

THE CARRIER HUNT

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FADE IN:

INT. PEARL HARBOR HEADQUARTERS — OFFICE — DAY

SUPER: "MAY 13, 1944."

AMERICAN SUBMARINE COMMANDERS J.W. BLANCHARD AND HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER came to see VICE ADMIRAL CHARLES ANDREW LOCKWOOD to inform the Thompson Brothers' return to the Pacific and Lieutenant Junior Grade Bob Kanzi's head-on pass with the Zero.

JAMES WILLIAM BLANCHARD

Vice Admiral, the Thompson Brothers have return to *Enterprise* after their bombing raid on German V-Weapon sites at Pas-de-Calais.

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

Also, Lieutenant Junior Grade Bob Kanzi was shot down while head-on passing with the Zero, but however, he was rescued along with two floatplane crew by American submarine *USS Tang*.

CHARLES ANDREW LOCKWOOD

What about the Japanese carriers?

JAMES WILLIAM BLANCHARD

Our scout plane found two Jap carriers that hit us at Pearl Harbor three years ago.

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

But they're not alone, sir. The Japs have a flagship to command the Carrier Division 1 to hunt down our Task Group 58. Luckily, the Japs didn't spot us.

CHARLES ANDREW LOCKWOOD

Then I have a job for you two. Our Task Group is preparing for an invasion of Saipan, but Vice Admiral Nagumo is commanding Central Pacific Area Fleet HQ.

JAMES WILLIAM BLANCHARD

With all due respect, sir, Vice Admiral Nagumo isn't commanding the fleet anymore.

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

The Japs have a new commander, VICE ADMIRAL JISABURO OZAWA who will participate at the Battle of Philippine Sea to hunt down our Task Group 58.

CHARLES ANDREW LOCKWOOD

I see. So, you're saying that Vice Admiral Nagumo commands the Jap garrison at Saipan instead of commanding the Carrier Division 1 at Philippine Sea?

JAMES WILLIAM BLANCHARD

Yes, sir.

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

Which position shall we patrol today?

CLOSE ON: MAP OF THE PACIFIC.

CHARLES ANDREW LOCKWOOD

(showing the map of the Pacific to two Submarine Commanders) James, you will patrol the East and Southeast of the Marianas with *USS Finback* and three other submarines. Herman, your patrol will be at Ulithi and the Philippines. A pair of *Gato*-class and *Balao*-class submarines will join you to hunt down the Jap carriers before reaching Saipan. Once the carriers are sunk, report to the Thompson Brothers about your actions at the Philippine Sea. Do not waste your torpedoes at the Jap warships.

JAMES WILLIAM BLANCHARD

Yes, Sir.

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

I'll tell the Thompson Brothers
about everything after we finish
our mission at the Philippine Sea,
Vice Admiral Lockwood.

CHARLES ANDREW LOCKWOOD

Good, you two are dismissed.

Two Submarine Commanders left the office to hunt down the
Japanese carriers at the Philippine Sea.

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INT. JAPANESE CARRIER TAIHO - COMMAND BRIDGE - DAY

SUPER: "JUNE 13, 1944."

Onboard the Japanese flagship, THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN has a
message for Vice Admiral Ozawa.

JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *Vice
Admiral Ozawa, we've lost our
ships at Truk Atoll including
light cruisers and destroyers.*

JISABURO OZAWA

(speaking in Japanese) *What about
the patrol boats and merchant
ships?*

JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *Three
patrol crafts and 36 merchant
ships were sunk, sir.*

JISABURO OZAWA

(speaking in Japanese) *The Americans will pay for this at Truk Atoll! Send our planes to defend Saipan and protect our garrison at all costs.*

JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *Yes, sir!*

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. SAIPAN — DAY

Stock footage from *Battle 360* shows the American battleships and heavy cruisers bombarding the coastal area at Saipan. It'll take more than that to wipe out the Japanese defenses.

INT. TBF AVENGER — DAY

Lieutenant Commander Bill Martin leads a group of seven TBF Avengers to destroy the Japanese bunkers and gun emplacements to clear a path for the American Marines to storm shore on Saipan.

BILL MARTIN

Caden, have you found a target?

CADEN

Martin, there's a Jap flak battery we need to take out.

NOAH

Caden, are you crazy? We're going to get us killed!

BILL MARTIN

Theo, you take the lead, I'll take out the flak battery.

THEO [V.O.]

