

The Junkers Ju-88 (Episode)

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The Junkers Ju-88 is the seventh part of the Battle of Britain Arc and the eighth episode of World War II: The Animated Series Season 2 which focuses on the Luftwaffe's fastest twin-engined bomber during the Battle of Britain.

FADE IN:

INT. BERGHOF — DAY

SUPER: "AUGUST 12, 1940."

Field Marshal Kesselring and Dr. Fisser came to see Adolf Hitler at Berghof.

ALBERT KESSELRING

Mein Führer, our Dornier Bombers successfully bombed Lympne Airfield with the help of our fighter escorts.

Kesselring gives the report to the *Führer*. Hitler looks at the report.

ADOLF HITLER

Well done, Albert. Leave us.

ALBERT KESSELRING

Ja, Mein Führer.

ADOLF HITLER

You must be Dr. Fisser of KG 51.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSEN

Ja, Mein Führer. It's me. Our Junkers 88 are ready for bombing mission.

ADOLF HITLER

Good, I have a task for you and your bomb group. There's a radar station at Ventnor in Southern England. I want you to destroy it before the enemy fighters can scramble to intercept. I will send the Bf-109Es to cover you and your bomb group in your mission.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSEN

Ja Herr.

Dr. Fisser departed from Berghof to commence the bombing operation at the Ventnor Home Chain Radar Station.

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SUPER: "KAMPFGESCHWADER 51."

INT. DR. FISSE

At 4,000 feet, Dr. Fisser leads the KG 51 westward to bomb Ventnor Chain Home Radar Station, while the Bf-109Es fly escort.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER [CONT'D]

How many fighter escorts today,
LEVI?

LEVI

I counted 20 to 25 Bf-109Es,
Doctor.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER

Good, let's hope our fighters can
protect us as long as they can.

RYKER

Spitfires, incoming!

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER

How many RYKER?

RYKER

Two separate groups!

The Spitfires of 152 and 609 Squadrons split up and attacked the Ju-88s and the Bf-109E escorts before reaching Ventnor Chain Home Radar Station.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER

(on radio) ALL GUNNERS, to your
positions.

The German Gunners open fire at the British Interceptors while the Bf-109Es defend the bombers at all costs. Both the RAF and Luftwaffe Fighters suffer causalities while in a dogfight on the English Channel. Finally, the Ju-88s reach their target at Ventnor Chain Home Radar Station.

LEVI

Enemy radar station dead ahead.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER

The British know where we are.
Drop all the bombs before the RAF
can shoot us down.

Levi gets in the bombardier position and looks down at the target. The Ju-88s dropped their bombs on the enemy radar station knocking out the radar temporarily, but the tall transmitter towers were still standing.

LEVI

Buildings destroyed, Dr. Fisser.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER

Good, let's head back to our base
before the enemy fighters show up.

The Ju-88s return to base along with the Luftwaffe Fighter Escorts.

EXT. LAON-COUVRON AIRFIELD - DAY

The Ju-88s land at Laon-Couvron Airfield where Hitler and Field Marshal Kesselring are waiting for them. They

LEVI

Mein Führer? How did you get here?

ADOLF HITLER

I got a call from *Reichsmarschall* Goering, and he said that the Bf-110s failed to destroy all four radar stations. Instead, they successfully destroyed two of them: Pevensey and Rye.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER

What about Fairlight and Beachy Head?

ADOLF HITLER

Both radar stations suffered minor damage while the other two were not so lucky.

ALBERT KESSELRING

I agree with *Führer*. Anyways, is your mission at Ventnor Radar Station successful?

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER

Ja, we took out the radar buildings.

ADOLF HITLER

Great job, Dr. Fisser. Report to Kesselring to prepare for Alder Tag tomorrow.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER

Come on you three, we need to report to Kesselring.

LEVI

Lead the way, Doc.

They went to Luftwaffe Airfield Office to prepare for Alder Tag.

EXT. CHERBOURG LUFT 3 AIRFIELD JG 53 AND JG 27 - DAY

SUPER: "AUGUST 13, 1940."

Field Marshal Sperrle gives the briefing to the GERMAN BOMBER CREW to bomb the Spitfire Factory at Southampton by using the map.

HUGO SPERRLE

Gentlemen, you will attack the aircraft factory at Southampton.

(MORE)

HUGO SPERRLE [CONT'D]

This aircraft factory produces Spitfires, which was a major threat to us and it's up to you guys to bomb it before the RAF produces more fighters. The Bf-109Es will cover you for your mission. Get to your bombers and good luck to all of you.

The German Bomber Crew get to their Ju-88s to prepare for their bombing mission at Southampton.

SFX: BOMBER ENGINES STARTING

The Ju-88s take off from Cherbourg Luft 3 Airfield. Hopefully, the Luftwaffe Bombers will stop producing Spitfires at Southampton on the first day of Alder Tag.

