

AMERICA AT WAR, PART II

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TEASER

FADE IN:

INT/EXT. WESTERN FRONT — CONTINUOUS

The Narrator recaps the last episode of *The Great War*.

NARRATOR (V.O.)

Previously, on *The Great War*, the Americans entered the war on the Western Front as five African American Soldiers fights back against the Germans at Saint-Mihiel, while American Pilot, Arthur Raymond Brooks encountered Eight German Fighters at Mars-la-Tour Sector. Now, our heroes discovered the wreckage in the forest and found Fritz Wehner dead. Will our heroes defeat the Germans on land, air, and sea? Find out in the next episode of *The Great War*.

CUT TO:

TITLE: THE GREAT WAR: THE ANIMATED SERIES

CUT TO:

EPISODE TITLE: AMERICA AT WAR, PART II

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

INT. ENEMY LINES - DAY

The episode picks up where our heroes left off behind enemy lines where Fritz was killed in action during the Battle of Saint-Mihiel.

HENRY JOHNSON

I don't get it! Why didn't Frank Luke lead his goddamn squadron to a dogfight against the Jerries?

JAMES REESE EUROPE

Because Luke is a Balloon Buster on the Western Front doesn't mean he's a dogfighter. The Germans are protecting the observation balloons away from the Americans.

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

And now these assholes shot down Fritz by the German Ace.

PRIVATE HARRIS

At least Arthur Raymond Brooks shot down two German planes at Mars-la-Tour sector.

HORACE PIPPIN

The downside is that Philip doesn't want to help us before we seize control at Saint-Mihiel.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

Luckily, ONE OF THE DOUGHBOYS is carrying a flamethrower to lay waste on the German Defenders to prepare for the final battle on the Western Front.

HORACE PIPPIN

What does that mean, Jim?

JAMES REESE EUROPE

It means the Hundred Days
Offensive will lead Germany's
defeat in the Western Front.

PRIVATE HARRIS

What about the other Central
Powers?

JAMES REESE EUROPE

Austro-Hungarian Empire has
fallen, and the Ottoman Empire is
losing the war during the Arab
Revolt.

HENRY JOHNSON

What about Bulgaria?

Jim wasn't sure about Bulgaria.

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

Bulgaria was lost during the
Vardar Offensive.

HENRY JOHNSON

Really?

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

Really.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT/EXT. ATLANTIC OCEAN — CONTINUOUS

September 25, 1918.

Somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean, a lone American Warship,
commanded by ADMIRAL WILLIAM SOWDEN SIMS, is searching for the
German High Sea Fleet.

WILLIAM SOWDEN SIMS

Any sign of the German Fleet?

AMERICAN SAILOR

No Sir, I don't see any German ships.

WILLIAM SOWDEN SIMS

Keep looking. I need to find out where the High Sea Fleet are coming from.

AMERICAN SAILOR

Yes, Sir!

ONE OF THE AMERICAN SAILORS exits the command bridge and spots something on the water.

AMERICAN SAILOR'S POV:

He spots a U-Boat's periscope.

BACK TO SCENE

AMERICAN SAILOR (CONT'D)

Oh, shit. It's a U-Boat!

The American Sailor run back to the command bridge.

AMERICAN SAILOR (CONT'D)

Admiral Sims! We've spotted a U-Boat right behind us!

WILLIAM SOWDEN SIMS

Order the sailors to release the depth charges.

The American Sailor salutes to Admiral Sims and exits the command bridge.

AMERICAN SAILOR

(Calling out)

All hands-on deck! Release all the depth charges!

The Americans went to their stations as the U-Boat closes in on the US Warship. The Americans release the depth charges on the U-Boat.

CUT TO:

INT. U-BOAT - CONTINUOUS

Inside the U-Boat, the DEPTH CHARGE EXPLOSION rocked the U-Boat.