(on radio) Roger, Commander. We'll take out the gun emplacements as many as we can.

Martin left the formation leaving other six to attack the Japanese defenses at Saipan. But the Japanese saw Martin coming.

Flaks pepper the air as Martin is about to hit the target with two bombs. Martin rolls into a steep dive to hit the target at high speed.

CADEN

Bombs away!

As Caden drops two bombs at the target, the TBF was hit by Japanese anti-aircraft flak. Bill Martin's TBF is out of control.

NOAH

Martin, we're going down!

He tries to radio Caden and Noah.

BILL MARTIN

Caden, Noah, can you hear me? We need to bail out, now!

No answer. Martin climbs out of the cockpit of the burning plane.

BILL MARTIN [CONT'D]

Caden! Noah!

Still no answer. So, he has no choice but to bail out leaving Caden and Noah die inside the burning wreck. Martin's parachute is open as the Japanese continue firing at the pilot with machine guns just as Martin lands on the lagoon. Soon, he was rescued by the American heavy cruiser, *USS Indianapolis*.

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

Commander William "Killer" Kane leads Air Group 10 to gain air supremacy over Saipan against the Japanese forces.

WILLIAM KANE

(on radio) Lieutenant Schumann, do you copy? We've got Zeros in the air and on the ground.

INT. LIEUTENANT SCHUMANN'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

(on radio) Roger, Commander Kane. What shall we do with the Zeros?

INT. COMMANDER KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

COMMANDER WILLIAM KANE

(on radio) Lead the Thompson
Brothers for a strafing run.

INT. LIEUTENANT SCHUMANN'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

(on radio) You heard Commander
Kane. Follow me to the airfield.

INT. BEN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

BEN THOMPSON

(on radio) Roger. We'll proceed to
the Jap airfield.

INT. JOHN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

JOHN THOMPSON

(on radio) Don't forget the fuel
depot, Lieutenant Schumann. The
Japs are using it for refueling.

INT. LIEUTENANT SCHUMANN'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

(on radio) Alright, John, but
don't get caught on the blast.

INT. JOHN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

JOHN THOMPSON

(on radio) Don't worry, Schumann,
I won't.

INT. LIEUTENANT SCHUMANN'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

(on radio) Then it's time to cut
their damn throats.

The Thompson Brothers follow Lieutenant Schumann's lead while Commander Kane and his Hellcats begin to dogfight with the Japanese Zeroes in the air. Most of the Zeroes go down in flames while some Hellcats are shot down by the Japanese Zeroes.

The Thompson Brothers follow Schumann's lead for a strafing run. They destroyed the Japanese Zeroes on the ground with .50 caliber machine guns, the fuel depots were blown up, and the Japanese gunners were out of action.

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER TAIHO - COMMAND BRIDGE - NIGHT

SUPER: "JUNE 14, 1944."

Back on Japanese 1st Carrier Squadron, the Japanese Captain have some news to Vice Admiral Ozawa.

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *Vice Admiral Ozawa, we've brought new bombers onboard.*

JISABURO OZAWA

(speaking in Japanese) *What new bombers? We still have two Val Dive-Bombers remaining in the hangar deck and most of the bombers were destroyed at Truk Atoll.*

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *I'm aware of that, Vice Admiral, because we have new bombers that the Americans never encounter before.*

JISABURO OZAWA

(speaking in Japanese) *Oh?*

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *D4Y Judy Dive-Bombers and B6N Jill Torpedo Planes. More powerful than our bombers previously used for battle against the American Fleet.*

JISABURO OZAWA

(speaking in Japanese) *Are there any Zeroes onboard?*

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *We have plenty of Zeroes onboard.*

JISABURO OZAWA

(speaking in Japanese) *Excellent. Make sure you tested out our new bombers against the American Fleet.*

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *Yes, sir!*

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER SHOKAKU - READY ROOM - NIGHT

CAPTAIN HIROSHI MATSUBARA gives a briefing mission to the Japanese pilots and shows both the diagram of two new bombers and the map of Saipan.

HIROSHI MATSUBARA

(speaking in Japanese) *Gentlemen, these are new bombers, the Nakajima B6N Torpedo Plane and Yokosuka D4Y Dive-Bomber. These two new planes are more powerful to strike the American Fleet and it's up to you to sink the American ships before they reach Saipan. Our Zeroes will provide escort in case the enemy fighters to intercept our bombers. Our G4M Betty Bombers will join the fight against the American Fleet for our nighttime operation. Good luck to all of you.*

The Japanese pilots left the ready room to give what the American Fleet deserved.