INT. GEISLER'S JUNKERS JU-88 - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "LEHRGESCHWADER 1."

A Staffel of Bf-109Es escort the Ju-88s once again, but this time, OBERSTLEUTNANT HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER leads the LG 1 to target the Spitfire Factory at Southampton.

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

Bruno, how far is the Spitfire Factory?

BRUNO

About 10 miles west by northwest, Geisler.

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

Excellent, we should have enough time to destroy the Spitfire Factory for good.

CLEMENS

Spitfires!

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

What?

BRUNO

Our fighters are taking evasive action!

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

(on radio) Concentrate all your firepower at the RAF Interceptors!

The German Gunners open fire at the British Fighters, but this time, half of the Spitfires went past the Bf-109Es and target the Ju-88s before reaching Woolston, Southampton. The Ju-88s are no match against the British Spitfires and were easy prey for the RAF Fighters. The Ju-88s are shot down but the other two dropped their bombs without completing their mission.

BRUNO

We're taking heavy casualties!

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

(on radio) This is Geisler.
Spitfire Factory not bombed.
Repeat, Spitfire Factory not bombed. Return to base.

Two Ju-88s and two Bf-109Es return to Cherbourg Luft 3 Airfield without completing their mission.

INT. CHERBOURG LUFT 3 AIRFIELD OFFICE - DAY

At the Luft 3 Office at Cherbourg, Hugo was furious with Geisler and his bomber crew!

HUGO SPERRLE

Geisler, you deliberately disobeyed my orders!

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

We tried to bomb Woolston sir, but the Spitfires found us first.

HUGO SPERRLE

You've been wasting your time fighting off against the Spitfires in the air! You've failed! Go back to your quarters and get out of my sight!

BRUNO

But sir, I-

HUGO SPERRLE

No excuses, Bruno! Just do as I say and get out of my office!

They exit the office in disgrace.

INT. CHERBOURG LUFT 3 AIRFIELD BARRACKS - DAY

Geisler and his bomber crew discuss their situation.

BRUNO

What have we done wrong?

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

Our bombers were shot down before we reached Southampton.

CLEMENS

The Spitfire Factory?

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

Most of the Spitfires broke through our fighter screen leaving us unprotected. If we had reached Southampton, then we would've succeeded and put the Spitfire Factory out of commission.

BRUNO

At least Ventnor Radar Station was damaged before the Alder Tag started.

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

The radar station is one of them, but we need to rethink our strategy before the British reached our bomber formation.

CLEMENS

Like what?

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

Like bombing airfields.

BRUNO

The British Airfields?

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

Ja, this is the only way to stop the British Fighters from intercepting us.

CLEMENS

And the Dorniers?

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

They're doing a low-level bombing. We, on the other hand, have the advantage over them.

BRUNO

We tried dive-bombing run on the Spitfire Factory, but it didn't work.

CLEMENS

But we did bomb one of the radar stations with the help of our fighter escorts.

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

And this time, we'll stop the British Fighters from taking off.

BRUNO

Where?

HANS-FERDINAND GEISLER

At Middle Wallop Airfield.

INT. ANGERSTEIN'S JUNKERS JU-88 - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "AUGUST 14, 1940."

One day after the German's failure bombing at Southampton, OBERSTLEUTNANT KARL ANGERSTEIN leads three Ju-88s of LG 1 to bomb the British Airfield at Middle Wallop.

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Any sign of the airfield?

LEONARD

I see the enemy bomber below at Middle Wallop.

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Alright LEONARD, see you can destroy that fighter with bombs and make sure that Middle Wallop Airfield is out of commission.

LEONARD

You got it, Karl. Commence bombing at Middle Wallop Airfield.

Leonard looks through the bombsight and spots the enemy airfield below and targets the British Blenheim Bomber. He drops six bombs and all the British Bombers on the ground and the other two did the same. Not a single RAF Personnel were either killed or wounded, but the damage of Middle Wallop Airfield is light.

LEONARD [CONT'D]

All enemy bombers were destroyed on the ground.

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Good. Let's get out of here before the Spitfires can attack us.

Three Ju-88s return to Cherbourg Airfield leaving the British Bombers on the ground with a burning wreck.

EXT. CHERBOURG LUFT 3 AIRFIELD JG 53 AND JG 27

All the Ju-88s land at Cherbourg Luft 3 Airfield. Hugo was waiting as Karl and HIS BOMBER CREW exit the Ju-88.

HUGO SPERRLE

Was your mission successful?

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Ja, except we destroyed a group of British Bombers on the ground.

HUGO SPERRLE

And the fighters?

LEONARD

Nein, there aren't any RAF Fighters presence at Middle Wallop Airfield.

HUGO SPERRLE

You did better than Geisler did.
Carry on.

