

What's that?

ANTHONY FOKKER

It's your serial number, F.I
103/17.

WERNER VOSS

What about the other one?

ANTHONY FOKKER

That's the serial number, F.I
102/17, and it belongs to Manfred.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. WESTERN FRONT - CONTINUOUS

The Red Baron is testing out the prototype Fokker Triplane, by
using a rate of climb, speed, diving, and maneuverability, until
he spots a lone British Sopwith Triplane, flown by HERBERT
ROWLEY behind him. As we heard suspense music in the background,
Herbert Rowley pressed the trigger, but his single Vickers
Machine Gun was jammed. Rowley couldn't clear the jam to get a
shot on the unarmed triplane. Rowley pulled up beside The Red
Baron and saluted him. He watches as the British Triplane flies
away. It would've been Rowley's kill to his credit. The Red
Baron is safe from Rowley.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. FOKKER FACTORY - DAY

The Red Baron landed his plane safely in one piece.

WERNER VOSS

How was your flight, Manfred?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

It looks perfect, Voss. Now we can fly these planes for real.

ANTHONY FOKKER

For real? But I don't have time to produce all my triplanes, Manfred. You and Voss fly these planes to Marckebeke Aerodrome. General von Hoepfner will be waiting for you.

WERNER VOSS

Did you find a British plane where he wounded Kurt Wolff?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

It was Herbert Rowley Voss. He's a British Pilot who shot Kurt Wolff on his left side.

FLASHBACK TO:

EXT. COURTRAI RAILWAY LINE (JULY 11, 1917)

Kurt Wolff was shot in his left hand and shoulder by Herbert Rowley's Vickers Machine Gun. The wounded pilot crashed, landed on the railway line ripping off the undercarriage and flipped his plane over. Wolff smashed his head on the metal fence.

BACK TO THE PRESENT

WERNER VOSS

Herbert Rowley shot down Kurt Wolff on Courtrai Sector?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

It would've been his second kill of the day.

ANTHONY FOKKER

Wolff wasn't shot down, Manfred.
Rowley shot down four German
Aircraft. I want you and Voss to
fly your planes to the aerodrome
and show the pilots what your
triplane can do. Oh, and uh, leave
the unarmed triplane here.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Don't worry, Anthony. We'll take
care of the triplanes.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. KURT VON DORING'S OFFICE - DAY

A new CO, *OBERLEUTNANT* KURT-BERTRAM VON DORING, was talking on
the phone.

KURT VON DORING

Of course, Wolff survived his
injury last month, Doctor.

GERMAN DOCTOR (V.O.)

We probed two bullets from his
wounds on his left side.

KURT VON DORING

Two bullets at once?

GERMAN DOCTOR (V.O.)

Yes, but Wolff's head injury is
serious. We're making progress for
his head surgery. He'll be back in
the air again next month.

KURT VON DORING

Next month?

(sighs)

Alright, I'll see Wolff next month
when he gets back from the
hospital.

Kurt von Doring hangs up the phone as General von Hoepfner enters the office.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Oberleutnant von Doring,
Richthofen and Voss have returned.

They heard TWO AIRPLANES landing on the aerodrome.

CUT TO:

EXT. MARCKEBEKE AERODROME - DAY

Two Prototype Fokker Triplanes landed on the aerodrome. Manfred von Richthofen and Werner Voss climbed out of their cockpit to show Kurt von Doring and General von Hoepfner about new aircraft.

KURT VON DORING

Manfred? Voss? Where have you
been?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Anthony Fokker gave us new
fighters.

KURT VON DORING

Which fighters?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

This is the Prototype Fokker
Triplane, *Oberleutnant*. We can use
them to take down the British
Aircraft on the Western Front.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Good thinking, *Rittmeister*. I'll
notify the pilots for our briefing
mission for tomorrow morning.

KURT VON DORING

Hey, warte eine Minute! Allgemein!

Werner Voss and Manfred von Richthofen watched Kurt von Doring
KEPT TALKING to General von Hoepfner.

WERNER VOSS

I don't think Doring likes our new fighters.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Yeah, Voss. This plane is much better than the Albatros.

