

BOMBING MISSION AT PASSCHENDAELE

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TEASER

FADE IN:

INT. BEDROOM - NIGHT

Manfred von Richthofen is sleeping on his bed. Then, he had his nightmares about his mentor, Oswald Boelcke.

FLASHBACK TO:

EXT. WESTERN FRONT - CONTINUOUS (OCTOBER 28, 1916)

Oswald Boelcke led his squadron of Albatros D.II Fighters, along with his protegee, Manfred, into a dogfight against the Lafayette Escadrille Squadron. Both the British and German Fighter Squadrons were shot down. During the ariel combat, Manfred watches in horror as Oswald loses one of his wings, causing his plane to stall out.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Oswald!

But there's no reply. The plane continued spiraling downward.

BACK TO PRESENT.

Manfred gasped as he woke up from his nightmare. Manfred gets off his bed and gazes out the window at the moonlit sky. He knows what he must do. He'll lead his squadron to prepare for his next mission at Passchendaele.

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FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

INT. YPRES VILLAGE - DAY

September 20, 1917.

At Ypres, General Adams came to see Lieutenant Woolsey in the village. He was taking care of the wounded soldiers.

GENERAL ADAMS

How many casualties, Woolsey?

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

Our artillery defenses are out of action, General Adams. Our soldiers were either dead or wounded, so we moved to a village, instead.

MAJOR YOUNG

Where's Armstrong?

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

He's right with me.

COMMANDER ARMSTRONG

That's why I've brought a Vickers Machine Gun with me.

GENERAL ADAMS

Don't you know what happened in the Arras Sector earlier? We were attacked by the Red Baron and his Fighter Squadron.

MAJOR YOUNG

And now the Germans are planning something big.

COMMANDER ARMSTRONG

What plan?

GENERAL ADAMS

More deadly than the previous
raid.

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

The Zeppelin?

GENERAL ADAMS

No. Something worse than that.

MAJOR YOUNG

Then what is it?

GENERAL ADAMS

The German Gotha G.V Bomber.

MAJOR YOUNG

The Germans have bombers?

GENERAL ADAMS

Yes, it has a crew of three or
four and was armed with two or
three parabellum machine guns and
carried 60 pounds of bombs.

MAJOR YOUNG

They killed innocent civilians on
Britain and France.

COMMANDER ARMSTRONG

What about Belgium?

GENERAL ADAMS

The Germans already took control
of Belgium and that's why we're
here to take Menin Road.

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

How do we take the Menin Road
without being attacked by enemy
aircraft?

GENERAL ADAMS

Commander Armstrong brought anti-aircraft weapons to bring them down.

MAJOR YOUNG

What about other vehicles like tanks?

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

I have a medical truck with me, Young. Would you like to ride with me?

MAJOR YOUNG

Yes, Woolsey. I would love to see what's inside the medical truck.

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

Come with me, Young. I'll show you around a little bit.

CUT TO:

EXT. YPRES VILLAGE - DAY

Lieutenant Woolsey shows Major Young inside the medical truck.

MAJOR YOUNG

Those are medical supplies for wounded soldiers.

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

I used medical treatment in case our soldiers got sick or wounded in combat.

MAJOR YOUNG

Such as poison gas attack?

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

Right.

(MORE)

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY (CONT'D)

I stored the medicines inside the truck as well. Can you help me take the wounded soldiers inside the truck?

MAJOR YOUNG

I'll be glad to help you, Woolsey.

GENERAL ADAMS

Are you finished with your tour, Woolsey?

LIEUTENANT WOOLSEY

We're loading the medical crates inside the truck, General Adams. It won't take that long.

GENERAL ADAMS

Alright, but don't take too long because we're heading to Menin Road Ridge. Make sure the ammo and medical supplies are loaded inside the vehicles.

MAJOR YOUNG

Yes, Sir!

Major Young went back to the village to get more ammo and supplies to the vehicles.

CUT TO:

INT. ERICH LUDENDORFF'S OFFICE - DAY

September 21, 1917.

General von Armin enters General Ludendorff's office.

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

(Speaking in German)

General Ludendorff, our bombers have arrived at JD 1.

