

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA (TV EPISODE)

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TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT. ARABIAN PENINSULA - CONTINUOUS

Music plays - Arabian Music.

Somewhere in the Arabian Peninsula, A MAN IS RIDING ON THE HORSE WHO RACED across the desert terrain with a cloud of dust.

CLOSE-UP SHOT OF THE MAN WEARING A TURBAN.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA (V.O.)

My name is Thomas Edward Lawrence.
My friends called me Lawrence of
Arabia. It was July 5, 1917, one
year after the British defeat at
Gallipoli, I took command of the
Arab forces to drive out the
Ottomans away from Arabian
Peninsula. It's time for me and my
soldiers to fight back against the
enemy on the desert floor.

DISSOLVE TO:

TITLE: THE GREAT WAR

DISSOLVE TO:

TITLE EPISODE: LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT I

INT. MECCA, HEJAZ - DAY

Lawrence of Arabia arrived at Mecca, the capital of Hejaz, where he met HUSSEIN BIN ALI, THE KING OF HEJAZ.

HUSSEIN BIN ALI

Ah, you must be Lawrence of Arabia.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Nim, Namatak. We found one of the Turkish outposts and I'm looking for new recruits.

HUSSEIN BIN ALI

Shaya mookad, Lawrence. I have five Arab Fighters waiting for your command. One of them is A WOMAN.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

A woman?

HUSSEIN BIN ALI

Nim, her name was Farah, and I also brought FOUR ARAB FIGHTERS. You're in charge now, Lawrence, and remember, use your tactics and strategy wisely and don't lose your recruits. My people are depending on you. *Fehmet delk?*

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

I won't let you and your people down, *Namatak.*

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. MECCA, HEJAZ - DAY

Lawrence of Arabia and his five Arab Fighters are in the marketplace.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

I heard about the Indian Gunner
who was killed in Gallipoli
earlier.

FARAH

You mean the Machine Gunner from
India?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Baldibt, Farah. King Ali recruited
a gunner to replace him.

FARAH

That new gunner was Mohamed, and
the other three Arab Fighters were
Ahmed, Abdel, and Mahmoud. I used
the sniper to take out the enemy
troops without being detected.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

How are you guys doing?

MOHAMED

I bought the Vickers Machine Gun
after the Gallipoli Campaign.
Mahmoud is an explosive expert. He
used explosives to pillage
railroads.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

What about the train?

MAHMOUD

The Ottomans had armored trains
equipped with artillery and
machine guns more than enough to
take us down.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

What have you got here, Abdel?

ABDEL

This is the medical aid kit. I treated the wounded Arab Fighters with morphine, bandages, and medical tools, and Ahmed is your second-in-command.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Why not just lead your forces in battle?

AHMED

The reason why I chose to be second-in-command is because I came here to fight on your side of the battlefield and I'm afraid we're not strong enough against the Ottoman Forces. They've captured a group of Allied Soldiers and they'll be forced to go to prison camp.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

In that case, Ahmed, it's your chance to redeem yourself as a leader, like me.

FARAH

And now, it's time to meet up with the rest of Arab forces in the camp to give us the briefing mission. We must teach the Ottomans a lesson and free the prisoners to join us in battle.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT I

ACT II

INT. CAPTURED OUTPOST - DAY

The Arab Fighters are inside the captured outpost. Lawrence of Arabia gives a briefing.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Last year, the Ottomans won the Gallipoli Campaign and now we're on our own. The Ottomans captured the prisoners, and we must find a way to rescue the prisoners before the Ottomans execute prisoners.

AHMED

But Lawrence, I can't leave my people stranded in the middle of the desert like this. We had no air support or tanks to defend against the Ottoman Soldiers. Therefore, Captain Anderson and Lieutenant Atkinson were executed by the Ottomans last year.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

We can't lose the prisoners by the Ottomans this time. Fortify the artillery positions at the nearest railroad. When you see the train, destroy it.

AHMED

What about you?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Stay with your friend, Ahmed. I'll lead the Arab Fighters to ambush the Ottomans. First, we'll free the prisoners and then we'll have a chance to rescue the prisoners.

Lawrence of Arabia and two Arab Fighters ride with horses.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. OTTOMAN RAILWAY STATION - NIGHT

At night, the Ottomans are getting ready to leave the railway station by tomorrow morning. The armored train was equipped with artillery and machine gun turrets to crush the Arab Fighters. The other train was coupled up to freight cars. The Ottomans loaded the weapons inside the munition train.