U-BOAT SAILOR

(Speaking in German)

*Admiral! We're hit! She can't take
much longer!*

GERMAN ADMIRAL

(Speaking in German)

*We've still had torpedoes. Release
all the torpedoes on the ship!*

U-BOAT SAILOR

(Speaking in German)

*But, Admiral, our engine was
damaged!*

GERMAN ADMIRAL

(Speaking in German)

*The Americans are using depth
charges against us! Send our
mechanics to repair the U-Boat!*

The U-Boat Sailor agrees with the German Admiral. The U-Boat Mechanics tried to repair the damage, but it didn't work.

INSERT - DEPTH CHARGES ON THE U-BOAT

SFX: DEPTH CHARGES EXPLOSION

BACK TO SCENE

The U-Boat rocked so hard; the U-Boat started to sink.

U-BOAT SAILOR

(Shouting in German)

Our U-Boat is sinking!

GERMAN ADMIRAL

Schiff verlassen!

The U-Boat alarm GOES OFF as the Germans abandoned their U-Boat. The survivors open the hatch door to leave the sinking U-Boat.

GO TO:

EXT. U-BOAT - CONTINUOUS

In the ocean depth, the U-Boat BREAKS IN HALF as the U-Boat Sailors swim away from the wreckage. Most of the U-Boat Sailors were drowned while others survived from the wreckage and fight another day.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

FADE IN:

INT. SAINT-MIHIEL - DAY

September 26, 1918.

At Saint-Mihiel, the Americans reunite with 369th Infantry Regiment to prepare for their final battle on Western Front. The Americans used their strategy by studying with the map.

SERGEANT DUKE

General Pershing and I were talking about you guys.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

What is it?

SERGEANT DUKE

We're preparing for a final assault on the Germans starting at the Meuse River.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

We've finished building the bridge so we can cross the Meuse River, but the problem is our vehicles can't cross the bridge because the bridge wasn't sturdy, and the bridge will collapse.

SERGEANT DUKE

We need to cross the Meuse River on foot. Once we cross the river, we will advance towards Argonne Forest. Once we secure Argonne Forest, we will end the war against the Germans on the Western Front.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

Gentlemen, it's time for a final push. Let's move!

AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Yes, Sir!

As the Americans crossed the bridge at Meuse River, the Germans fortified their positions on the other side of the bridge and FIRE at the Americans with their rifles. The Americans FIRED back at the Germans. The Americans avoid getting hit by a hail of tracer bullets. The Germans waste their ammo, they were easily killed, and the Americans clear a path to Argonne Forest.

GO TO:

INT. ARGONNE FOREST BUNKER - DAY

Inside the German Bunker, THREE GERMAN GENERALS argued their plan against the American Expeditionary Force.

MAX VON GALLWITZ

(Speaking in German)

The Americans have captured Saint-Mihiel!

ALBRECHT OF WURTTENBERG

(Speaking in German)

And the Allies ruined my plan at Ypres three years ago!

WILHELM OF PRUSSIA

(Speaking in German)

You mean your gas attack failed before the Americans arrived?

ALBRECHT OF WURTTENBERG

(Speaking in German)

Ja, they've captured our guns at Saint-Mihiel!

MAX VON GALLWITZ

(Speaking in German)

Generals von Below and Fuchs were surrendered by the American Forces!

WILHELM OF PRUSSIA

(Speaking in German)

We can't allow the Americans to reach Argonne Forest! Hold them off! Don't let them reach our lines! Our bunker must not fall into the hands of the Americans and their Allied Forces on the Western Front!

The German Soldiers grabbed their weapons and exit the bunker to hold off the Americans before they reach the German Line.

CUT TO:

EXT. ARGONNE FOREST - CONTINUOUS

The Americans are at Argonne Forest to prepare for their final battle at the Western Front.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

How many casualties, Hunter?

HUNTER LIGGETT

We've lost 4,500 soldiers at Saint-Mihiel and 2,500 of them are wounded, but however, our tanks have made across the bridge at Meuse River.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

Excellent. Have you brought our air support?

HUNTER LIGGETT

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT LEE BULLARD already called the air support. CAPTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER leads the 94th Aero Squadron on a strafing run.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

What about 27th Aero Squadron?

HUNTER LIGGETT

Frank Luke and his squadron are
busy taking down the German
Observation Balloons in Argonne
Forest.