ERICH LUDENDORFF

(Speaking in German)

*Very good, General. Go to
Marckebeke Aerodrome and give this
info to JD 1.*

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

Yes, General Ludendorff.

General Ludendorff gives the info to General von Armin before General von Armin exits from General Ludendorff's Office. General Ludendorff hopes the Germans will lay waste on the Allies Forces at Ypres.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMON ROOM - DAY

Manfred von Richthofen was having breakfast when Ernst von Hoepfner and General von Armin came to see him.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Manfred, this is General Friedrich von Armin who survived the Battle of Messines.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Guten Morgen, General von Armin.

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

You must be the Red Baron who fought in the Battle of Messines against the British Royal Flying Corps.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I saw a massive explosion in the trench.

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

Our artillery and anti-aircraft guns were destroyed by the British Air Support.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Then we'll do the same thing on
Menin Road Ridge.

HERMANN GOERING (V.O.)

Did someone just say Menin Road
Ridge?

Hermann Goering overheard their conversation, so he decided to
meet the guest.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Goering, this is Friedrich von
Armin.

HERMANN GOERING

Nice to see you, General von
Armin. Where are the bombers?

ENRST VON HOEPPNER

General von Armin will show you
around, Goering.

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

Follow me, my friend.

They both went to the aerodrome as Werner Voss came to see
Manfred.

WERNER VOSS

Manfred, whose idea is this?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

It was Goering's idea for our
bombing mission on Menin Road
Ridge.

WERNER VOSS

Why should I lead my squadron to
attack the British Forces?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

You're the CO of Jasta 10, Voss,
so General von Armin gave me this
info to prepare for our first
bombing mission.

WERNER VOSS

Aren't you supposed to lead your
squadron in battle?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

I lead Jasta 11 in a dogfight
against the British on the Western
Front.

WERNER VOSS

And why are the Gotha Bombers on
our airfield?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Because Goering wants us to escort
bombers to our target.

WERNER VOSS

What about civilians?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Goering wants to destroy the
village at Ypres.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

FADE IN.

EXT. MARCKEBEKE AERODROME - DAY

General von Armin showed Hermann Goering to the Gotha Bomber.

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

These are the propeller guards to protect the rear gunner from getting hurt.

HERMANN GOERING

What's inside the cockpit, General?

CLOSE UP ON: THE GOTHA'S COCKPIT.

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN (V.O.)

This is the control wheel. It's kind of like riding a vehicle, but this bomber has aileron cables that operate by chain and sprocket.

HERMANN GOERING

Can I try it out?

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

Okay, but don't fool around with the controls.

Hermann Goering nods his head and climbs inside the cockpit.

HERMANN GOERING

What about the other controls?

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

This is a throttle control and between you is a left and right radiator control.

HERMANN GOERING

Where's the bombsight?

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

Climb out of the cockpit, so I can show you where the bombsight is.

HERMANN GOERING

Okay.

Goering climbs out of the cockpit as General von Armin told him to. Goering looks inside the nose turret.

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

Those are the bomb release controls. Once the bombs are released, the bombs will hit the target.

General von Hoepfner went outside to see them.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

There's no time for exploring. Manfred was waiting for your briefing.

CUT TO:

INT. COMMON ROOM - DAY

September 22, 1917.

Manfred gives the briefing to the German Pilots.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Today we're going to stop the Allied Vehicles from reaching Menin Road Ridge and I'll let General von Armin give us the rest of the briefing.

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN

That means Manfred will lead Jasta 11 will escort our bombers to attack Ypres Village...

(MORE)

FRIEDRICH VON ARMIN (CONT'D)

...and Jasta 10 will prepare for a strafing run lead by Werner Voss, but careful, some of the vehicles have the red cross. The only option is to avoid the medical personnel or either of you will be reprimanded for your action on the Western Front. *Viel Gluck!*

CUT TO:

EXT. MARCKEBEKE AERODROME - DAY

The German Mechanics load the bombs under the Gotha's bomb racks as THE GERMAN BOMBER CREW manned their positions for the pilot and gunner positions.

THE GERMAN MECHANIC (V.O.)

Ausschalten?

GOTHA PILOT

Ausschalten.