THE OTTOMAN COMMANDER

(Speaking in Turkish)

Have you finished loading our cargo to the train?

OTTOMAN OFFICER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

Not yet, Commander. We need more soldiers to board our train before dawn.

THE OTTOMAN COMMANDER

(Speaking in Turkish)

Then be quick about it.

OTTOMAN OFFICER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

Yes, Commander.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. OTTOMAN RAILWAY STATION - NIGHT

Farah looks at the train station by using her binoculars.

FARAH

Lawrence, I found a train station.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

How many, Farah?

FARAH

Two. One of the Turks carried the munitions, and the other one was an armored train. The Ottomans are forcing the prisoners to the prison camp.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Looks like we got a train to catch. Farah, stand position on the high ground. The rest of you, follow me to the train station and rescue the prisoners away from the Ottomans.

Lawrence the Arabia leads the Arabs in a stealth mission to the enemy outpost, but the Ottomans were guarded on watchtowers for a lookout position by using searchlights to keep an eye on the intruders. Lawrence of Arabia and his rebel forces take out the enemy soldiers without being detected. Farah kills the guards on the watchtower without being alerted. The prisoners are freed by Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters. The Ottomans realize the prisoners are escaping away from the train station.

CUT TO:

INT. OTTOMAN RAILWAY STATION - NIGHT

One of the Turk Soldiers hurried to see the Ottoman Commander.

OTTOMAN OFFICER #1

(Shouting in Turkish)

The Arab Fighters infiltrated our train station and prisoners are escaping!

THE OTTOMAN COMMANDER

(Shouting in Turkish)

Stop them! Don't let the prisoners get away!

OTTOMAN OFFICER #1

(Shouting in Turkish)

***Split up and find the prisoners!
The rest of you defend your position!***

The Ottoman Soldiers split up to find the prisoners, while others form a defensive position inside a train station, because the Ottomans know they can't destroy their own train station with artillery and machine guns, so they use their rifles to root out the Arab Fighters, instead.

(MORE)

Lawrence of Arabia and his rebel forces ATTACK the Ottomans with grenades and rifles at the same time. Some of the Arab Fighters were killed or wounded, but most of the Ottomans were killed by GUNFIRE and GRENADE EXPLOSION, while others board the train to make a daring getaway. Lawrence of Arabia heard a TRAIN WHISTLE as the Ottomans made their departure away from the railway station.

CUT TO:

EXT. OTTOMAN RAILWAY STATION - NIGHT

As the Ottoman train puffed out of the station, Lawrence of Arabia and his men exit from the railway station and saw a train with a puff of smoke, leaving him and his Arab Fighters empty handed.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

We're too late. The munition train had already left the station without us, but at least we freed the prisoners from the Ottomans.

MAHMOUD

Not just the munition train, the armored train left as well and now they're headed towards our line.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

And if we don't catch the train on time, then our forces will be crushed by the Ottomans. The same tactics they use in Gallipoli Campaign.

MAHMOUD

What about Farah?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

I must warn her about the train. The Ottomans will blow our camp into smithereens.

MAHOUD

Then we need more recruits to stop
the train before they reach our
defenses.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT II

ACT III

INT./EXT. THE OTTOMAN TRAIN - CONTINUOUS

At night, two Ottoman trains puffed through the desert terrain. The Ottoman Commander is on board the caboose along with TWO TURKISH OFFICERS. One of the Turkish Officer looks over the map.

THE OTTOMAN COMMANDER

(Speaking in Turkish)

How many miles to the Rebel Camp?

OTTOMAN OFFICER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

We should have arrived at the Rebel Camp at dawn.

OTTOMAN OFFICER #2

(Speaking in Turkish)

But we've already failed to capture the city of Yanbu and now it's our chance to redeem ourselves to seek out and crush the Arab Fighters at dawn.

The Ottoman Commander spots something in the distance.

THE OTTOMAN COMMANDER

(Speaking in Turkish)

What's that over there?

OTTOMAN OFFICER #1

(Speaking in Turkish)

Commander, It's Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters. They're following us horseback riding!

THE OTTOMAN COMMANDER

(Shouting in Turkish)

Stop the Arab Fighters before they reach our train!

We HEAR the Arabian battle music as Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters ride on horseback to catch the Ottoman train, the Ottoman Soldiers open fire on Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters with Spandau Machine Guns. The Arabs are caught in the crossfire with tracer rounds of bullets.