EXT. USS ENTERPRISE - FLIGHT DECK - DAY

SUPER: "JUNE 15, 1944."

Stock footage from *Battle 360* shows *USS Enterprise* launching the planes for airstrike on Saipan.

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

Commander "Killer" Kane leads a formation, he looks down at the American Fleet at Saipan. The American warships are using naval bombardment to clear a path so the Marines can launch their amphibious assault at Saipan. Their mission is to hit the beaches and destroy the enemy pillboxes with bombs and machine guns.

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

(on radio) There they are, boys.
There's our fleet.

SFX: MUFFLED EXPLOSION

INT. LIEUTENANT SCHUMANN'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

Lieutenant Schumann looks down at the American Fleet as the Marines storm ashore on Saipan.

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

(on radio) It looks like a D-Day
invasion to me.

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

(on radio) This isn't Normandy,
Schumann. It's our Marines
attacking the beaches at Saipan
against the Jap garrison.

INT. LIEUTENANT SCHUMANN'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

(on radio) But the Japs are using
pillboxes and bunkers to fortify
their positions.

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

(on radio) And the Jap anti-
aircraft guns to deal with. Let's
wipe them out.

Commander Kane leads Air Group 10 to suppress the enemy defenses at Saipan. The SBDs and TBFs bomb enemy pillboxes, bunkers, and anti-aircraft guns. Commander Kane leads 30 Hellcats for a strafing run killing the Japanese soldiers on the ground.

After clearing the Japanese defenses at Saipan, the Marines successfully storm ashore on Saipan.

INT. BEN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

Ben looks at the Marines fighting on the beaches of Saipan.

BEN THOMPSON

(on radio) Will you look at that!
A Pacific War version of D-Day
Invasion.

INT. JOHN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

JOHN THOMPSON

(on radio) Too bad we didn't get a
chance to see the D-Day Invasion
at Normandy against the Nazis.

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

(on radio) Enough of those Nazis
stuff whatever you want to call
it! Let's head back to *Enterprise*.

Commander Kane and his Air Group 10 return to *USS Enterprise*.

EXT. USS ENTERPRISE - FLIGHT DECK - SUNSET

The planes landed on *Enterprise's* flight deck. The Thompson Brothers climbed out of their cockpit as Commander Kane and Lieutenant Schumann were talking about their mission at Saipan.

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

We've lost Caden and Noah, but
Bill Martin is the only surviving
TBF Bomber Crew at Saipan.

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

Was Caden assigned as the
bombardier before he died?

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

Yes, Sir. Thomas joined with Theo
and Weston for a bombing run at
Saipan.

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

Who's piloting the TBF?

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

Weston is piloting the TBF, and
the rear gunner is Theo.

JAMES D. RAMAGE

Hey, Ben, I'm pleased to hear
about your first dive-bombing
mission since Operation Hailstone.

BEN THOMPSON

Except, we couldn't find the Jap
carriers at Truk Atoll.

JOHN THOMPSON

At least we know where the Jap
carriers are.

JAMES D. RAMAGE

You mean the two carriers that
attacked Pearl Harbor three years
earlier?

BEN THOMPSON

Exactly, Jig Dog, and we'll be
ready to sink the Jap carriers to
the bottom of the sea.

JOHN THOMPSON

Don't be so sure, brother, because
the Japs know we're here.

JAMES D. RAMAGE

Get inside, you two. Let the
gunner take care of the Jap
bombers.

INT. USS ENTERPRISE - COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER - SUNSET

ONE OF THE *ENTERPRISE'S* CREW looks at the sonar and spots seven
hostile aircraft.

AMERICAN SONAR TECHNICIAN

We've got seven unidentified
aircraft at 22 miles!

AMERICAN RADAR TECHNICIAN

Tell Captain Gardner for incoming
Jap bombers.

SFX: GENERAL QUARTERS ALARM

INT. USS ENTERPRISE - CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS

Enterprise's sailors and crewmen manned their battle stations
for incoming enemy bombers.

MATTHIAS BENNETT GARDNER [V.O.]