SFX: AIRCRAFT ENGINE SPUTTERING SOUND

Before General Pershing say anything, the Americans saw Frank
Luke. The stricken SPAD XIII CRASH LANDED into the forest in
pieces.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

What the hell is that?

ROBERT LEE BULLARD

It's Frank Luke! He's behind enemy
lines!

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

Let's find Luke before he ends up
in POW.

The Americans investigate the wreckage of SPAD XIII and saw
Frank Luke. He was wounded in combat during a balloon busting
mission.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

Luke, are you alright?

FRANK LUKE

Argh! I can't run that fast.

HENRY JOHNSON

Don't worry. LIEUTENANT JONATHAN
RUCKER will take care of you.

JONATHAN RUCKER

Hold still, Frank. This is going
to hurt.

FRANK LUKE

No, I'll be fine.

JONATHAN RUCKER

Hey! Come back here! It's
dangerous!

Frank Luke wasn't listening to Rucker's advice. Luke opens fire at the German attackers. The Germans return fire at the Americans until Frank Luke was killed by the German Sniper.

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

No!

The Americans OPEN FIRE at the Germans to avenge Frank Luke's death. Needham Roberts throws the grenade at the Germans. The GRENADE EXPLOSION killed three German Soldiers at once, but the rest of the Germans are killed by GUNFIRE.

NEEDHAM ROBERTS (CONT'D)

You'll pay for this, you son of a
bitch! You'll pay!

Anger searches, Needham Roberts won't stop until the Germans are dead!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

FADE IN:

INT. ARGONNE FOREST - DAY

As the Germans retreat, Needham Roberts uses his bayonet to stab one of the fleeing Germans.

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

(shouting)

This...is...for...Frank!

JAMES REESE EUROPE

Roberts! Stand down!

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

These fucking Jerries will pay for this!

JAMES REESE EUROPE

You can't go out there alone!

HENRY JOHNSON

Jim's right. You need to stay with us. We're soldiers. We fight for our freedom on the Western Front to end the war.

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

(sighs)

You're right, Johnson. I can't fight alone.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

There's no time for conversation, boys. The Germans are fortified their positions at the bunker so we're going to weaken the German Forces by using our artilleries, tanks, machine guns, and provide air support for ground attack. Once the Germans are weakened, then, it's our chance to strike to end the war on the Western Front.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

You heard General Pershing. **Fix
bayonets!**

The Americans attached their bayonets to their rifles as the American ARTILLERY BARRAGE on the German Line. Shells RAINED DOWN on the German trench, but the bunker remains untouched. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and his 94th Squadron are preparing for a STRAFING RUN on the German trench. Some of the German Soldiers were killed while the American Squadron of DH.4s BOMBED the German artilleries. All the German artillery guns are destroyed. The American Squadron left the battle and the American artillery guns stopped bombarding the German trench. As the smoke clears away, the American Soldiers have a chance to take Argonne Forest to end the war on the Western Front.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

Charge!

The Americans stormed on the enemy lines as the Germans OPEN FIRE with their rifles. Some of the American Soldiers were killed by a gunfire, but they FIRED BACK at the Germans. The German Defenders were killed inside the trench. The remaining American Soldiers attack the Germans inside the trench with their bayonets. Both sides are either killed or wounded inside the German trench by either a GUNFIRE or stabbed with their bayonets.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. GERMAN BUNKER - DAY

Inside the German Bunker, three German Generals HEARD THE SOLDIERS FIGHTING inside the trench.

WILHELM OF PRUSSIA

(Shouting in German)

What's going on over there?!

MAX VON GALLWITZ

(Shouting in German)

*We've lost our soldiers, and our
artillery guns are out of action!*

WILHELM OF PRUSSIA

(Shouting in German)

Have the machine guns ready!

As the Americans continue to engage the Germans in Argonne Forest, the enemy setup their machine guns outside the bunker's windows.

HORACE PIPPIN

Harris, look there!

PRIVATE HARRIS

The Germans brought machine guns!

HENRY JOHNSON

They're coming from the bunker!

JAMES REESE EUROPE

Everyone! Get down!