THE GERMAN MECHANIC (V.O.)

Kontakt?

GOTHA PILOT

Kontakt.

Gotha's left engine starts turning and the German Mechanic moves to starboard engine.

THE GERMAN MECHANIC (V.O.)

Ausschalten?

GOTHA PILOT

Ausschalten.

THE GERMAN MECHANIC (V.O.)

Kontakt?

GOTHA PILOT

Kontakt.

Gotha's right engine also starts turning. The Bomber Pilot checks the aileron before taking off. The Gotha Pilot uses his full throttle to take off. Three German Gotha Bombers and the fighter escorts of JD 1 took off.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. WURST FARM - CONTINUOUS

As the British Artillery shells weaken the German Defenses, the British advance at Wurst Farm as General Adams leads his 58th Division to attack the German Soldiers inside the farm.

GENERAL ADAMS

Come on, men! It's time to take
Wurst Farm.

The British attack the German Soldiers in Wurst Farm killing up to 50% of German Defenders and captured 301 German Soldiers.

GERMAN SOLDIER

Don't shoot! X2

GENERAL ADAMS

Soldiers, stand down!

The British Soldiers did what General Adams told. ONE OF THE GERMAN SOLDIER WAS SCARED.

GERMAN SOLDIER

It's Amelia. She was captured and
executed for her treason against
the Allies.

MAJOR YOUNG

What do you mean Amelia was
executed?

GERMAN SOLDIER

She was spying on the village to
provide our air support.

GENERAL ADAMS

What air support?

GERMAN SOLDIER

Gotha Bombers. A group of twin-engine aircraft as air support in Menin Road Ridge.

GENERAL ADAMS

The Germans have air support against us?!

The German Soldier nods his head.

MAJOR YOUNG

Can we go back to the village, General?

GENERAL ADAMS

No, Major Young. We can't go back to the village. We must move on so we can free Belgium away from the Germans.

Suddenly, they all HEARD the German Fighters approaching towards the British Army!

MAJOR YOUNG

Guys, look there!

General Adams saw the German Fighters diving towards them!

GENERAL ADAMS

Bloody hell! **Take cover!**

Werner Voss leads his squadron of Pfalz D.III Fighters in a strafing run on the British Soldiers. The German Squadron kill 1,236 British Soldiers before they run for cover. The British Soldiers are no match for the German aerial assault. Some of the vehicles are destroyed until the British Fighter SHOTS DOWN the German Fighter. The German Pilot SCREAMS as he fell out of his plane upside-down. It was THE BRITISH ACE, JAMES MCCUDDEN AND HIS 56TH SQUADRON OF SE5S arrive to aid the British Ground Forces. The British Soldiers cheer as the Canadian Ace, Captain Reginald Hoidge SHOTS DOWN the German Fighter. The stricken Pfalz D.III broke the wings off and HITS the ground and EXPLODED.

MAJOR YOUNG

That's more like it.

CUT TO:

EXT. YPRES VILLAGE - DAY

The British Second Army Division are loading their ammo and medical supplies into the vehicles.

GENERAL WOOD

Hurry up, men. We got tons of supplies to load.

CAPTAIN KANE

But Sir, General Adams and his 58th Division were already at Menin Road Ridge.

GENERAL WOOD

Be quick about it, Kane. There isn't much time.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT./EXT. WESTERN FRONT - CONTINUOUS

In the cockpit of Gotha G.V Bomber, the German Nose Gunner looks at the bombsight.

GERMAN NOSE GUNNER

Pilot, we found the target.

GERMAN BOMBER PILOT

That's the village at Ypres. I'm going to circle around so you can get a good angle.

The Gotha Bombers circle around the village until the German Nose Gunner gets in the position.

GERMAN NOSE GUNNER

Target is in position, Pilot.

GERMAN BOMBER PILOT

Lose die Bomben.

GERMAN NOSE GUNNER

Stet.

