

THE FLYING TIGERS (TV EPISODE)

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FADE IN:

INT/EXT. KUNMING, CHINA - FOOD MARKET - DAY

SUPER: "DECEMBER 20, 1941"

One week after Pearl Harbor, the Chinese Civilians are at the food market at Kunming where people. They are having conversations in Chinese, until a group of twin-engine Ki-21 Sally Bombers approaches. Everyone screamed as they scurried out of the food market, but the other civilians did not escape the food market in time. The Japanese Bombers destroyed the food market leaving dead or wounded civilians trapped inside the food market.

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GO TO:

INT/EXT. KI-21 SALLY BOMBER - DAY

After completing the bombing run, THE JAPANESE BOMBER CREW are returning to base.

JAPANESE BOMBARDIER [V.O.]

(on radio) Target destroyed. We have completed the bombing run on Kunming.

JAPANESE BOMBER PILOT

Excellent, watch for enemy fighters as we return to base.

JAPANESE GUNNER

Enemy fighters!

Taken from a stock footage of *Dogfights: Season 1*, a squadron of four Shark Mouth Tomahawks dive toward the Japanese Bomber stream and shoots down one of them. Then another Japanese Bomber bursts into flames and noses over in a death spiral. The stricken Japanese Bomber was blown to pieces. The Japanese Bomber Crew stunned to see ten more P-40s attacking the Japanese Bombers from the rear. One of the Japanese Gunner is dead as the P-40 shoots down a third Sally Bomber.

JAPANESE BOMBER PILOT

*Mayday! Mayday! We are under
attack! I repeat, we are under -
Aah!*

The P-40 gunfire shatters the Japanese Bomber's windshields killing both the bomber pilot and the co-pilot. THE FLYING TIGERS shot down all the Japanese Bombers before they return to base.

EXT. MINGALADON AIRFIELD - DAY

The Flying Tigers land on Mingaladon Airfield. Six AVG Pilots and ONE CHINESE PILOT, LIEUTENANT QIANG WANG, exit the shark-nose P-40s to meet his good friend, WEI, THE CHINESE AVIATION MECHANIC who works for the Flying Tigers.

QIANG WANG

Ni hao, Wei. How is it going?

WEI

The Japanese attacked food market and not only that, but they also attack the AVG Airfield at Kunming.

QIANG WANG

My god! How did the Japanese attack my people at Kunming? They are innocent civilians!

WEI

I know, Qiang! But it is a good thing you have brought AVG Pilots with you.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Have you shot down Japanese before reaching Kunming?

BERT CHRISTMAN

I do not know, Tex. There are too many bombers.

JOHN ALISON

Yes, too many Chinese Civilians
died before the war started.

JAMES HOWARD

Same thing goes for Pearl Harbor
the other week week, but it is a
good thing I left the Navy and
started my new career with the
American Volunteer Group.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

So do I, Jim. I am not interested
in fighting for the US Navy
against the Japanese.

BILL REED

Then who is the flight leader of
the Flying Tigers?

JACK NEWKIRK

That will be me.

JAMES HOWARD

Jack, you are the flight leader of
the Flying Tigers?

JACK NEWKIRK

That is right. OUR COMMANDER,
CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT, oversees the
Flying Tigers and there is a
Christmas tree in the office.

JOHN ALISON

Let us go inside and see if there
is a Christmas tree at Chennault's
Office.

INT. CHENNAULT'S OFFICE - DAY

Wang and six AVG Pilots enters the office to meet Chennault.
They had never seen Christmas decorations in Chennault's office
before, especially for the Christmas tree.

QIANG WANG

Merry Christmas, Chennault.

CLARE LEE CHENNAULT

Merry Christmas to you too, boys.

JACK NEWKIRK

Commander Chennault, I have a report about the bombing attack on Kunming Food Market.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

The food market?

JACK NEWKIRK

Yes, sir. The civilians are either dead or wounded, but however, we took out a group of Sally Bombers before they limped back to base.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

And the base?

JACK NEWKIRK

Untouched, sir.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Return to your quarters at once.