(announcing over the P.A.) GENERAL
QUARTERS, GENERAL QUARTERS, ALL
HANDS, MAN YOUR BATTLE STATIONS!
ENEMY BOMBERS ARE APPROACHING! I
REPEAT, ENEMY BOMBERS ARE
APPROACHING OUR TASK FORCE!

The American Task Force 58 perform a defensive circle.
Enterprise and the carriers are in center while the American
warships are protecting the carriers from incoming enemy
aircraft by using the stock footage from *Battle 360* as the
Americans unleash an umbrella of fire at the Betty Bombers as
they approach to their target. One of the Betties was hit by an
anti-aircraft flak gun and the cockpit is on fire but keeps on
flying until it blows up. Within the confusion, some of the
American sailors and crew end up in a friendly fire killing
their own men and more are wounded until one of Betties releases
its torpedo.

INT. USS ENTERPRISE - PILOT HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

The American ship makes a hard turn to dodge the enemy
torpedoes. The fight ends with a loss of two Japanese Betty
Bombers leaving five Betty Bombers escape from the American
anti-aircraft barrage. Not a signal torpedo sinks the American
carriers.

INT. USS CAVALLA - NIGHT

SUPER: "ULITHI ATOLL."

850 miles from the Philippines, three *Gato*-class submarines are
in underwater patrol to hunt down the Japanese carriers
undetected.

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

Any sign of the Jap carriers?

THE AMERICAN SAILOR #1

I can't see the Jap carriers in
the dark, Commander Kossler.

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

Look through the periscope again
and find out where the Jap planes
are coming from.

INT. USS CAVALLA - PERISCOPE WELL - AMERICAN SAILOR'S POV

He looks through the periscope again and this time, he spots the
target: three Japanese carriers of "A" Force.

THE AMERICAN SAILOR #1

I see them, Commander Kossler!
Three Jap carriers at Saipan and
two of them were participated at
Pearl Harbor three years ago!

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

That's it! That's our target!
Prepare for torpedo run on the
carriers!

He salutes to Commander Kossler and goes to the crew's quarters.

INT. USS CAVALLA - CREW'S QUARTERS - NIGHT

THE AMERICAN SAILOR #1

All hands-on deck! Load your
torpedoes!

SFX: GENERAL QUARTERS ALARM

The crew of *USS Cavalla* went to their action stations at the
forward torpedo room to sink the Japanese carriers at the
Philippine Sea before Admiral Ozawa's forces attack the American
Task Force 58.

INT. USS CAVALLA - FORWARD TORPEDO ROOM - NIGHT

The Americans load the torpedoes and wait for their orders.

EXT. USS ENTERPRISE - FLIGHT DECK - DAWN

SUPER: "JUNE 19, 1944."

The American planes launch from *Enterprise's* flight deck to locate the Japanese carriers before reaching Saipan.

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - DAY

Commander Kane leads Air Group 10 to intercept incoming enemy aircraft at Philippine Sea. He looks down and spots five Betty Bombers below.

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

(on radio) Intercept and destroy
all the Jap bombers before they
reach our fleet.

The Hellcats dive towards the Betties. All the Betty Bombers are shot down by Commander Kane and the Hellcats. Not a single payload strikes the American ships.

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER TAIHO - COMMAND BRIDGE - DAY

The Japanese Captain ran up to the Command Bridge to give Admiral Ozawa the news.

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *Admiral,*
our bombers from Guam are shot
down!

JISABURO OZAWA

(speaking in Japanese) *Go for plan*
B, Captain. Send our pilots to
test out our new carrier-based
bombers.

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(speaking in Japanese) *Yes, sir.*

EXT. JAPANESE CARRIER TAIHO - FLIGHT DECK - DAY

The Japanese have new carrier-based planes of their own to sink the American Fleet at the Philippine Sea: a squadron of D4Y Judy Dive-Bombers and the B6N Jill Torpedo Planes unaware the American submarines are patrolling in the enemy waters to sink the Japanese carriers.

INT. USS ALBACORE - PERISCOPE WELL - DAY

Onboard the *USS Albacore*, THE AMERICAN SAILOR spots Admiral Ozawa's flagship, *Taiho*, by using a periscope.

AMERICAN SAILOR #2

Commander Blanchard, we found the
Jap flagship. It belongs to
Admiral Ozawa.

INT. USS ALBACORE - PERISCOPE WELL - COMMANDER BLANCHARD'S POV

SUPER: "THE MARIANAS."

JAMES WILLIAM BLANCHARD [V.O.]