CUT TO:

EXT.: MARCKEBEKE AERODROME - DAY

September 1, 1917,

Kurt von Doring gives the pilots for today's briefing.

KURT VON DORING

Our intelligence has been reported the British are on a reconnaissance mission to photograph the Fokker Factory.

WERNER VOSS

The Fokker Factory? That's where Fokker Triplanes are used for our mass production.

KURT VON DORING

Rechts. The Fokker Factory is their target. Once the British discover our factory, the Allied Bombers will disrupt our fighter production and they must not allow to reach our factory. So, WILLI, Manfred, and Voss will defend the factory. The rest of the squadron will patrol in Passchendaele. Be careful out there.

Manfred von Richthofen and Werner Voss climbed on their cockpits of prototype Fokker Triplanes. The rest of Richthofen's squadron fly the Albatros D.Vs. Wilhelm "Willi" Reinhard sits on the cockpit, but he didn't know the GERMAN MECHANIC left the wrench on Willi's seat.

WILHELM REINHARD

Ow!

GERMAN MECHANIC

Tut mir Leid, Sir.

Willi gives the wrench to the German Mechanic.

WILHELM REINHARD

Here's the wrench, *Herr*.

GERMAN MECHANIC

Danke.

The Red Baron puts on his goggles and uses his hand signal for takeoff. The German Fighters are ready for takeoff.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: BERLIN - DAY

The Red Baron and his squadron mates, Werner Voss and Willi Reinhard patrol the sky on the German Capital of Berlin. The Red Baron spots two British Sopwith Triplanes escorting British R.E.8 to the German Aircraft Factory. One of the British Triplanes rocked its wings to signal for attack. The Red Baron went after the British R.E.8, but Voss and Willi tackle two British Triplanes. Willi is chasing the first British Triplane, but he was being pursued by the second British Triplane. Willi's plane is taken damage by Vickers Machine Gun fire, until Werner Voss saved Willi's life and mortally wounds the British Pilot with his Spandau Machine Guns. The wounded British Pilot spits out the blood and dies. Willi takes out the British Triplane with his Spandau Machine Guns. The British Triplane loses its wings and spins out of control. The British R.E.8 is now unprotected as the British Observer, Walter Kember fires with Lewis Machine gun to shake the Red Baron off his tail, but the Red Baron kills 2nd Lieutenant Kember and shoots down the British R.E.8 in flames.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT.: WESTERN FRONT - DAY

Meanwhile, in Passchendaele, Ernst Udet leads the fighter squadron to protect the observation balloons. Soon, the Germans spotted a squadron of French SPAD VII Fighters at the distance. The French and Germans are in a dogfight in air-to-air combat. Both planes end up in midair collision. Some of the German Fighters were shot down, but most of the French Fighters were shot down before reaching the German observation balloons. The remaining SPAD VIIs took out the German Observation Balloons. Ernst Udet spots his rival, Georges Guynemer.

Ernst Udet saw Guynemer's plane and says *Vieux Charles* written on its side. Ernst Udet locks and loads it with his Spandau Machine Guns. Ernst Udet fires at Guynemer with his Spandau Machine Guns, but Guynemer dodged and weaves from Udet's tracer rounds. Ernst Udet searched Guynemer, but there's no sign of the French Pilot, until Guynemer surprised Ernst Udet from the cloud WITH SLOW MOTION to avoid midair collision. Guynemer gets behind Udet and fires with his Vickers Machine Gun.

CLOSE-UP: ERNST UDET USING THE CONTROL STICK ON HIS AIRPLANE TO OUTMANEUVER GUYNEMER'S AIM.

George Guynemer went through the clouds. Guynemer came out of the cloud and saw Ernst Udet firing right behind him. Guynemer's plane was damaged, but Ernst Udet stayed right at him.

CUT TO:

EXT.: NO MAN'S LAND - DAY

Georges Guynemer's plane had already landed on "No Man's Land" as Ernst Udet made a rough landing.

GEORGES GUYNEMER

(Laughing)

ERNST UDET

What are you laughing at?

GEORGES GUYNEMER

I saw you in a duel last Summer.