JACK NEWKIRK

Yes, Sir.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

And Merry Christmas to all of you.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Thank you, Sir!

They all exit Chennault's office.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. QUANG WANG'S QUARTERS - DAY

John Alison came to see Quang Wang.

JOHN ALISON

Quang, how is it going?

QUANG WANG

I have lost so many pilots to the Japanese years earlier. We are no match by the Japanese Squadron. Most the Japanese Pilots trained before the war started.

JOHN ALISON

Such as Pearl Harbor?

QUANG WANG

Exactly! The Japanese took over the Pacific Islands and Southeast Asia and now they are planning something big.

JOHN ALISON

And Manchukuo became the puppet state of Japan.

QUANG WANG

Not just Manchukuo, the Japanese took Shanghai and massacred at Nanjing to kill innocent civilians.

JOHN ALISON

All right, all right. Enough of tragic events, Quang. Just open your gift and see what is inside.

Quang Wang opens the gift and reveal the yin yang pendant.

QUANG WANG

My yin yang pendant.

CLOSE ON: THE YIN YANG PENDANT ON QUANG'S HAND.

JOHN ALISON

It might help you as a good luck charm.

QUANG WANG

(speaking in Chinese) *Thank you, Alison.*

JOHN ALISON

Merry Christmas, Quang Wang.

SFX: BOMBS FALLING WHISTLING SOUND

BILL REED

(shouting) Get down!

KABOOM - The Japanese bombed the Chinese Airfield as Quang and the AVG Pilots take cover.

EXT. MINGALADON AIRFIELD - DAY

A squadron of Japanese Ki-30 Bombers gave a rude awakening on Mingaladon Airfield. The Ki-30s bombed the airfield on the ground and damaged one of the hangers.

JACK NEWKIRK

(shouting) Everyone, to the fighters!

Quang and the AVG Pilots scramble to P-40s. The rest of the P-40s took off from the airstrip just in time!

INT. QUANG'S P-40 - DAY

Quang spots the squadron of Ki-30 Bombers leaving the Chinese Airfield.

QUANG WANG

(on radio) Bandits! 10 o'clock high!

INT. JACK NEWKIRK'S P-40 - DAY

JACK NEWKIRK

(on radio) Newkirk to all pilots, prepare for attack position on the bombers.

The Flying Tigers attack the Japanese Bomber formation from above with .50 caliber machine guns.

INT. JACK NEWKIRK'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

Newkirk opens fire at the lead bomber. The Ann Bomber bursts into flames.

INT. QUANG WANG'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

As the Japanese Bombers break formation, Quang targets one of the fleeing Anns. Quang gets his first kill with .50 calibers by shooting down another Ann.

INT. BERT CHRISTMAN'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

Christman spots another Ki-30 in front of him. The rear gunner opens fire at Christman. Christman dodged the enemy tracers and gets behind the Ki-30 Bomber and fires. Christman's .50 caliber round tears the Ki-30 apart.

INT. BILL REED'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

Reed spots a pair of Ki-30 Bombers. He dodged the enemy tracers by using his diving speed to get out of the line of fire. He pulls up and fires at one of the Ki-30s. He shot down the Ki-30 and went after another Ki-30. He lines up with his gunsight.

BILL REED

Time to give coal for Christmas.

Reed fires at the Japanese Ann Bomber. The Ki-30 Bomber goes down in flames.

INT. JACK NEWKIRK'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

The Flying Tigers shot down all Ki-30 Bombers.

JACK NEWKIRK

Newkirk to all fighters, it is
time to return to base.

Flying Tigers regroup and head back to base for a Christmas celebration.

EXT. MINGALADON AIRFIELD - DAY

As the Flying Tigers land on the airstrip, Wei sets up Christmas decorations on the airfield. The AVG Pilots exit their planes. They are surprised to see the Christmas lights flashing and there is a star on the top of the Christmas tree.

WEI

Merry Christmas, everyone!

QUANG WANG

Wei, that is a nice Christmas decoration you have.

WEI

Yeah, I know! I put on the Christmas lights so I can see you all after completing your flight mission.

BERT CHRISTMAN

What about the Japanese attack our airfield?