It's Taiho!

AMERICAN SAILOR #2

And that's not all, sir. There are
two Jap carriers that attacked
Pearl Harbor and they're launching
new planes to attack our carriers
the same way the Japs did at Coral
Sea and Santa Cruz.

JAMES WILLIAM BLANCHARD

Target the enemy flagship with
torpedoes.

AMERICAN SAILOR #2

Yes, sir.

INT. USS ALBACORE - TORPEDO ROOM - DAY

The crew onboard *USS Albacore* load their torpedoes more than
enough to sink the Japanese carriers.

INT. USS ALBACORE - PERISCOPE WELL - DAY

AMERICAN SAILOR #2 [CONT'D]

Torpedoes are loaded and ready to
go, Commander.

JAMES WILLIAM BLANCHARD

Launch all torpedoes!

AMERICAN SAILOR #2

Yes, sir!

EXT. USS ALBACORE - DAY

The *USS Albacore* launches all torpedoes to strike the Japanese flagship, *Taiho*.

EXT. JAPANESE CARRIER TAIHO - CONTINUOUS

As *Taiho* launches the last batch of Val Dive-Bombers from the flight deck (which was taken from *Battle 360* stock footage), one of the torpedoes makes a direct hit at the Japanese flagship at the starboard side causing the aviation fuel storage tanks to explode. Oil and gas lines spilled all over the water and the forward elevator is jammed.

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER TAIHO - COMMAND BRIDGE - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Ozawa was furious at the Japanese Captain at the command bridge!

JISABURO OZAWA

(shouting in Japanese) *What is going on here?!*

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(shouting in Japanese) *We've been hit by American torpedo!*

JISABURO OZAWA

(shouting in Japanese) *Order our men to abandon ship!*

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(shouting in Japanese) *But, sir, we're still launching our last batch of new bombers!*

JISABURO OZAWA

(shouting in Japanese) *I gave you a direct order, Captain! Do it, now!*

THE JAPANESE CAPTAIN

(shouting in Japanese) *Abandon ship!*

EXT. JAPANESE CARRIER TAIHO - CONTINUOUS

Admiral Ozawa and the surviving sailors left the doomed carrier behind by using their lifeboats. Some of the Japanese sailors jumped into the water.

INT. LIEUTENANT SCHUMANN'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

After Japanese failed attack at the American Fleet, Lieutenant Schumann spots an enemy formation towards the American fleet!

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

(on radio) Bogies at 2 o'clock!

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

Commander Kane spots enemy aircraft that he has never seen before!

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

(on radio) There are Judy Dive-Bombers and Jill Torpedo Planes! Shoot them down before they reach our fleet!

INT. BEN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

BEN THOMPSON

(on radio) Roger, Commander Kane. We'll teach those Japs a lesson!

INT. JOHN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

JOHN THOMPSON

(on radio) The Japs have new planes and so are we. Let's do some damage to these new planes.

Commander Kane leads his flight for another interception mission. Note the Hellcats are intercepting four Kate Torpedo Planes by using *Battle 360* stock footage isn't accurate due to misidentified as B6Ns. Also, it shows the F6F Hellcat shooting down the Kate Torpedo Plane out of the sky after releasing a torpedo.

EXT. PHILIPPINE SEA - CONTINUOUS

The American Task Group 58 of the Carrier Division 2 open fire at the Japanese dive-bombers. Note the *Battle 360* footage shows the D3A Val dive-bombed the *USS South Dakota* from the distance, not a Judy Dive-Bomber.

The new Japanese carrier bombers have their same weakness: no armor, which means they're easy prey for American anti-aircraft barrage and Hellcat fighters.

INT. USS CAVALLA - PERISCOPE WELL - THE AMERICAN SAILOR'S POV

Meanwhile, the *USS Cavalla* spots another Japanese carrier, *Shokaku*, one of the two Japanese carriers that sank two American carriers at the Coral Sea and Santa Cruz.

INT. USS CAVALLA - PERISCOPE WELL - DAY

AMERICAN SAILOR #1

Commander, we have *Shokaku* in position.

HERMAN JOSEPH KOSSLER

Release all the torpedoes!

AMERICAN SAILOR #1

Yes, sir!

EXT. USS CAVALLA - DAY

The *USS Cavalla* releases its torpedoes one of the Japanese carriers that attacked Pearl Harbor three years earlier.

