

THE DOOLITTLE RAID

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FADE IN:

INT/EXT. G4M BETTY — CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "FEBRUARY 1, 1942"

Using the stock footage of *Battle 360*, five Japanese G4M Betty Bombers approach the American Carrier *USS Enterprise*.

THE JAPANESE BOMBER CREW are onboarding the lead bomber.

JAPANESE BOMBER CO-PILOT

(on radio)

*We're approaching the enemy carrier.*

The *USS Enterprise* fires with anti-aircraft guns at five Japanese Twin-Engine Bombers.

JAPANESE BOMBER PILOT

(on radio)

*Target the carrier's weak point.*

JAPANESE BOMBARDIER

(on radio)

*Got it.*

The Japanese Twin-Engine Bombers are closing in for a bomb release.

JAPANESE BOMBARDIER (CONT'D)

(on radio)

*Steady.*

The Japanese Bombardier looks at the target on the carrier with his bombsight.

JAPANESE BOMBARDIER (CONT'D)

(on radio)

*Now!*

The Japanese Bettys release their bombs at the carrier. All the bombs missed their target, but the last bomb nearly missed its target, but luckily, no one was hurt onboard the *USS Enterprise*.

Four Japanese Bettys escape from the American anti-aircraft fire, but one Betty Bomber was hit by a flak. The Japanese Betty turns back to make a suicide run on *USS Enterprise*. The rear gunner opens fire at the stricken Betty until the Japanese Bomber cuts the SBD Dauntless' tail off with its right wing and plunges into the water.

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INT. GENERAL H.H. ARNOLD'S OFFICE

SUPER: "MARCH 31, 1942"

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JIMMY DOOLITTLE AND GENERAL H.H. ARNOLD are having a conversation in the office about the last year's report about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

HENRY H. ARNOLD

Colonel Doolittle, I have a report for the Thompson Brothers who were responsible for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor last year.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Wait a minute! I didn't order Thompson Brothers to participate the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor! They're rookies!

HENRY H. ARNOLD

I know the war is difficult for us, but you must dispatch THE BOMBER CREW to bomb Japan.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

What about Treyton?

HENRY H. ARNOLD

He's already assigned as the Flight Instructor to train fighter pilots, so I hired you to train the bomber crew.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Who's going to train the bomber crew?

HENRY H. ARNOLD

You're in charge of the Bomber Crew, Doolittle, and this time, don't lose any bomber crew, the same thing what the Japanese did at Pearl Harbor last year.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Yes, Sir.

Jimmy Doolittle exits General Arnold's office.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT/EXT. NAVAL AIR STATION ALAMEDA — HANGAR — DAY

The Bomber Crews are having conversations inside the hangar.

RICHARD O. JOYCE

Last year, I was training to become a bomber crew at San Francisco Airfield, but I saw the Thompson Brothers to become fighter pilots.

C. ROSS GREENING

Did you hear the news about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor?

WILLIAM M. BOWER

Yes, it was a tragedy. None of the pilots were airborne and the Japs killed four pilots at Pearl Harbor. Quintin, David, Liam, and Tripp.

ROBERT M. GRAY

And not only that, but Jack also hired three new recruits.

DAVID M. JONES

Like us?

C. ROSS GREENING

No, he recruited two rear gunners and one pilot before the *USS Enterprise* arrived at Pearl Harbor.

RICHARD O. JOYCE

At least the Japs didn't attack us last year.

Jimmy Doolittle arrives at Naval Air Station Alameda.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Gentlemen, I have received a message from General Arnold. President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced the "Day of Infamy" Speech and now, he wants us to attack Japan for retaliation.

WILLIAM M. BOWER

Colonel, with all due respect, we're not here for a suicide attack. We're here for a bombing mission.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

That's exactly what we're going to do, Bower. Our targets are the Japanese factories and other industrial centers without being detected. You'll be flying with the B-25s to land on the carrier *USS Hornet*. Once we reach Japan, we will have a chance to strike at Tokyo the same way that they did to us in Pearl Harbor last year.

DAVID M. JONES

But there's no room for our  
bombers to land on the carrier!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

I'm sure there's plenty of room  
for our bombers to land on the  
carrier. So, let's get the planes  
started.

16 B-25 Mitchell Bombers are preparing for takeoff.

INT. B-25 MITCHELL BOMBER - DAY

Jimmy Doolittle shows to HIS CO-PILOT, RICHARD E. COLE, how to  
fly the bomber.

RICHARD E. COLE

How does this thing work?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Let me show you how it works,  
Richard.