Karl and his bomber crew left.

INT. CHERBOURG LUFT 3 AIRFIELD HANGAR - DAY

Karl and his bomber crew went inside the hangar to meet the GERMAN AIR MECHANIC NAMED ANTON who tested out the dive-brakes while other German Air Mechanics making some adjustments on the Ju-88 to ensure the bomber dives properly.

KARL ANGERSTEIN

How's it going, Anton?

ANTON

We've checked the dive-brakes on the Ju-88, but the problem is that our bomber is not accurate as the Stuka.

LEONARD

But we never dive-bombed the enemy targets before!

ANTON

Then you must be careful not to crash your bomber, or you and your crew will not survive your mission against the Royal Air Force.

KARL ANGERSTEIN

We're aware of that, Anton. We know what we're doing even though we're going to crash into the ground.

LEONARD

Karl, don't say that! We know we're not fit for dive-bombing attack!

KARL ANGERSTEIN

(chuckles) Sorry Leonard, I was joking.

ANTON

So, are you ready for your next mission? The Heinkel Bombers have already failed to reach the Middle Wallop Airfield before you and your bomb group did.

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Of course we are, Anton. We're looking forward for another bombing mission on the British Airfield with the help of our Dornier Bombers.

ANTON

How can you finish the job if the Dorniers completed their bombing run at the British Airfield?

KARL ANGERSTEIN

By using high-altitude performance of course.

LEONARD

Do you have any bombs to fit inside the bomber?

ANTON

We can fill up at least six bombs,
more than enough to destroy the
British Airfield.

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Then we must combine the bomber
group into one on both low-
altitude and high-altitude.

LEONARD

Combine the bomber group? But how?

KARL ANGERSTEIN

The Dorniers have the advantage to
bomb the British ground targets at
low-altitude, but we're going to
use high-altitude advantage to
bomb the British Airfield with six
bombs.

LEONARD

Such as Heinkel 111s?

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Exactly, the problem is we have
only six bombs to hit the target.

LEONARD

So, if the Heinkels have eight
bombs, then why six?

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Because the Heinkels have more
payload than ours, and that is why
we need to hit the target after
the Dorniers completed their
bombing run at low-altitude.

LEONARD

What if we ran into one of our
own?

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Then we would've been dead and
that's why we must be careful not
to dive-bomb the British Airfield
until the Dorniers completed their
low-level bombing.

LEONARD

But we haven't used the dive-
brakes on our bomber weeks ago.

ANTON

I tested out the dive-brakes, but
I was worried that this bomber
won't survive the dive-bombing
attack on the British Airfield.

KARL ANGERSTEIN

Then we must use our bomber wisely
to hit the British Airfield with
bombs.

INT. DR. FISSEUR'S JUNKERS JU-88 - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "AUGUST 18, 1940."

It was the Hardest Day of the Battle of Britain as Dr. Fisser
leads the Ju-88s to prepare for high-level bombing at Biggin
Hill Airfield.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSEUR

Levi, what do you see?

LEVI

I see the Do-17s preparing for
low-level bombing.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSEUR

(on radio) DF Leader to UH LEADER,
do you copy? This is Dr. Fisser
speaking.

INT. DORNIER DO-17 - CONTINUOUS

Onboard the Dornier Bomber, the radio crackles to life. LUFTWAFFE BOMBER PILOT MAJOR WALTER STORP leads the Dorniers of KG 76.

WALTER STORP

(on radio) This is UH Leader. Go ahead.

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER [V.O.]

(over the radio) We've got some bombing to do at Biggin Hill Airfield.

WALTER STORP

(on radio) Which target shall we choose?

DR. JOHANN-VOLKMAR FISSER [V.O.]

(over the radio) Aim for the hangars and facilities with low-level attack. We'll destroy the communications and the workshops with high-level attack.

WALTER STORP

(on radio) Roger DF Leader, we'll target the enemy hangars and facilities. Over and out.

SFX: AIR RAID SIREN WAILING

EXT. BIGGIN HILL AIRFIELD - CONTINUOUS

The RAF PILOTS scramble to their fighters to intercept the incoming Luftwaffe bombing raid.

MIKE NICHOLSON CROSSLEY

What the bloody hell is going on here?!

JOHN "BARON" WORRALL

We're under attack! We need to stop those bloody bombers before they reach us!

WALTER "WALLY" GILLAN

Then let's get to our fighters and
shoot those bastards out of the
sky!

SFX: ENGINES STARTUP SOUND

The Hawker Hurricanes takeoff from Biggin Hill Airfield to seek out and intercept the Luftwaffe Bombers.

INT. DR. FISSEUR'S JUNKERS JU-88 - CONTINUOUS

Onboard the Ju-88, Levi looks through a bombsight where a group of Dornier 17s were intercepted by a British Squadron of Hawker Hurricanes below.