EXT. JAPANESE CARRIER SHOKAKU - DAY

Three torpedoes hit *Shokaku* and pays the price for attacking Pearl Harbor and sinking two American flattops years earlier.

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER SHOKAKU - HANGAR BAY - DAY

Shokaku's hangar bay is on fire where the new Japanese bombers are refueling. The Japanese firefighters tried to put out the fire, but it's no use. The bombs detonate the hangar bay destroying the new Japanese bombers inside the carrier.

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER SHOKAKU - COMMAND BRIDGE - DAY

Captain Matsubara witnessed the submarine attack.

HIROSHI MATSUBARA

(shouting in Japanese) *What's going on with our carrier?!*

JAPANESE SAILOR #1

(shouting in Japanese) *Our boiler
room is out of commission,
Captain! We must leave now!*

EXT. PHILIPPINE SEA - CONTINUOUS

As a pair of Japanese Zeroes circle around the crippled
flagship, *Taiho* was blown up in her forward flight deck and
sinks to the bottom of the sea.

INT. BEN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

Ben Thompson saw his moment what he's waiting for.

BEN THOMPSON

(on radio) Guys, look over there!

INT. JOHN THOMPSON'S F6F HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS

His brother looks at two burning Japanese carriers at the
distance.

JOHN THOMPSON

(on radio) *Shokaku* is sinking!

BEN THOMPSON [V.O.]

(on radio) And *Taiho*!

JOHN THOMPSON

(on radio) Our submarines sank two
Jap carriers before we got here!

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE [V.O.]

(on radio) Never mind about those
two. The Japs deserve it. Let's
head back to the carrier.

JOHN THOMPSON

(on radio) Roger. Let's go home.

The American planes return to *Enterprise* to refuel and rearmed.

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER ZUIKAKU - COMMAND BRIDGE - SUNSET

JAPANESE CAPTAIN TAKEO KAIZUKA watches from the distance as
Shokaku slips beneath the waves.

JAPANESE SAILOR #2

(speaking in Japanese) *Captain,
we're down with one carrier!*

TAKEO KAIZUKA

(speaking in Japanese) *What about
the other carriers?*

JAPANESE SAILOR #2

(speaking in Japanese) *We have six
light carriers left in battle.*

TAKEO KAIZUKA

(speaking in Japanese) *Order our
fighters to return to our carriers
before they end up ditch in the
ocean!*

JAPANESE SAILOR #2

(speaking in Japanese) *Yes, Sir!*

EXT. USS ENTERPRISE - FLIGHT DECK - SUNSET

SUPER: "JUNE 20, 1944."

Commander Kane is talking to Lieutenant Schumann about using the drop tanks.

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

You'll need the external fuel tanks to finish off the Mobile Fleet and end the Japanese threat once and for all.

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

A drop tank?

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

In case you're in combat? Yes, you'll get a chance to destroy the Zeroes because this will be the last time we're going to see them in a dogfight.

(MORE)

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE [CONT'D]

We've stopped the new Jap bombers earlier and now it's a perfect time to give them what they deserve.

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

You mean the Japs fail to sink our carriers earlier?

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

They did, Schumann, and we're going to succeed and deal some damage to the enemy fleet.

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

Sounds like a plan, Kane. I'll see you there after our mission.

Commander Kane and Lieutenant Schumann climb inside to their cockpits to pay the Japanese an ultimate price. A massive formation of American carrier planes roars through the sunset to finish off the Japanese Fleet once and for all.

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER ZUIKAKU - COMMAND BRIDGE - SUNSET

Onboard the Japanese Carrier, *Zuikaku*, ONE OF THE JAPANESE SAILORS hurriedly to the command bridge.

JAPANESE SAILOR #2

(speaking in Japanese) *Captain, they found us!*

TAKEO KAIZUKA

(shouting in Japanese) *The Americans want their revenge against us! Order our pilots to scramble all fighters!*

EXT. JAPANESE CARRIER ZUIKAKU - SUNSET

The Japanese pilots scramble to their fighters.

JAPANESE SAILOR #2 [V.O.]

(announcing over P.A. in Japanese)
ATTENTION ON THE FLIGHT DECK!
ENEMY AIRCRAFT INCOMING! SCRAMBLE!
SCRAMBLE! ALL FIGHTERS, INTERCEPT
AND DESTROY!

The Japanese Zeroes takeoff from the flight deck to intercept enemy planes.