CLOSE ON: B-25 THROTTLE QUADRANT

JIMMY DOOLITTLE (CONT'D)

Those are throttle levers for  
using either maximum or minimum  
power. Propeller pitch levers  
determine the pitch of the blades  
for turning either clockwise or  
counterclockwise with two RPMs.

RICHARD E. COLE

What about these red levers?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Oh, those are mixture levers. It  
determines the ratio of fuel-to-  
air entering the engine's  
combustion chamber.

RICHARD E. COLE

What should I do?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Use your full throttle and give  
this plane for maximum speed.

RICHARD E. COLE

Okay, here goes nothing.

The B-25 takes off from the runway.

RICHARD E. COLE (CONT'D)

(laughing)

We did it! We're airborne!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Nice job, Richard! Now let's land  
the *USS Hornet*.

EXT. *USS HORNET* - FLIGHT DECK - DAY

SUPER: "APRIL 18, 1942"

16 B-25s land on *USS Hornet's* flight deck, but she's not alone. *Hornet* and her sister ship, *USS Enterprise*, accompany by American cruiser, *USS Nashville*, three heavy cruisers, eight destroyers, and two fleet oilers, are on their way to Japan to seek out for revenge. THE AMERICAN BOMBER CREW never been in the aircraft carrier before.

TRAVIS HOOVER

Wow! I've never seen those ships  
before!

EVERETT W. HOLSTROM

Me neither.

DEAN E. HALLMARK

I usually takeoff and land on the  
airbase, but not on the carrier  
flight deck.

TED W. LAWSON

And I can see the Thompson  
Brothers over there! They're the  
ones who saved many lives at Pearl  
Harbor last year.

EDWARD J. YORK

You must one of the bomber crew.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yes.

EDWARD J. YORK

I'm Captain Edward J. York, and this is First Lieutenant Harold F. Watson and Staff Sergeant Fred A. Braemer.

FRED A. BRAEMER

(handshake to Richard E. Cole)

Nice to meet you, Richard E. Cole.

RICHARD E. COLE

Nice to meet you too, Fred.

HAROLD F. WATSON

So, Richard, are you the bomber pilot?

RICHARD E. COLE

No, I'm Jimmy Doolittle's Co-Pilot.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Would you like to explore the carrier?

RICHARD E. COLE

I would love to, Fred!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Follow me and I'll show you.

INT. *USS HORNET* - CORRIDOR - DAY

Fred shows Richard around the carrier.



RICHARD E. COLE

Woah! It's amazing!

FRED A. BRAEMER

This is the ready room. The Admiral will tell us about our mission.

INT. *USS HORNET* - MESS HALL - DAY

Fred took Richard to the mess hall.

RICHARD E. COLE

Look at all the food!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Yep, that's a mess hall, where we eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

RICHARD E. COLE

Can we eat now?

FRED A. BRAEMER

Not now. Let's move on.

INT. *USS HORNET* - BATHROOM - DAY

They move on to the bathroom where the *Hornet's* crew are taking showers.

RICHARD E. COLE

Ugh! What is that?

FRED A. BRAEMER

It's a bathroom. Where we take showers, washing hands, brushing teeth, shaving, and-

RICHARD E. COLE

-using toilets?

FRED A. BRAEMER

Exactly, but we don't want to hang out here too long.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yeah, I don't like to see them  
naked.

They left the bathroom.

INT. *USS HORNET* - SLEEPING QUARTERS

They went to sleeping quarters.

FRED A. BRAEMER

This is where we sleep.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yeah, we can relax or take a  
break.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Richard E. Cole! Be careful!

RICHARD E. COLE

Hey! What gives?

FRED A. BRAEMER

That's my footlocker!

RICHARD E. COLE

What's inside the footlocker?

Fred A. Braemer opens the footlocker and sees what's inside.

FRED A. BRAEMER

That's my stuff.

RICHARD E. COLE

Sorry, Fred. I wasn't looking. Is  
that a picture of a girl?

CLOSE ON: PICTURE OF LUCILLE

FRED A. BRAEMER

Yep, that's my girlfriend,  
Lucille. She's a famous celebrity  
in Hollywood.

RICHARD E. COLE

Wait, you hang out with Sylvia?

FRED A. BRAEMER

Yes, she loves being a dancer and acting along with Fred Astaire.

RICHARD E. COLE

I would love to meet her someday.

ANNOUNCER (V.O.)

PILOTS, MAN YOUR PLANES. PILOTS,  
MAN YOUR PLANES.

FRED A. BRAEMER

We've got to go, now!

RICHARD E. COLE

Wait! Are we're heading for Japan?