WEI

It is a long story. I was looking for Christmas decorations to set up on the airfield, but all the sudden, the Japanese bombed our airfield, and I went back inside and take cover.

BILL REED

Is this why the Japanese attack our airfield?

WEI

The Japanese Pilots got their coal for Christmas, and they do not like it. So, they decided to pay us back and bombed our airfield for revenge for not getting what they wanted.

JACK NEWKIRK

These Japs are going to pay what they did to us!

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Hey! What is going on here?

JOHN ALISON

I thought you all celebrated
Christmas earlier!

BERT CHRISTMAN

They did not celebrate Christmas!
All they want is to get revenge on
us because one of our spies
disguised as Santa Claus and gave
the Japs lumps coal as Santa's
naughty list.

BILL REED

Santa just sneaked inside the
enemy airfield and puts all the
gifts under the Christmas tree.

JAMES HOWARD

Do you have any ideas to get back
at them?

JACK NEWKIRK

I know where they are.

QUANG WANG

Go on. Tell us.

JACK NEWKIRK

We are going to strike Tak
airfield as retaliation.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Are you crazy?! You could get us
all killed!

JACK NEWKIRK

Tex, this is a suicide mission.
The only way is to weaken the
enemy squadron, so the planes will
not take off.

JOHN ALISON

We are not going to fly on your next mission this time.

QUANG WANG

I agree with him, Newkirk. We are both going to stay here while you four are gone.

INT. CHENNAULT'S OFFICE - DAY

Newkirk explains to Chennault about his plan to attack the Japanese Airfield for a payback.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Are you saying that you are going to attack the enemy airfield?

JACK NEWKIRK

Yes, Sir, but what about the spy on the enemy airfield?

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

I found out about the spy on the airfield last night.

BEGIN FLASHBACK

SUPER: "DECEMBER 24, 1941. TAK AIRFIELD."

INT/EXT. TAK AIRFIELD - NIGHT

The Chinese spy spots the Japanese airfield.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT [V.O.] [CONT'D]

One of our spies spots a group of enemy planes on the airstrip. He watches as a squadron of Ki-30 Ann Bombers take off from the airstrip last night leaving a squadron of Ki-21 Sally Bombers behind. The Japs did not know the Chinese Spy puts on the Santa Claus suit to trick the Japanese bomber crew by sneaking inside one of the hangars.

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CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT [V.O.] [CONT'D]

There was no one inside the enemy air base, so Santa got his chance. He dumps all the coal inside the presents and places them under the Christmas tree and ran away before the Japs get their chance to capture Santa. After completing the bombing mission, the Japs saw the presents that they never seen before. They opened their presents and got coal. The Japs were furious, so they decided to bomb our airfield instead.

BACK TO THE PRESENT

JACK NEWKIRK

So that is why the Japs are responsible to attack our airfield with their bombs.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

And I am giving you permission to lead the Flying Tigers to attack the enemy airfield before they have a chance to bomb cities and our airfield. Meet me in the briefing room tonight. That is an order.

JACK NEWKIRK

Yes, sir.

Jack Newkirk exits Chennault's office.

SUPER: "JANUARY 2, 1942"

INT. BRIEFING ROOM - NIGHT

One year after the Japanese bombing raid on Mingaladon Airfield, Claire Lee Chennault is giving the AVG Pilots for a mission briefing by using the map of Thailand.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Tomorrow, you will be flying at dawn to stop the enemy bombers from taking off from Tak Airfield. I suspect the Japs will patrol the airstrip before they bomb the Chinese cities.

QUANG WANG

Sir, what about my people?

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

The Japs are planning to conquer China to complete their second phase of Tanaka's Plan, and I need four volunteers to foil their plan.

JACK NEWKIRK

I do.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

I will fly with him.

BERT CHRISTMAN

Me too!

JAMES HOWARD

You can count on me, Sir!

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Very well. I want you four to be here by dawn tomorrow and remember, do not dogfight with Japs.

JACK NEWKIRK

Yes, Sir.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

The rest of you, you are all
dismissed.