MAHMOUD

Lawrence! There's the train! The tracer fire is coming from the boxcars!

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Get behind the train, quickly!

The Arabs follow Lawrence's orders, and the horses went behind the train. The Ottomans had no idea where Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters went. Lawrence of Arabia and the Arab Fighters attacked the Ottomans inside of the boxcar undetected. The Ottomans were killed by GUNFIRE and stabbed by Lawrence of Arabia and the Arab Fighters. Some of the Ottoman Soldiers were thrown out of the train. Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters move on to the next car killing the Ottomans silently before they can react.

MAHMOUD

Lawrence, I can't put on the explosives on the train.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Call for the horse. She'll give you a ride.

Mahmoud WHISTLES the horse. The horse came beside one of the boxcars. Mahmoud hitched a ride on horseback.

MAHMOUD

(Calling out to Lawrence)

I'll meet you on the other side of the track!

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

(Calling out to Mahmoud)

Place the explosives on the track before the Ottomans reach their destination!

MAHMOUD

Don't worry, I won't long before
sunrise! Yah!

Mahmoud rides away from the train.

FARAH

Where's Mahmoud going?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

He's on the other side of the
track.

ABDEL

Are you kidding? He's going to get
runover by train!

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Don't worry, Abdel. He knows what
he's doing.

CUT TO:

EXT. DESERT RAILROAD - NIGHT

Mahmoud placed the explosives on the railroad track.

CLOSE UP ON MAHMOUD STARTING TO LIGHT UP ON THE DYNAMITES WITH
HIS MATCH.

Mahmoud rides his horse far away as he can.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. THE OTTOMAN TRAIN - CONTINUOUS

Farah spots a smoke dead ahead.

FARAH

Lawrence, there's something
smoking on the track!

Lawrence of Arabia saw something from the outside view. He
noticed there's a dynamite on the track.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

The dynamite is on the track
overhead and if we don't get off
this train, then we all get blown
to pieces!

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT III

ACT IV

FADE IN:

EXT. THE OTTOMAN TRAIN CONTINUOUS

After Lawrence of Arabia sees smoke ahead, he's got to get out of the train alive with his Arab Fighters, before Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters get themselves killed inside the train.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

(Shouting)

Everyone, get off the train, now!

FARAH

(Shouting)

**Are you sure it's a good idea,
Lawrence?**

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

(Shouting)

**There's no time to talk! We got to
get out of here before we get
blown up inside the train!**

They all jumped out of the train just in time, before the railroad track exploded.

CUT TO:

INT./EXT. THE OTTOMAN TRAIN - CONTINUOUS

The Ottoman Driver applies the brakes. Both he and the fireman jumped out of the train before train came off the rails. The cars are derailed including flatbeds, oil tankers, and boxcars. The Ottoman munition train EXPLODES killing the Ottoman Soldiers and three Commanding Officers offscreen.

FARAH

Is it over?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

No, Farah. There's only train left.

ABDEL

I thought we took care of the train, Lawrence.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

There are two trains, Abdel. We took out the munition train, but we must take down the armored train. Ahmed is waiting for us in the outpost.

MOHAMED

Uh, Lawrence? Where should I put the Vickers Machine Gun?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Place the Vickers Machine Gun in the camp in case any Ottoman reinforcements arrive. I'll meet you at the outpost in no time.

Mohamed agrees with Lawrence.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CAPTURED OUTPOST - DAY

The next day, the Arabs use captured artillery for a defense position in the outpost. Mohamed arrives at the camp with a Vickers Machine Gun.

MOHAMED

Here's your Vickers Machine Gun that you requested, Ahmed.

AHMED

Thank you, Mohamed. Now we're ready to defend our position.

MOHAMED

What about Mahmoud?

AHMED

He took out the munition train, but there's one train left.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

He's got a point, Mohamed.

MOHAMED

Lawrence? How did you get here so fast?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

The Ottomans were trapped inside the caboose and the boxcars, but the driver and fireman jumped out of the train before it explodes.

MOHAMED

What about the armored train?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

The armored train was too strong, so we must hit the target by using captured artillery and machine guns to attack one of their own.

MOHAMED

Such as the Ottomans?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Exactly, they won't know what we hit them.

ABDEL

Enemy train incoming!

Lawrence spots the armored train arrived at the captured outpost.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Ahmed, order your garrison to attack the train.