FRED A. BRAEMER

There's no time to talk, Richard  
E. Cole! We must go, now!

Fred A. Braemer and Richard E. Cole left the sleeping quarters.

EXT. *USS HORNET* - FLIGHT DECK - DAY

All the Bomber Crews board the B-25s to bomb Tokyo.

INT. B-25 MITCHELL BOMBER - DAY

Richard E. Cole went inside the cockpit of the B-25 where  
Captain Doolittle is sitting as the pilot.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Richard E. Cole, how was Fred A.  
Braemer?

RICHARD E. COLE

He'll be fine, I guess.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

That's good! Let's do this for  
real.

RICHARD E. COLE

Remember you taught me earlier?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Let's do the same procedure as we  
did on the airstrip.

RICHARD E. COLE

Alright, here we go!

Richard E. Cole uses the full throttle on the B-25 with maximum  
power.

EXT. *USS HORNET* - FLIGHT DECK - DAY

Stock footage was taken from *Battle 360* as 16 B-25s takeoff from  
*USS Hornet*.

INT/EXT. B-25 MITCHELL BOMBER - CONTINUOUS

At 650 miles to Japan, Richard E. Cole spots their target. The  
Americans are determined to destroy the factories and other  
industrial centers to seize the Japanese war machines at Tokyo  
in treetop level.

RICHARD E. COLE

There's the Japanese factory  
overhead.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

All squadrons prepare for a  
bombing run!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Roger, Captain Doolittle. Bomb bay  
doors open!

The bomb bay doors are open.

FRED A. BRAEMER (CONT'D)

Steady.

Fred A. Braemer looks through the bombsight.

FRED A. BRAEMER (CONT'D)

Bombs away!

All the B-25s dropped their bombs on target. Several Japanese factories are destroyed at Tokyo. None of the Japanese civilians suffer casualties, but the Japanese factories are reduced to rubble.

SFX: THUNDERSTORM SOUND

CLOSE ON: FUEL GAUGE INDICATOR

Richard E. Cole checks the fuel gauge.

RICHARD E. COLE

Captain, we're running low on fuel! We're not going to make it!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Well, it's worth the risk. We have no choice but to land on China.

RICHARD E. COLE

China?! Are you fucking serious?! The Japs already occupied Manchuria and the rest of the Chinese cities!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

(shouting)

Yes, I am! Take the parachute and bail out!

Richard E. Cole looks down. He was scared. They strap onto their parachute packs for their safety.

RICHARD E. COLE

(stammering)

Are you sure about this?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

(shouting)

Yes, we must jump or we're all dead!

RICHARD E. COLE

Wait! Please don't do it!  
(screaming)

Richard E. Cole and Doolittle bail out of the doomed bomber. They pull the ripcord and release their parachutes! The rest of Doolittle's crew are also bailed out.

EXT. QUZHOU, CHINA - VILLAGE - DAY

The next morning, Doolittle and his crew are stranded in China.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

(groans)

Where are we?

SFX: GUN RELOAD SOUND

THE CHINESE GUERRILLAS came to rescue Doolittle and his crew, but their rifles pointed at the American Bomber Crew.

RICHARD E. COLE

Woah, woah, woah! Hey! It's us!

The Chinese Guerrillas lowered their weapons.

CHANG

You must be Doolittle.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Yes.

CHANG

My name is Chang, one of the Guerrillas in China.

FRED A. BRAEMER

How do we get out of this mess?

CHANG

Follow me to the village and I'll show you the way.

INT. QUZHOU, CHINA - VILLAGE - DAY

Doolittle and his Bomber Crew went inside the village, so the Japanese Patrols won't find them.

RICHARD E. COLE

How did you guys find us?

CHANG

We saw your plane crash in our territory and managed to rescue you and your crew, especially for a rice paddy.

FRED A. BRAEMER

A pile of rice patty?

CHANG

Yeah, but we pulled him out anyway.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

What about the rest of the bomber crew?

CHANG

We found 69 bomber crews, but eight of them are captured by the Japanese.

RICHARD E. COLE

What about Edward?

CHANG

We don't know where Edward is, but we do know what happened to Jack Newkirk.

FRED A. BRAEMER

You mean he's-?

CHANG

That's right. Dead.

RICHARD E. COLE

Dead? But how?

CHANG

He crashed at Lamphun, and the Japanese buried him for good.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Wait, if Jack Newkirk is dead, what about Quang Wang and the rest of the Flying Tigers?

CHANG

David "Tex" Hill is a new leader of the Flying Tigers, while Bill Reed and Quang Wang survived the raid last month.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yeah, I felt bad for Newkirk.