As the AVG Pilots left the briefing room, Quang Wang wanted to
go with them.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT [CONT'D]

Quang, why are you staying here?

QUANG WANG

Because I want to make Japanese
pay for what they did to my pilots
years ago.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

I am sorry, Quang, but the
Japanese will know you are here.

QUANG WANG

But sir-!

JOHN ALISON

Do not worry. I will manage him.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Alright, Alison. Keep an eye on
him.

JOHN ALISON

Come on, Quang. I take you to your
Quarters.

INT. QUANG WANG'S QUARTERS - NIGHT

QUANG WANG

But I am the last Chinese Pilot!

JOHN ALISON

(slapping on Quang's face) Shut
up, you idiot! We do not want to
hear about you. Your pilots are no
match against the enemy fighters.
That is why you are with me.

QUANG WANG

And what if the Japanese find me?

JOHN ALISON

Then, the Japs will complete the second phase of Tanaka's Plan, and they will go after the US and set up their airfield on China and there will be no squadron left to fight.

QUANG WANG

All I had was a group of biplane fighters against the Japanese Squadron.

JOHN ALISON

Before our entrance into the war, the Japs have their biplane of their own: the Ki-10 Biplane Fighter. Also, the Japs use Ki-2 Bombers to bomb the Chinese cities years ago, but with the P-40s, you will have the advantage over the enemy squadron, and you will become the best fighter pilot in the war of Southeast Asia.

QUANG WANG

Ok, Alison. I will give it a shot. My squadron mates may have lost their battle against the Japanese, but I will prove myself worthy to become the best fighter pilots in China.

JOHN ALISON

Good. I will see you tomorrow morning.

John Alison left Quang Wang's Quarters.

EXT. MINGALADON AIRFIELD - DAY (DAWN)

SUPER: "JANUARY 3, 1942"

Four AVG Pilots strap on the P-40s to get ready for takeoff.

INT/EXT. JACK NEWKIRK'S P-40 - DAY (DAWN)

Using stock footage from *Dogfights: Season 1*, The Flying Tigers drone over the sunrise.

BERT CHRISTMAN [V.O.]

(over the radio) Jack, this is Bert. I have engine trouble. I am heading back.

JACK NEWKIRK

(on radio) Negative, Christman. Stay with us.

INT. BERT CHRISTMAN'S P-40 - DAY (DAWN)

Christman checks inside the cockpit.

BERT CHRISTMAN

(on radio) Jack, I have engine trouble. I am heading home.

INT. JACK NEWKIRK'S P-40 - DAY (DAWN)

JACK NEWKIRK

(on radio) Alright, Christman. Go ahead.

INT. DAVID "TEX" HILL'S P-40 - DAY

Tex watches as Christman heads for home as Newkirk and Howard continues their main goal: stop the Japanese Bombers from taking off at Tak Airfield. Using Stock Footage from *Dogfights: Season 1*, where Tex spots a target below.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio) Newkirk, I see the target.

INT. JACK NEWKIRK'S P-40 - DAY

Newkirk looks below the target.

JACK NEWKIRK

(on radio) All pilots prepare for a strafing run.

EXT. TAK AIRFIELD - CONTINUOUS

SFX: AIR RAID SIREN SOUND

The Japanese Crew scramble to take control of their anti-aircraft gun.

Flaks burst all around the Flying Tigers as Jim Howard strafes the airfield destroying the Japanese Bombers on the ground with .50 calibers which captures the stock footage from *Dogfights: Season 1*. The Japanese Planes are all but wiped out. THE JAPANESE PILOT quickly climbs inside the Ki-27 Nate and starts the engine.

INT. JAMES HOWARD'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

As Jim Howard continues strafing run on the Japanese airstrip, he spots Ki-27 Nate taxiing for takeoff.

JAMES HOWARD

(on radio) Tex, one of the bogeys is taking off.

INT. DAVID "TEX" HILL'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio) Roger. Let's do it together. Two-on-one!

Two P-40s tear the Japanese Nate apart with .50 caliber rounds on the Japanese Nate and crashes into another Japanese plane.