ERNST UDET

Ja, I remembered our duel on the Western Front. I pulled the trigger on my stick, but the machine guns were jammed.

GEORGES GUYNEMER

Jammed, *Monsieur*? Maybe you should check your guns first when you engage in aerial combat.

ERNST UDET

Is that your SPAD VII?

GEORGES GUYNEMER

Oui, Monsieur. I shot down a Gotha Bomber at Bouconville Sector.

ERNST UDET

Gotha Bomber? I never heard the Allies shoot down so many Gotha Bombers on the Western Front before.

GEORGES GUYNEMER

We've lost so many bombers on Arras Sector, so we replaced with British Handley Page Bombers to bomb by day and night.

ERNST UDET

But none of us shot down the Handley Page Bombers, but we did shoot down the French Caudron Bombers by day.

GEORGES GUYNEMER

Oh, so that's why you and your squadron located Caudron Bombers last Spring.

ERNST UDET

If I find Handley Page Bombers, then I'll have a chance to shoot them down.

CUT TO:

EXT.: NO MAN'S LAND - CONTINUOUS

The two pilots walked side-by-side on "No-Man's Land".

GEORGES GUYNEMER

I hope you enjoy fighting in the air, Monsieur.

ERNST UDET

I'm heading back to my squadron.

GEORGE GUYNEMER

So am I. *Au revoir.*

Georges Guynemer left his rival behind.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT.: MARCKEBEKE AERODROME - DAY

Kurt von Doring was furious with Hermann Goering for his actions in Passchendaele.

KURT VON DORING

Hermann Wilhelm Goering!

HERMANN GOERING

Ja?

KURT VON DORING

You left our observation balloons unprotected!

HERMANN GOERING

I was in a dogfight with SPAD VIIIs, until Georges Guynemer shows up!

KURT VON DORING

You disobeyed my orders, Goering! I told you to defend our line, not pursue them!

HERMANN GOERING

I'm a fighter pilot, Doring! Not a babysitter, like you!

KURT VON DORING

It doesn't matter whether you're a dogfighter or not, Goering. I'll have you court martial for this, and you'll be shot!

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Genug!

KURT VON DORING

Manfred.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Kurt von Doring, you're no longer
a CO in this squadron!

KURT VON DORING

But I'm in charge here,
Rittmeister!

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Anthony Fokker gave us two
prototypes, and this time, Werner
Voss will be the new CO for
tomorrow.

KURT VON DORING

Tomorrow? Werner Voss wasn't
experience enough to lead us in
aerial combat.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

You already have the Albatros with
you, Doring, and you will follow
Werner Voss' lead.

Kurt von Doring angrily walks away.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT IV

ACT V

FADE IN:

INT.: QUARTERS - NIGHT

Hermann Goering was sitting in his quarters. Ernst Udet came to see Goering.

ERNST UDET

What's wrong, Goering?

HERMANN GOERING

Our observation balloons are destroyed, but I want to take down the reconnaissance aircraft, not Manfred!

ERNST UDET

I know you don't like defending missions, but you should follow his lead.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Herren, Manfred is waiting for your briefing.

CUT TO:

INT.: BARRACKS - NIGHT

Manfred gives the briefing for tomorrow's patrol.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Herren, we're going to patrol the Western Front tomorrow. This time, we'll escort our reconnaissance aircraft to locate the British defenses. Instead of melee dogfights, we must avoid getting hit by a flak gun. Once our mission is complete, our soldiers will attack Passchendaele sector and claim our victory. Werner Voss will lead Jasta 10. The rest of the squadron will follow my lead to attack the British Squadron. *Das ist alles.*

HERMANN GOERING

Now, that's a spirit!

ERNST UDET

Goering, it's not about bombing mission. It's about a reconnaissance mission.

HERMANN GOERING

Oh, yeah. *Rechts.*

ERNST UDET

I'll see you tomorrow morning.

HERMANN GOERING

You too, Udet.

WERNER VOSS

Would you like to see Kurt Wolff tomorrow, Manfred?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I'll be glad to see him in a hospital tomorrow, Voss, but we have a combat mission to do on the Western Front. Once we finish our mission, you and I will get a chance to see Wolff, if we survive the mission.