The Americans take cover as the Germans OPEN FIRE with their machine guns to repel the Americans advance towards the bunker.

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

We can't get inside the bunker!

HENRY JOHNSON

What are we going to do?

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT III

ACT IV

FADE IN:

INT./EXT. - GERMAN BUNKER - DAY

The Germans CONTINUE FIRING on the American Soldiers with their machine guns. The Americans can't stay inside the trench much longer.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

We must find another way to take out the German machine guns to get inside the bunker.

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

How about throw the grenade at the fucking German Soldiers?

HENRY JOHNSON

Or we can wait until the German ran out machine gun rounds?

JAMES REESE EUROPE

We must go beside the German gunners without being detected. Follow me.

Five Black Soldiers went beside the bunker, but the Germans didn't see Needham toss the grenade inside the bunker. The German Soldiers were killed offscreen, allowing the Americans to advance inside the bunker.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

Men, to the bunker!

The Americans storm inside the bunker. One of the Doughboys is carrying a flamethrower to INCINERATE the German Soldiers inside the bunker. The Americans trapped the Germans inside the bunker.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

It's over, you three!

WILHELM OF PRUSSIA

Okay, okay! Please, don't shoot!

Three German Generals raise their hands in the air to surrender.

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

We're not going to shoot you,
Wilhelm. Order your men to exit
the bunker.

WILHELM OF PRUSSIA

(Speaking in German)

Do what he said.

ALBRECHT OF WURTTENBERG

(Speaking in German)

Leave the bunker. We've lost.

The Americans captured 26,000 German Soldiers, leaving 28,000 dead in the final battle of the Western Front. The Americans lost 26,277 personnel and 122,063 of them are wounded. The Germans evacuate the bunker which marks the end of World War I. It was decisive victory for the Americans.

HENRY JOHNSON

We did it! We've won the war!

NEEDHAM ROBERTS

Yes, the war is over. Let's go
home.

HUNTER LIGGETT

Now the war is over, what are we
going to do with these prisoners?

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

We'll deal with prisoners, but
right now we must sign a peace
treaty at the Palace of
Versailles.

ROBERT LEE BULLARD

But how do we get to the Palace of
Versailles?

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

We will meet other Allied Leaders
at Versailles, France. The Germans
will accept blame for the war on
the Western Front.

AMERICAN SOLDIER

General Pershing! There's an
uprising in Germany!

JOHN JOSEPH PERSHING

Uprising? What uprising? The war
is over!

AMERICAN SOLDIER

The Germans are revolting against
Kaiser Wilhelm II and established
Weimer Republic.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT IV

ACT V

FADE IN:

EXT. ROMAGNE CEMETERY - DAY

James Reese Europe went to the cemetery where Eddie Rickenbacker was looking at Frank Luke's grave.

EDDIE RICKENBACKER

Hello, my friend.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

Captain Rickenbacker? What are you doing here?

EDDIE RICKENBACKER

I came to visit Frank Luke's grave. He's the greatest pilot who completed the balloon busting mission.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

I thought you would lead your squadron on the Western Front.

EDDIE RICKENBACKER

I chose to fly alone on the Western Front. I shot down the German Fokker D.VII and a two-seater aircraft by using tactics and strategies.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

What are doing with your flowers?

EDDIE RICKENBACKER

It's for Luke, who sacrificed himself to save his squadron.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

I'm glad the war is over. Would you like to come to my home with me?

EDDIE RICKENBACKER

I'm afraid not, Jim. I'm returning home as a war hero.

JAMES REESE EUROPE

It's been an honor to serve you, Rickenbacker. See you later.

Jim left Eddie behind.

GO TO:

TITLE: 21 YEARS LATER

EXT. WARSAW, POLAND - DAY

The German Wehrmacht entered Poland along with Nazi Panzer Division. ADOLF HITLER, THE FUHRER OF THE THIRD REICH, discovered the crash site of Polish Fokker D.VII. He picks up the broken goggles from the dead pilot. Hitler looks at the goggles and saw the Golden Eagle flying at the sky.

SFX: THE GOLDEN EAGLE CALLING FROM THE DISTANCE.