INT. JAMES HOWARD'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

As Jim Howard makes another pass on the airfield, he spots Ki-27 Nate right behind him! The Japanese Pilot fires at him!

JAMES HOWARD

(on radio) Tex, he is on my tail!

INT. DAVID "TEX" HILL'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio) Hang on, Jim. Do not move!

Using stock footage from *Dogfights: Season 1*, Tex fires his tracers at the Japanese Fighter and explodes right in front of

him. Blasting through the churning fireball, he saves Jim Howard's life.

DAVID "TEX" HILL [CONT'D]

(on radio) You're all clear, Jim!

INT. JAMES HOWARD'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

JAMES HOWARD

(on radio) Thanks for saving me,
Tex!

INT. DAVID "TEX" HILL'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio) No problem, Jim. You
make a final pass. I will deal
with the Nates.

Stock footage from *Dogfights: Season 1* shows Tex makes a head-on pass with the Japanese Nate. Both planes fire each other, but the Japanese tracers hit Tex's P-40 causing his plane to absorb the punishment, but the Japanese Ki-27 spirals out of control in flames. As Tex regroups with Jim Howard and Jack Newkirk, Tex's P-40 is shaking inside the cockpit.

JACK NEWKIRK

(on radio) Tex, are you OK?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(picks up the radio) My engine is
damaged. I am running low on fuel.

INT. JACK NEWKIRK - P-40 CONTINUOUS

JACK NEWKIRK

(on radio) All pilots, we've done
enough damage for one day. Let's
return to base.

The Flying Tigers return to base leaving Tak Airfield in ruins.

EXT. TAK AIRFIELD - DAY

At Tak Airfield, the Japanese Crew put out the fire from the burning wreckage unaware the Japanese Fighter Ace, Haruto Sachi, is still alive during the attack.

EXT. MINGALADON AIRFIELD - DAY

The Flying Tigers arrive to see Wei, Claire Chennault, Quang Wang, and two AVG Pilots.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Hey, Wei! Can you check the plane for a moment?

WEI

Alright, Tex. Let's check the damage.

Wei checks on Tex's P-40 and sees the bullets stuck inside the engine. He takes the bullet out of the engine.

WEI (CONT'D)

Hey, Tex! Look what I found!

DAVID "TEX" HILL

What is it?

WEI

Japanese bullets.

C.U. ON TEX LOOKING AT THE JAPANESE BULLET ON HIS HAND.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

I don't believe this! That machine gun bullet belongs to the Japs.

WEI

Your plane has armored protection to keep yourself alive in combat.

QUAGN WANG

How did you fly without me?

JAMES HOWARD

We've encountered the Japanese Ace.

BILL REED

An ace? Who is it?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

You're not going to believe this.
His name is Haruto Sachi.

JOHN ALISON

Haruto Sachi?

JACK NEWKIRK

He shot down more Chinese planes
than any other Jap early in the
war.

JAMES HOWARD

We need to hunt him down before it
gets worse.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

No need.

JACK NEWKIRK

Chennault? We've destroyed the
bombers Tak Airfield.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Come to my office for your report.

INT. CHENNAULT'S OFFICE - DAY

Jack Newkirk discusses with Chennault his report on the actions
of Tak Airfield.

JACK NEWKIRK

We've encountered the Japanese Ace
inside the Ki-27 Nate.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

So, are saying the Japanese Ace
was Haruto Sachi?

JACK NEWKIRK

Yes, that's him, but however, we successfully destroyed enemy planes on the ground and shot down two fighters in the air.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

What about Bert Christman?

JACK NEWKIRK

Engine trouble, Sir. Only three of us completed the mission.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Tell Christman he'll get a chance to fly for his next mission.

JACK NEWKIRK

Alright, I'll talk to him in the hangar.

INT. MINGALADON AIRFIELD - HANGAR - DAY

The Chinese Mechanics repair the P-40. Newkirk talks to Christman.

JACK NEWKIRK

What happened, Christman?

BERT CHRISTMAN

I bugged out before our attack started on Tak Airfield. Oh, and I made some comic strips for myself.

Christman hands over the newspaper to Newkirk.