As we HEAR the ominous music, the German Nose Gunner DROPS his payloads onto the Ypres Village, including the British Military Vehicles, anti-aircraft guns, and artillery pieces. The other two Gotha Bombers also DROP THEIR BOMBS to their target before the British Ground Forces react.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. YPRES VILLAGE - DAY

The Germans BOMBED the village, killing the Allied Ground Forces, including Captain Kane and General Woods. Some of the vehicles escaped from the burning village, leaving the wrecked vehicles behind.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT./EXT. WESTERN FRONT - CONTINUOUS

Two Gotha Bomber Crewmen shake their hands for their successful bombing run. The German Gotha Bombers return to base.

SMASH CUT TO:

EXT. YPRES VILLAGE - DAY

Some of the villages were lying in ruins, while the rest remain untouched.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

FADE IN:

EXT. LIETTRES AERODROME - DAY

The British SE5a Fighters of 56th Squadron landed on Liettres Aerodrome. British Ace, James McCudden, climbed out of the cockpit as well as his wingman, Arthur Rhys-Davids. THE BRITISH CO, MAJOR RICHARD GRAHAM BLOMFIELD, came to see them.

RICHARD GRAHAM BLOMFIELD

Captain McCudden, I see that you encountered Red Baron and his Squadron.

JAMES MCCUDDEN

It's not the Red Baron we've encountered, Major Blomfield. It was German Ace, Werner Voss, who led his squadron in a strafing run on the British Second Army after capturing at Wurst Farm.

RICHARD GRAHAM BLOMFIELD

Wurst Farm? You didn't see the German Bombers attacking the village?

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

No, Major. Some of the villages were destroyed. I couldn't tell whether civilians were killed or wounded.

RICHARD GRAHAM BLOMFIELD

That's what I'm afraid of. General Woods and Captain Kane were killed during the bombing raid.

JAMES MCCUDDEN

May I speak with Commander Elliot for a minute?

Major Blomfield agrees with Captain McCudden. Commander Elliot examines the damage of his SE5a.

KEITH KNOX MUSPRATT

Commander Elliot, how are you
doing?

COMMANDER ELLIOT

Who are you guys?

KEITH KNOX MUSPRATT

I'm Keith Knox Muspratt, and this
is my squadron mate, V.P. Cronyn.

COMMANDER ELLIOT

How do you do?

V.P. CRONYN

I'm OK, Commander Elliot.

JAMES MCCUDDEN

Commander Elliot, Major Blomfield
and I were talking about you.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

The bombers are not in Wurst Farm,
but we did save the British Ground
Forces away from Werner Voss and
his squadron of Pfalz D.III
Fighters.

COMMANDER ELLIOT

Do you guys see the smoke?

JAMES MCCUDDEN

Of course, we saw the smoke,
Elliot.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

Some of the villages were
destroyed, but the rest of the
villages were damaged during the
bombing raid.

COMMANDER ELLIOT

How can we stop the bombers before
reaching Menin Road Ridge?

JAMES MCCUDDEN

Major Blomfield will explain our
mission in tomorrow's briefing.
Meet us at dawn tomorrow,
understood?

COMMANDER ELLIOT

Yes, Captain McCudden.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. WURST FARM

The British Medics treat the wounded soldiers at Wurst Farm.

GENERAL ADAMS

Where the bloody hell is our
reinforcements?

MAJOR YOUNG

The Germans bombed the village and
attacked our reinforcements, but
the remaining vehicles escaped
from the burning village.

GENERAL ADAMS

I wished General Woods and Captain
Kane were here before we got here.

LIEUTENANT WOOSLEY

General Adams, there's too many
soldiers to fit inside my medical
truck.

GENERAL ADAMS

Woolsey, order Lieutenant Russell
to pick up the wounded soldiers
for treatment. The rest of you,
head for the vehicles to Menin
Road Ridge.

All the British Soldiers went inside the vehicles, because Woolsey's medical truck doesn't have enough room for the wounded soldiers to fit inside, so Lieutenant Russell takes over to look after the wounded soldiers.

CUT TO:

INT. LIETTRES AERODROME - DAY

James McCudden and Arthur Rhys Davids are having conversation in the hanger.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

You haven't seen Commander Rogers,
James?

JAMES MCCUDDEN

He's with the 60th Squadron.
They're looking for the bombers in
the Ypres Sector.

They HEARD the airplanes landing on the aerodrome.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

What was that?