LEVI

Dr. Fisser, the British are
intercepting the Dorniers!

DR. JOHANN-VOLMAR FISSEUR

For the love of God! Those Dornier
Bombers are tearing apart by
Hawker Hurricanes!

LEVI

What shall we do now?

DR. JOHANN-VOLMAR FISSEUR

Wait until we reach our target.

Levi watches as the remaining Dornier 17s bombed hangars and facilities.

LEVI

Looks like the hangars and
facilities were done for.

DR. JOHANN-VOLMAR FISSEUR

Now it's your chance, Levi! Finish
them off!

LEVI

Steady.

The Ju-88s have reached Biggin Hill Airfield.

LEVI [CONT'D]

Bombs away!

The Ju-88s bombed Biggin Hill Airfield. The workshop was damaged, the communication facilities were hit by bombs, and the Hawker Hurricanes were destroyed on the ground.

LEVI [CONT'D]

Hurricane fighters are destroyed,
Dr. Fisser!

DR. JOHANN-VOLMAR FISSER

Good! Let's get out of here before
the British Fighters gain their
altitude.

As the Ju-88s return to base, the British Hurricanes gain their altitude to intercept the Ju-88s!

JONAS

Sir, enemy fighters have gained
their altitude!

DR. JOHANN-VOLMAR FISSER

(on radio) Hold them off until we
reach our base.

The German Gunners open fire at all directions to knock the Hawker Hurricanes out of the sky. A squadron of Ju-88s suffered the same fate as the Do-17s did earlier, but incredibly, the remaining Ju-88s survived from the British Fighter attacks, but only two Dornier 17s made it out alive.

INT. BERGHOF - DAY

Reichsmarschall Goering and two Luftwaffe General Staff arrive to meet Adolf Hitler at Berghof about the Luftwaffe Bombers attack on Biggin Hill Airfield. Goering gives the report to Fuhrer.

HERMANN GOERING

Causalities report, *Mein Fuhrer*.
Our Dornier Bombers suffered heavy losses, but only two survived the bombing raid at Biggin Hill Airfield.

ADOLF HITLER

And the Ju-88s?

HERMANN GOERING

Only few Ju-88s survived from the British Fighter attacks, but our bombers did inflict serious damage on the Biggin Hill Airfield.

Hitler looks over the report.

ADOLF HITLER

Those Dornier Bombers of KG 76 should've learned their lesson, but I'm pleased to hear about Dr. Fisser's survival and the remaining Ju-88s.

ALBERT KESSELRING

But *Mein Fuhrer*, some of the RAF Airfield remain operational.

ADOLF HITLER

What?! How could you let the British Airfield remain operational like that?! I ordered you to knock out all the RAF Bases, but you put all our bombers in danger!

HUGO SPERRLE

But there are too many British Fighters that our bombers can handle, *Mein Fuhrer*! We'll never get a chance to invade England!

Hitler thought a moment. Then, he found another way to bomb England to avoid detection by the RAF Fighters.

ADOLF HITLER

I have another plan! Next month, we're going to bomb London, the same way that the Zeppelins did in the Great War.

ALBERT KESSELRING

Was?

HUGO SPERRLE

You got to be kidding me!

HERMANN GOERING

Remember I explored the Gotha Bomber at Richthofen's Airfield years ago?

ADOLF HITLER

Mech Weiter.

HERMANN GOERING

When I was a fighter pilot, General von Armin gave me a tour inside the Gotha Bomber before our bombing raid on Passchendaele on the Western Front.

ADOLF HITLER

So, you did participate to bomb Passchendaele on the Western Front years ago before you were promoted to the rank of *Reichsmarschall*.

HERMANN GOERING

Ja, we bombed the village at Ypres Sector, and we're going to do to lay waste on London, the same way that we did in Warsaw, Rotterdam, and other cities earlier.

ALBERT KESSELRING

Goering, we're here to bomb the RAF Airfields, radar stations, and factories, not civilian targets.

HUGO SPERRLE

There are men, women, and children inside the buildings.

HERMANN GOERING

The *Fuhrer* already made his decision.

KESSELRING AND SPERRLE

Say what?!

ADOLF HITLER

You heard me, you two. We're going to bomb London and show the civilians how it's done.

ALBERT KESSELRING

This is not right.

HUGO SPERRLE

Ja, London is not as easy as it looks, Goering. We need to find another way to knock out the Royal Air Force and its bases.

ALBERT KESSELRING

We still need to disrupt the British communications and transport lines.

HERMANN GOERING

It's not about Royal Air Force and other communications and transport lines. It's about the Blitz, and we won't stop until our invasion of England is complete.

Albert and Hugo can't believe their eyes! *Reichsmarschall* Goering and Adolf Hitler had their plan to target innocent civilians in London. The Blitz is about to begin!

SMASH TO BLACK.

THE END