JACK NEWKIRK

(Looking at the newspaper) *Scorchy Smith*. I'm most impressed with your artwork.

BERT CHRISTMAN

I also work on the superhero comic book called *Sandman* and it was written by Gardner Fox.

Jack Newkirk looks at the *Sandman* comic book.

JACK NEWKIRK

I like your comic book, Christman.

BERT CHRISTMAN

Keep it. It's yours. I already have a panda bear art on my airplane.

JACK NEWKIRK

Well, that's nice, Christman. I'll see you later.

INT. JACK NEWKIRK'S QUARTERS - DAY

Jack Newkirk reads the newspaper.

JACK NEWKIRK (CONT'D)

Alright, let's look at the newspaper to find out what's going on with Japs in Southeast Asia. (Looking at the newspaper article about the Japanese invasion of Burma) What?! The Japs invade Burma against the British? Oh my god!

INT. MINGALADON AIRFIELD - HANGAR - DAY

SUPER: "JANUARY 23, 1942"

Quang Wang looks at Bert Christman's panda bear artwork on his plane.

QUANG WANG

That's a nice panada bear art, Christman. It reminds me of my

favorite animal when I was a child.

BERT CHRISTMAN

Thanks, Quang. I'll take you to America after the war.

SFX: BOMB EXPLOSION

QUANG WANG

Oh no! Not this again!

Quang Wang, Bert Christman, and Wei take cover as a group of Japanese G3M Nell Bombers drop their payloads on Mingaladon Airfield. The anti-aircraft guns fire at the Japanese Bombers. Bert Christman looks up in the sky.

BERT CHRISTMAN

Oh, hell no!

Quang and six AVG Pilots scrambled to their P-40s for an intercept mission. The P-40s are revved up their engines and ready for takeoff.

INT. HARUTO SACHI'S KI-27 - DAY

Haruto Sachi and his squadron escort their bombers away from the target.

HARUTO SACHI

(On radio in Japanese) *Protect the bombers at all costs.*

Haruto leads his squadron to attack the Flying Tigers before they reach the bombers.

INT. JACK NEWKIRK'S P-40 - DAY

Jack Newkirk spots a squadron of Japanese Ki-27 Nates at 9 o'clock high.

JACK NEWKIRK

Bandits, 9 o'clock high! They've brought bombers with them!

The Flying Tigers went after the Japanese Bombers, but the Japanese Fighters won't let the Flying Tigers to go near them.

Some of the Japanese Fighters are shot down by the Flying Tigers but couldn't reach the Japanese Bombers on time. Bert Christman catches up with the Japanese Bombers, but he didn't see Haruto Sachi from behind.

INT. BERT CHRISTMAN'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

Christman is about to shoot down the Nell Bomber until-

JACK NEWKIRK (CONT'D) (V.O.)

(over the radio) Christman, get back in formation! That's an order!

BERT CHRISTMAN

(on radio) Negative, Newkirk! I can't let the Jap Bombers get away this time!

INT. HARUTO SACHI'S KI-27 - CONTINUOUS

Christman is squarely on Haruto's gunsight.

INT. JACK NEWKIRK'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

Jack Newkirk saw Haruto chasing Christman's tail.

JACK NEWKIRK

(shouting on radio) Christman, he's on your tail!

INT. HARUTO SACHI'S KI-27 - CONTINUOUS

But it's too late! Haruto shot down Christman before he shoots down the Nell Bomber.

EXT. BERT CHRISTMAN'S P-40 - DAY

Bert Christman opens his canopy and bails out. He pulls the ripcord from his parachute, but Haruto kills him with his tracer fire.

EXT. HENGYANG AIRFIELD - DAY

Claire Lee Chennault announces Bert Christman's death to the American Volunteer Group.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Today, we've lost our brave AVG pilot. Allen Bert Christman who sacrificed himself to save their

lives in China, for men, women,
and children.

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CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT [CONT'D]

I would like to salute for our
brave pilots of the Flying Tigers
who defend China and the American
Volunteer Group.

The AVG Pilots salute as the P-40s fly in V-Shape formation from
above.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END