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - SUNSET

Commander Kane leads Air Group 10 to escort the bombers to hunt down the Japanese carriers, including the last Japanese carrier that attacked Pearl Harbor few years earlier as Lieutenant Schumann calls over the radio.

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN [V.O.]

(over the radio) Commander Kane,
Air Group 14 are headed for the
Japanese Supply Forces to sink the
enemy oilers.

Commander Kane looks at the bomber squadron from *USS Wasp*. They're running low on fuel and head for the Japanese Supply Forces while the rest of the planes stay on course to sink the Japanese fleet.

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

(on radio) Stay on course,
Lieutenant. We're here for the Jap
carriers, not oilers.

INT. LIEUTENANT SCHUMANN'S F6F HELLCAT - SUNSET

LIEUTENANT R.W. SCHUMANN

(on radio) Then the carriers it
is, Commander Kane.

INT. WILLIAM KANE'S F6F HELLCAT - SUNSET

WILLIAM "KILLER" KANE

(on radio) Good. Let's split up
and sink those bastards to the
bottom of the sea.

The American squadron split up and attack the Japanese fleet with bombs and torpedoes.

INT. SBD DAUNTLESS - SUNSET

JAMES D. RAMAGE

(on radio) That's where the planes
came from! Prepare for dive-
bombing run on the Jap carriers!

"Jig Dog" Ramage leads five SBDs for dive-bombing run on the Japanese Light Carrier, *Ryuho*. Jig Dog released the bomb, but incredibly, *Ryuho* managed to avoid getting hit by a bomb. HIS REAR GUNNER, DICK CAWLEY, saw other Japanese carriers getting hit by American bombs and torpedoes. *Hiyo* is the only Japanese Light Carrier sunk by American squadron of TBFs from the Light Carrier, *USS Belleau Wood*, and other three Japanese carriers are damaged by bombs.

DICK CAWLEY

Jig Dog, we didn't hit the
carrier!

JAMES D. RAMAGE

Damn it, Cawley! Why didn't you
tell me?!

DICK CAWLEY

Other squadrons sank the enemy
light carrier and damage three Jap
carriers.

INT. JACK'S F6F HELLCAT - SUNSET

After the Japanese carriers are dealt with, Jack spots the Japanese Zero. He pulls his Hellcat into a half-loop and half-roll to shoot down the Zero with .50 calibers.

EXT. JAPANESE CARRIER ZUIKAKU - FLIGHT DECK - NIGHT

It was nighttime as the Japanese damage control team put out a fire.

INT. JAPANESE CARRIER ZUIKAKU - COMMAND BRIDGE - NIGHT

Captain Kaizuka was furious about the American's action at Philippine Sea! *Shokaku* and *Zuikaku* fought in two years of fighting against the Americans from Coral Sea and Guadalcanal Campaign. With *Shokaku* gone, *Zuikaku* is the only sole survivor that hit the Americans at Pearl Harbor and sank two American carriers.

TAKEO KAIZUKA

(angrily in Japanese) *How did the Americans sink our ships with bombs and torpedoes?!*

JAPANESE SAILOR #2

(speaking in Japanese) *We've met our match, Captain! Not a single American fleet were sunk.*

TAKEO KAIZUKA

(angrily in Japanese) *And you allow the Americans to sink our carriers with submarines?!*

JAPANESE SAILOR #2

(speaking in Japanese) *At least Admiral Ozawa is saved rather than going down with his flagship.*

TAKEO KAIZUKA

(speaking in Japanese) *The Americans are trying to get revenge on us for what we did at Pearl Harbor! We've won at Guadalcanal Campaign with no carrier loses, but not like this! After two years in fighting against the American fleet, there won't be any carriers left for us to fight with!*

JAPANESE SAILOR #2

(speaking in Japanese) *But what shall we do with our carriers?*

TAKEO KAIZUKA

(speaking in Japanese) *We may have lost our carrier planes in battle, but we'll fight at Leyte Gulf against the Americans with or without planes.*

Admiral Kaizuka knows the Japanese are losing the war against the Americans.

The Japanese carrier planes are all but wiped out by American squadron. With no aircraft onboard the Japanese carriers, he has no choice but to fight against the Americans without using the planes at Leyte Gulf. Instead, the Japanese will use their carriers to act as decoys in the final carrier battle against the Americans before the Americans will have a chance to strike and avenged Pearl Harbor.

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