CLOSE ON: THE BROKEN GOGGLES.

Hitler takes the broken goggles with him and leaves the wreckage behind. World War II begins at the European Conflict.

FADE OUT.

EPILOGUE

British Lieutenant General Charles Young returns to Europe in 1944 during the Invasion of Normandy. He leads the British Army to defeat the Germans in the Western Front. He returned to England as a war hero on May 8, 1945.

British General Finley Adams fought the Germans in North African Campaign in 1942 at El-Alamein. After defeating the European Axis Powers in North Africa, he retired one year later.

Colonel Chester Armstrong returns to France in 1940, but he was killed in action during the Nazi Invasion on the Western Front.

After the Occupation of Burma, Major Alastair Smythe fought the Japanese Army to reoccupy Burma before returning to England on September 2, 1945.

Medical Officer Archie Woolsey participated the Italian Front to end the Fascist Rule in 1943 but continued to fight against the Nazi Germany in Northern Italy until May 1944. One month later, he reunited with his friend during the Operation Overlord to liberate France and other countries from the German Occupation until 1945.

Former German Ace, Ernst Udet, was promoted to a Luftwaffe Colonel-General in the early years of World War II. He was the only surviving Germany's Ace of Aces before committing suicide on November 17, 1941.

Hermann Wilhelm Goering became the last commander of JG 1 with 22 victories to his credit. He was promoted to *Reichsmarschall* in the early years of World War II. After the war, Goering participates Nuremberg Trials until his death on October 15, 1946.

Benito Mussolini led his victory on the Italian Front in the Great War which leading up to the Austro-Hungarian Empire's collapse in 1918. Four years later, he became a leader of the National Fascist Party until his execution on April 28, 1945.

Eddie Rickenbacker scored 26 confirm kills, making his first America's top aces. Years later, he provided the B-17D Flying Fortress as transportation in the South Pacific and a mission to the USSR as he travelled throughout the country until 1945. He became a long-time head of the Eastern Air Lines until his death on July 23, 1973, at the age of 82.

American Pilot, Arthur Raymond Brooks, shot down six aircraft and was promoted to Distinguished Service Cross before the Armistice on November 11, 1918. After the war, he served as the US Postal Air Service until his death on July 17, 1991.

Lawrence of Arabia continued to serve during the Arab Revolt until the Ottoman Empire fell October 25, 1918. After the war, he joined the British Foreign Office until he was killed in a traffic collision on May 19, 1935.

General Erich Ludendorff served five years of war until he resigned as the First Quartermaster General of the Great General Staff on October 26, 1918. After the war, he became a Member of the Reichstag until he left the office on June 13, 1928. He died on December 20, 1937.

General John Joseph Pershing served as the commander of the American Expeditionary Force in two years. His final victory took place during the Hundred Days Offensive when the Americans and its Allies pushed the Germans back to Germany. He died on July 15, 1948.

Frederick Sowrey is credited for shooting down the German Zeppelin with the help of the British Pilot, Hugh Elliot. One year later, he shot down 12 German Aircraft, bringing him a total of 13 confirm victories. He continued to serve as RAF Squadron until his retirement as a group captain on May 26, 1940. He died on October 21, 1968.

After the Lafayette Escadrille was disbanded, Charles Nungesser shot down 21 German Aircraft, bringing him a total to 43 German Aircraft. After the war, he works in the film industry in United States, *The Sky Raider*, until his disappearance on May 8, 1927.

One year after the war, James Reese Europe returns home to write *All of No Man's Land Is Ours* song before his death on May 9, 1919.

Henry Johnson returns home and was promoted to Sergeant and joins the victory parade along with his regiment at Fifth Avenue in New York City. Ten years later, Johnson died on July 1, 1929.

Horace Pippin was honorably discharged one year after the war. However, he did receive a Purple Heart for his injury in combat before his death on July 6, 1946.

In the early years of World War II, Neeham Roberts addresses on the radio and other speeches to recruit all Negroes to fight back against the Axis Powers on Europe and the Pacific. Four years later after World War II, Roberts died on April 18, 1949, before celebrating his 48th Birthday.

THE END