JAMES MCCUDDEN

It's the 60th Squadron. Come on.

CUT TO:

EXT. LIETTRES AERODROME - CONTINUOUS

The 60th Squadron of SE5s return to base. Some of the SE5s were damaged during the dogfight against the German Squadron at Ypres. AN AUSTRALIAN PILOT, HAROLD ALAN HAMERSLEY, climbed out of the cockpit and tell them the news.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

What happened out there?

HAROLD ALAN HAMERSLEY

It's Werner Voss! He shot down the
British DH4 Reconnaissance
Aircraft.

JAMES MCCUDDEN

Where's Commander Rogers?

HAROLD ALAN HAMERSLEY

He's dead and so is Ralph Curtis.

Commander Elliot came to see Harold Alan Hamersley.

COMMANDER ELLIOT

Guys, what did I miss?

HAROLD ALAN HAMERSLEY

Ralph Luxmore Curtis died with his wounds and Commander Rogers was shot down while saving Ralph's observer, Desmond.

COMMANDER ELLIOT

But you did shoot down the German Pfalz D.III earlier.

HAROLD ALAN HAMERSLEY

Yes, and the Gotha Bombers bombed London.

COMMANDER ELLIOT

London? That's impossible! Frederick and I shot down a Zeppelin last year.

HAROLD ALAN HAMERSLEY

There's another German Bomber Squadron in the Western Front.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

You mean the Gotha Bombers?

HAROLD ALAN HAMERSLEY

No, it's a squadron of Two-Seater DFW Bombers.

JAMES MCCUDDEN

We need to tell Major Blomfield-.

But before he can say anything else, a German Ace, Werner Voss flies over the British Aerodrome.

JAMES MCCUDDEN

It's Voss! Take cover!

The British OPEN FIRE with anti-aircraft machine gun as Voss threw the message on the ground. James McCudden picks up the message.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

What's in here, James?

James McCudden opens the message.

JAMES MCCUDDEN

(Reading the message)

Lieutenant John Lancashire Barlow of the 40th Squadron was killed in a flying accident during the bombing raid in Essex Aerodrome and Second Lieutenants Samuel Lesile John Bramley and John Matthew Delacey were killed in action before reaching Menin Road Ridge.

COMMANDER ELLIOT

How can we reach the English Channel if the Gotha Bomber Squadron aren't participated in the Western Front?

KEITH KNOX MUSPRATT

The Gotha Bombers bomb France by day and bomb Britain by night.

V.P. CRONYN

Bloody Hell! We'll never going to reach the bloody bombers in time!

KEITH KNOX MUSPRATT

But there's our last chance to stop the enemy bombers in Passchendaele.

RICHARD GRAHAM BLOMFIELD

Captain McCudden, what's the
meaning of this?

JAMES MCCUDDEN

It's Werner Voss, Major Blomfield.
That German bastard shot down 48
British Aircraft on the Western
Front.

RICHARD GRAHAM BLOMFIELD

Captain McCudden, take B-Flight to
patrol Gotem Sector at dawn
tomorrow. The rest of the squadron
will stop the bombers before the
Germans reach Menin Road Ridge. We
must not fall into the hands of
Werner Voss and the bloody
bombers.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT III

ACT IV

FADE IN:

INT. MENIN RIDGE ROAD - DAY

September 23, 1917.

The British Soldiers of the 5th Army Division are in the trench on the left side while the British Soldiers of the Second Army Division are in the trench on the right side. General Adams has a plan by placing five small rocks as the obstacles.

CLOSE ON: FIVE SMALL ROCKS.

GENERAL ADAMS

Gentlemen, I figured out the strategy to defeat the German 4th Army Division so we can use the anti-aircraft gun to turn against one of their own squadrons.

MAJOR YOUNG

What's your tactic, General?

GENERAL ADAMS

We're going to use bounding overwatch tactics against the German Defenders.

COMMANDER ARMSTRONG

What's a bounding overwatch?

GENERAL ADAMS

It's a military tactic of alternating movement between "fire and movement" and "center peel". We're here and the Second Army Division is on the other side. We're going to maneuver in different directions we can take. The German Defense position is weak the center, but two machine guns were in fortified position at 10 miles behind.