AHMED

Al-Dafaa an mogfik!

The Arab garrison load the captured artillery guns with armored piercing shells.

AHMED (CONT'D)

Estad. Hadeh. Nar!

The Arabs opened fire at the armored train with the artillery guns. The shells missed their target, but the armored train used artillery barrage at the garrison outpost.

AHMED (CONT'D)

Ahtami!

Incredibly, there are no casualties for the Arabs.

AHMED (CONT'D)

Thadeth!

The Arabs took their time to reload the artillery gun.

AHMED (CONT'D)

Thabet. (x2) Antzerha. Nar!

The Arabs line up at the armored train and fire with the artillery guns. The armor piercing shells made a direct hit on the armored train. The Arabs fire again, but this time, the armored train is destroyed. The Arabs CHEERED for their victory.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

That's more like it.

AHMED

There's no time for celebration,
Lawrence. We need to capture the
final outpost so we can take Aqaba
away from the Ottomans.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT IV

ACT V

FADE IN:

EXT. DESERT TERRAIN - CONTINUOUS

July 6, 1917.

Lawrence of Arabia leads the Arab Fighters in an expedition throughout the Desert. Lawrence and his Arab Fighters rode on horses and camels.

FARAH

How far is the Turkish Outpost?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

The Ottomans are guarding the Red Sea port, and that's why I brought TWO ARAB LEADERS to join the fight in our side.

MAHMOUD

Two Arab Leaders at once? I thought you would lead us to victory.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

I'm the British Advisor of the Middle East, Mahmoud.

MAHMOUD

Who are these two Arab Leaders?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

This is Auda abu Tayi and Sherif NaSir.

AUDA ABU TAYI

Nice to see you, Mahmoud.

Mahmoud shakes hands with Tayi and NaSir.

SHERIF NASIR

I heard Lawrence of Arabia gave you advice earlier.

MAHMOUD

That was Ahmed. He'll stay with
Abdel and Mohamed, but Farah is
coming with us.

AUBA ABU TAYI

Who's Farah?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Farah is the female sniper who
uses her marksmanship skills to
kill enemy soldiers undetected.

SHERIF NASIR

Why did you hire a female soldier?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Because she's the female fighter
to serve under my command before
you two got here.

AUBA ABU TAYI

Lawrence! Look over there!

Lawrence of Arabia uses his binoculars to spot the Turkish
Outpost.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

They have ships in their
possession.

Lawrence puts the binoculars away.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA (CONT'D)

We can't let the Ottomans use the
port for the U-Boats. We must take
Aqaba before they use it as a
naval base. Tayi, take them to the
outpost. NaSir, follow me to the
port.

AUBA ABU TAYI

Takdam Al-Darajin!

The Arab Riders advance towards the Turkish Outpost.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. OTTOMAN OUTPOST - CONTINUOUS

At the outpost, near the Red Sea port, the Ottoman garrison spot the incoming Arab Riders. They load Spandau Machine Gun to defend Aqaba.

AUBA ABU TAYI (CONT'D)

Atham!

The Arab Riders charged towards the Turkish Outpost with horses and camels. The Ottomans opened fire with Spandau Machine Gun, but one of the Arab Riders throw a grenade, knocking out the machine gun out of commission.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. AQABA - CONTINUOUS

Meanwhile, NaSir and Lawrence of Arabia lead the Arab Riders to Aqaba killing the Ottoman garrison before they left the Red Sea port. Only 300 Ottoman soldiers were captured by Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters, leaving 100 Ottomans dead with no Arab loses. Aqaba was taken by Lawrence of Arabia and his forces. The Arabs killed 300 Ottoman soldiers and 700 more were captured by the Arabs. Lawrence of Arabia and NaSir reunited with Tayi and his Arab Fighters.

MAHMOUD

We did it, Lawrence! Now the Ottomans won't have naval ships anymore!

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Not just the naval ships, but the U-Boats as well. If the U-Boats were built by the Ottomans, then we wouldn't have supply ships left for us to support.

FARAH

Are you here to stay with us, Lawrence?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

Yes, Farah. I'm staying here until
the war is over.

MAHMOUD

Where are we heading next?

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA

We've got a lot of places to go to
free the Arab States until the
Ottoman Empire falls in our hands.

The Royal Navy ships arrived at Aqaba just in time to meet
Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab Fighters.

FADE OUT.

THE END