CHANG

Yeah, I know.

FRED A. BRAEMER

What about you, Chang?

CHANG

I was part of the army against the Japanese, but we're no match against them. They took Manchuria from us years ago and now they occupy the rest of the Chinese cities and Hong Kong was fallen.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

But Hong Kong was part of the British Colony.

CHANG

Not anymore. The Japanese won't stop until Tanaka Plan is complete.



RICHARD E. COLE

Those Japs have gone too far this time!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Yeah, we should've dealt with them!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

No need. We must find the rest of the crew and bring them home.

CHANG

You can't! You'll get caught the Japanese Patrols! They'll either execute you or take you to prison.

RICHARD E. COLE

(shudders)

No, please! I...I don't want to end up in a prison!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Don't worry, Richard. You're safe with us.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

We always stay together as one.

SFX: AIRCRAFT ENGINES DRONING

RICHARD E. COLE

What was that?

EXT. QUZHOU, CHINA - VILLAGE - DAY

They spot a squadron of Flying Tigers attacking the Japanese Nell Bombers from the distance.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Looks like the Flying Tigers are intercepting the Jap Bombers to save China.

RICHARD E. COLE

What about the fighter escort?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

No fighter escort. It's between  
the Jap Bombers and the Flying  
Tigers.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Man, I hope the Japs don't bomb  
the village because if they  
brought their fighter escort with  
them, then I'll be really pissed  
off!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Let's hope the Flying Tigers will  
get the best out of them.

Looking at the sky, Jimmy Doolittle spots the P-40 shooting down  
the Japanese Nell Bomber out of the sky away from the village.

RICHARD E. COLE

Oh well, I guess it's not one of  
ours.

FRED A. BRAEMER

We must find the way out before we  
get caught by Jap Patrols.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Do you know the way out, Chang?

CHANG

The Japanese took control the Port  
of Shanghai. The only way out is  
the airfield.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

You mean the Flying Tigers base?

CHANG

*Shide*, take the transport plane.  
It's the quickest. We'll cover for  
you.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Alright, make sure the Japs don't  
spot us.

EXT. CHINA - NIGHT

SFX: CRICKETS CHRIPING SOUND

The Chinese Guerrillas escort Doolittle and his bomber crew to  
the Flying Tigers base until they spot a downed Japanese Nell  
Bomber.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Not a pretty sight for the Jap  
Bomber Crews.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yeah, we're lucky we have  
parachutes with us for safety.

FRED A. BRAEMER

But not for Japs. They're no  
survivors onboard the bomber.

RICHARD E. COLE

And that's what they get for  
killing innocent lives in China.

CHANG

Guys, look!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

What is it, Chang?

CHANG

It's the Japanese headband.

RICHARD E. COLE

A Jap what?

CHANG

A Japanese headband. They primarily used for the Japanese Pilot to commit suicide.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Why would the Japs do that?

CHANG

Because they would rather die instead of saving themselves from certain deaths.

RICHARD E. COLE

Wait a minute! If the Jap Bomber is down, then who scored a kill?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Let's find out when we get there.

EXT. HENGYANG AIRFIELD - DAY

The Doolittle Raiders finally reach Hengyang Airfield where JOHN BIRCH talking to Quang Wang.

CHANG

Quang Wang!

QUANG WANG

Chang!

Chang gave Quang Wang a big hug.

CHANG

It's been a long time.

QUANG WANG

And who are those guys?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

I'm Jimmy Doolittle and these are my crew, Richard Cole and Fred Braemer.

QUANG WANG

*Ni hao*, I'm Quang Wang and this is John Birch, an American Missionary in China.

RICHARD E. COLE

Hello John.

JOHN BIRCH

It's nice to see you guys.

FRED A. BRAEMER

So, you're the one who's fond with religion in China.

JOHN BIRCH

Yes, we're part of the religious group.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

We saw the Jap Bomber shot down by one of you and your pilots.

QUANG WANG

It was me, Doolittle. I'm the one who shot down the Japanese Bomber.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

You shot down the Jap Bomber?

QUANG WANG

Yep, that was my kill.

RICHARD E. COLE

I'm going to stay here for now.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Me too.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Are you sure?

RICHARD E. COLE

Yes.

FRED A. BRAEMER

We will return to United States  
for another time.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Alright, I'll see you guys later.

Jimmy Doolittle boards the C-47 Skytrain alone.

SFX: AIRCRAFT ENGINES RUNNING

Two Bomber Crews watch as the C-47 Skytrain takes off from  
Hengyang Airfield.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END