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GENERAL ADAMS (CONT'D)

If we can take out the center first, then the Second Army Division will regroup with us in the center. Once we take control of the center of Menin Road Ridge, we'll take out the German machine gun on the left and same thing goes for the Second Army Division on the right side of the trench. Any questions?

Nobody asks their questions to General Adams.

GENERAL ADAMS (CONT'D)

Good. Let's move!

General Adams leads the 5th Army Division to attack the German 4th Army with bayonets. The German Defenders were easy prey for the British 5th Army Division. General Adams signals out for the Second Army Division to regroup as the German Machine Guns fire on both sides of the trench. Major Young threw the grenade at the Germans on the left flank. The German Soldiers were killed by the impact. As the British 5th Army Division moves to the left flank, one of the British Soldiers from the Second Army Division kills the Germans with a grenade on the right flank. The British Second Army Division moves up in the right flank and saw four German anti-aircraft guns fortified their position. General Adams signals out for the 5th Army Division, but the Second Army Division holds their position on the right flank. The British 5th Army moves in for the anti-aircraft defense position and perform a stealth takedown with their melee weapons killing the German 4th Army Division.

MAJOR YOUNG

Is that all of them?

GENERAL ADAMS

Not yet. The Germans brought an air support against us. We're going to teach those Jerries a lesson.

COMMANDER ARMSTRONG

Here they come!

General Adams looks up and sees two pairs of DFWs in a bombing mission.

GENERAL ADAMS

**Soldiers, get your anti-aircraft
guns in position!**

The British 5th Army turned the anti-aircraft guns in position as the German Two-Seaters are closing in on the Allied Lines.

GENERAL ADAMS

Steady, men.

COMMANDER ARMSTRONG

We're waiting for your orders,
General.

GENERAL ADAMS

Fire!

Using four captured anti-aircraft guns, the British open fire at the German Two-Seater Bombers. The British destroys three DFW out of the sky, but one of the DFW bombed the British Second Army Division, until James McCudden KNOCKS the DFW out of the sky with his Lewis Machine Gun in 50 yards which the episode of *Dogfights* was used in stock footage. The British Soldiers cheered for James McCudden and his B-Flight of 56th Squadron of SE5s.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT./EXT. WESTERN FRONT - CONTINUOUS

Meanwhile, the British A-Flight of the 60th Squadron of SE5s patrol the sky on Passchendaele. Commander Elliot spots the German Ace, Werner Voss, who's flying the Fokker Triplane dead ahead. Voss leads his squadron of Jasta 10 in a dogfight. Both the British and the German Fighter Squadron were shot down. As the dogfight rages on, Werner Voss is right behind the British Fighter. The stock footage was used from *Dogfights* episode as Werner Voss chasing down the British SE5 in a dive. Werner Voss gets behind the British and fires with his Spandau machine guns. The trail of smoke came out of SE5a's engine as the Australian Pilot, Harold Alan Hamersley, gets in the position for his third kill, but Werner Voss pitches up and drops his nose behind on Hamersley's tail which it was depicted from the episode of *Dogfights*.

After Hamersley was shot down by Werner Voss, the B-Flight spotted him from below. Captain McCudden ROCKS his wings to signal the attack on Voss. McCudden, Rhys-Davids, Muspratt, and Cronyn dive on Voss from behind, but Voss was using Boelcke's 5th Rule by spinning his triplane around in 180° for his advantage over B-Flight. The British Aces attack Voss in all directions except for V.P. Cronyn. He has an engine problem. Cronyn's SE5a sputters, but he continues to attack Voss, until Cronyn gives up the fight and flies away. British Ace, Richard Aveline Mayberry and two other SE5s from 56th Squadron join fray. Voss was surrounded by British Aces. This was too much for Voss to deal with the British Planes, until Karl Menckhoff arrives to assist Voss. He was flying a red-nosed Albatros D.III to pursue Mayberry. Two British Fighters move in behind Voss and Menckhoff. Both German Aces were sandwiched between the British, but Menckhoff pitches up and drops his nose to bring his guns to bear. Werner Voss was chasing Mayberry, McCudden was chasing Voss, and Menckhoff was chasing Muspratt, until Arthur Rhys-Davids gets behind Menckhoff and fires his Vickers Machine Gun. Karl Menckhoff plummets down earthward which is used in *Dogfights* episode, except Karl Menckhoff crash-lands his red-nosed Albatros. Menckhoff gets out of his plane quickly and runs from the burning wreckage. He watches Voss dogfighting with the British Aces from the distance. Meanwhile, Werner Voss looks at the British circling below and picks his target. Voss chases down Muspratt and fires his Spandau Machine Gun, putting Muspratt out of the fight. The British fire at Voss in every angle, until Arthur Rhys-Davids shot down Voss from behind. James McCudden watches as Voss dives steeply and the triplane HITS the ground into a thousand fragments. Karl Menckhoff was shocked!