WERNER VOSS

But what about your head wound?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I'll be fine, Voss. Get some rest and I'll meet you in the aerodrome tomorrow morning.

Voss agrees with Manfred and leaves the Barracks.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: MARCKEBEKE AERODROME - DAY

September 3, 1917.

The German Pilots are getting ready for takeoff at dawn. The Red Baron climbs inside of his Fokker Triplane.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Are you sure you want to fly,
Rittmeister?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Ja, I am, General. Tell Kurt Wolff
if he's all right when I come
back.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Please, be careful out there.

GERMAN MECHANIC (O.S.)

Ausschalten?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Ausschalten.

The German Mechanic uses hand prop on the Red Baron's Triplane.

GERMAN MECHANIC (O.S.)

Kontakt?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Kontakt.

The propeller starts turning after the German Mechanic uses hand prop one more time. The Red Baron and his squadron took off from the aerodrome.

CUT TO:

EXT.: WESTERN FRONT - CONTINUOUS

On the sky of the Western Front, the Red Baron and his squadron escort a German DFW for a reconnaissance mission. The Red Baron and his squadron spot a formation of British Sopwith Pups from above led by Herbert Rowley. The British Fighters dive toward the Germans. The Red Baron and his squadron broke off the attack.

(MORE)

They began to dogfight as the German Two-Seater is enroute to Passchendaele Sector as the Allied flak burst all around them. The German Observer takes photograph on the Allied Line. Meanwhile, the Germans made some good progress by shooting down British Fighters, but some of the German Fighters were shot down by the British. Kurt von Doring spots the British Sopwith Pup in head-on pass. He fires his Spandau Machine Guns at the British Fighter. The British Pilot opens fire with a single Vickers Machine Gun, but he was shot down by Kurt von Doring. He watches as Sopwith Pup spins down in flames. Hermann Goering spots Sopwith Pup pursing the DFW and is closing in for the kill. Goering failed the mission once and he must not fail again. The German Observer lock and load with his parabellum machine gun. He's about to shoot down the Sopwith Pup to shake it off, but Goering manage to kill the British Pilot with his Spandau Machine Guns. The Red Baron spots the Sopwith Pup shooting at him. The British Pilot overshoots, giving the Red Baron an opportunity for his next confirm kill of the Western Front. The Red Baron fires his Spandau Machine Guns at the British Fighter. The smoke belches from the stricken British Fighter. Ernst Udet and his wingman, Otto Hartmann, patrol on the Western Front, until Herbert Rowley is on Hartmann's tail. He opens fire with his Vickers Machine Gun. The bullets STRUCK Hartmann's head causing his plane to stall and lose control. The Albatros SPLASHED into the river. Ernst Udet FIRES his tracers at Herbert Rowley, but he dives away.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: MARCKEBEKE AERODROME - DAY

The Red Baron and his squadron return to base. The Red Baron climbs out of his triplane. Ernst von Hoepfner is waiting for him.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

I just made a phone call from the hospital, *Rittmeister*.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Who is it?

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

The nurse wants to see you.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Danke, Allgemein. I'll see her
right away. Hopefully, Kurt Wolff
is alright.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: HOSPITAL - DAY

Manfred von Richthofen came to see Kurt Wolff in his wheelchair.
The nurse is helping Wolff in his wheelchair.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN (CONT'D)

How are you feeling, Wolff?

KURT WOLFF

I'm getting better, Manfred, but
the doctor told me to stay in the
hospital until next week.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Anthony gave us two prototype
Fokker Triplanes. Voss already has
one with a mustache.

KURT WOLFF

Why not just keep to your plane?
The triplane is yours.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

You can fly the triplane, Kurt. I
prefer flying the Albatros for my
next mission.

KURT WOLFF

Wirklich? Danke, Manfred! I can't
wait to fly the triplane with Voss
next week!

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Pass auf dich auf, Kurt.

KURT WOLFF

Du auch, Manfred.

Manfred von Richthofen left exits the hospital, leaving Kurt
Wolff behind.

FADE OUT.

THE END