KARL MENCKHOFF

Voss? Voss?!

Karl Menckhoff looked at the wreckage. He pulls Werner Voss out of the flaming wreckage.

KARL MENCKHOFF (CONT'D)

(sobbing)

Voss! Please, wake up! You can't die! You're the greatest German Pilot on the Western Front!

But Werner Voss is already dead.

KARL MENCKHOFF (CONT'D)

No. No.

(Echoing)

No!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT IV

ACT V

FADE IN:

INT. RHYS-DAVIDS' BEDROOM

Arthur Rhys-Davids was sitting on his chair when heard SOMEONE KNOCKING on his door.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

Come in.

Captain Reginald Hoidge came to see Arthur Rhys-Davids.

REGINALD HOIDGE

Arthur, Major Blomfield told me everything about you.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

What's this?

REGINALD HOIDGE

It's a note from James McCudden.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

(Reading a note from James McCudden)

As long as I live, I shall never forget admiration for that German Pilot, who single handed, fought seven of us for ten minutes. His flying was wonderful. His courage was magnificent. And in my opinion, he is bravest German Airman which has been my privilege to see fight.

REGINALD HOIDGE

McCudden wants you to celebrate your victory today for shooting down Voss.

ARTHUR RHYS-DAVIDS

If only I could have brought him down alive, then none of this would've happened.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. WEST FLANDERS CHURCH - DAY

The church bell RANG as the German Soldiers carry the coffin to prepare for a funeral service. The German War Flag was covered on Voss' coffin. The Priest said his prayers in German. The German Aviators and Military Personnel participate Werner Voss' funeral.

THE PRIEST

(Speaking in German)

After the priest finished his prayers for a funeral service, he used the sign of the cross and saying:

THE PRIEST

Amin.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Today, we've lost our bravest German Ace, Werner Voss, who sacrificed himself to save our lives in the Western Front. Karl Menckhoff has an announcement for his actions in West Flanders.

Karl Menckhoff read his speech about Voss' death in front of his squadron mates.

KARL MENCKHOFF

Uh...Werner Voss and I were best friends during his final actions in the Western Front. When I saw the wreckage, he smashed in the ground in...

(sobbing)

...in thousand fragments!

The German Soldiers hold their rifles. The German Pilots and other military personnel salute as two German soldiers fold the German War Flag and pass it on to Manfred von Richthofen.

ERICH LUDENDORFF

Bereites. Zielfeuer! X3

The German Soldiers FIRE three volley salute to pay tribute for Werner Voss' death before General Ludendorff lead his troops offscreen.

CUT TO:

EXT. MARCKEBEKE AERODROME

At Marckebeke Aerodrome, Ernst von Hoepfner has a gift for the Red Baron.

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Manfred, I have a surprise for you.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

What is it?

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Your own Fokker Triplane.

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Really?

ERNST VON HOEPPNER

Go ahead. Try it.

The Red Baron climbs into his Fokker Triplane.

GERMAN MECHANIC (O.S.)

Ausschalten?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Ausschalten.

GERMAN MECHANIC (O.S.)

Kontakt?

MANFRED VON RICHTHOFEN

Kontakt.

The Red Baron and his squadron of Fokker Triplanes take off.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. WESTERN FRONT - CONTINUOUS

In the sunset, the Red Baron flies with his squadron on the Western Front, hoping he'll shoot down more allied planes someday.

FADE OUT.

THE END