

THE DOOLITTLE RAID

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FADE IN:

INT/EXT. G4M BETTY — CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "FEBRUARY 1, 1942"

Using the stock footage of *Battle 360*, five Japanese G4M Betty Bombers approach the American Carrier *USS Enterprise*.

THE JAPANESE BOMBER CREW are onboarding the lead bomber.

JAPANESE BOMBER CO-PILOT

(radios in Japanese) *We're approaching the enemy carrier.*

The *USS Enterprise* fires with anti-aircraft guns at five Japanese Twin-Engine Bombers.

JAPANESE BOMBER PILOT

(radios in Japanese) *Target the carrier's weak point.*

JAPANESE BOMBARDIER

(radios in Japanese) *Got it.*

The Japanese Twin-Engine Bombers are closing in for a bomb release.

JAPANESE BOMBARDIER [CONT'D]

(radios in Japanese) *Steady.*

The Japanese Bombardier looks at the target on the carrier with his bombsight.

JAPANESE BOMBARDIER [CONT'D]

(radios in Japanese) *Now!*

The Japanese Bettys release their bombs at the carrier. All the bombs missed their target, but the last bomb nearly missed its target, but luckily, no one was hurt onboard the *USS Enterprise*. Four Japanese Bettys escape from the American anti-aircraft fire, but one Betty Bomber was hit by a flak. The Japanese Betty turns back to make a suicide run on *USS Enterprise*. The rear gunner opens fire at the stricken Betty until the Japanese Bomber cuts the SBD *Dauntless'* tail off with its right wing and plunges into the water.

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INT. GENERAL H.H. ARNOLD'S OFFICE

SUPER: "MARCH 31, 1942"

LIEUTENANT COLONEL JIMMY DOOLITTLE AND GENERAL H.H. ARNOLD are having a conversation in the office about the last year's report about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

HENRY H. ARNOLD

Colonel Doolittle, I have a report for the Thompson Brothers who were responsible for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor last year.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Wait a minute! I didn't order Thompson Brothers to participate the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor! They're rookies!

HENRY H. ARNOLD

I know the war is difficult for us, but you must dispatch THE BOMBER CREW to bomb Japan.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

What about Treyton?

HENRY H. ARNOLD

He's already assigned as the Flight Instructor to train fighter pilots, so I hired you to train the bomber crew.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Who's going to train the bomber crew?

HENRY H. ARNOLD

You're in charge of the Bomber Crew, Doolittle, and this time, don't lose any bomber crew, the same thing what the Japanese did at Pearl Harbor last year.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Yes, Sir.

Jimmy Doolittle exits General Arnold's office.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT/EXT. NAVAL AIR STATION ALAMEDA - HANGAR - DAY

The Bomber Crews are having conversations inside the hangar.

RICHARD O. JOYCE

Last year, I was training to become a bomber crew at San Francisco Airfield, but I saw the Thompson Brothers to become fighter pilots.

C. ROSS GREENING

Did you hear the news about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor?

WILLIAM M. BOWER

Yes, it was a tragedy. None of the pilots were airborne and the Japs killed four pilots at Pearl Harbor. Quintin, David, Liam, and Tripp.

ROBERT M. GRAY

And not only that, but Jack also hired three new recruits.

DAVID M. JONES

Like us?

C. ROSS GREENING

No, he recruited two rear gunners
and one pilot before the *USS*
Enterprise arrived at Pearl
Harbor.

RICHARD O. JOYCE

At least the Japs didn't attack us
last year.

Jimmy Doolittle arrives at Naval Air Station Alameda.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Gentlemen, I have received a
message from General Arnold.
President Franklin D. Roosevelt
announced the "Day of Infamy"
Speech and now, he wants us to
attack Japan for retaliation.

WILLIAM M. BOWER

Colonel, with all due respect,
we're not here for a suicide
attack. We're here for a bombing
mission.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

That's exactly what we're going to
do, Bower. Our targets are the
Japanese factories and other
industrial centers without being
detected. You'll be flying with
the B-25s to land on the carrier
USS Hornet. Once we reach Japan,
we will have a chance to strike at
Tokyo the same way that they did
to us in Pearl Harbor last year.

DAVID M. JONES

But there's no room for our
bombers to land on the carrier!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

I'm sure there's plenty of room
for our bombers to land on the
carrier. So, let's get the planes
started.

16 B-25 Mitchell Bombers are preparing for takeoff.

INT. B-25 MITCHELL BOMBER - DAY

Jimmy Doolittle shows to HIS CO-PILOT, RICHARD E. COLE, how to
fly the bomber.

RICHARD E. COLE

How does this thing work?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Let me show you how it works,
Richard.

CLOSE ON: B-25 THROTTLE QUADRANT

JIMMY DOOLITTLE [CONT'D]

Those are throttle levers for
using either maximum or minimum
power. Propeller pitch levers
determine the pitch of the blades
for turning either clockwise or
counterclockwise with two RPMs.

RICHARD E. COLE

What about these red levers?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Oh, those are mixture levers. It
determines the ratio of fuel-to-
air entering the engine's
combustion chamber.

RICHARD E. COLE

What should I do?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Use your full throttle and give
this plane for maximum speed.

RICHARD E. COLE

Okay, here goes nothing.

The B-25 takes off from the runway.

RICHARD E. COLE [CONT'D]

(laughing) We did it! We're
airborne!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Nice job, Richard! Now let's land
the *USS Hornet*.

EXT. *USS HORNET* - FLIGHT DECK - DAY

SUPER: "APRIL 18, 1942"

16 B-25s land on *USS Hornet's* flight deck, but she's not alone. *Hornet* and her sister ship, *USS Enterprise*, accompany by American light cruiser, *USS Nashville*, three heavy cruisers, eight destroyers, and two fleet oilers, are on their way to Japan to seek out for revenge. THE AMERICAN BOMBER CREW never been in the aircraft carrier before.

TRAVIS HOOVER

Wow! I've never seen those ships
before!

EVERETT W. HOLSTROM

Me neither.

DEAN E. HALLMARK

I usually takeoff and land on the
airbase, but not on the carrier
flight deck.

TED W. LAWSON

And I can see the Thompson
Brothers over there! They're the
ones who saved many lives at Pearl
Harbor last year.

EDWARD J. YORK

You must one of the bomber crew.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yes.

EDWARD J. YORK

I'm Captain Edward J. York, and this is First Lieutenant Harold F. Watson and Staff Sergeant Fred A. Braemer.

FRED A. BRAEMER

(handshake to Richard E. Cole)
Nice to meet you, Richard E. Cole.

RICHARD E. COLE

Nice to meet you too, Fred.

HAROLD F. WATSON

So, Richard, are you the bomber pilot?

RICHARD E. COLE

No, I'm Jimmy Doolittle's Co-Pilot.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Would you like to explore the carrier?

RICHARD E. COLE

I would love to, Fred!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Follow me and I'll show you.

INT. *USS HORNET* - CORRIDOR - DAY

Fred shows Richard around the carrier.

RICHARD E. COLE

Woah! It's amazing!

FRED A. BRAEMER

This is the ready room. The Admiral will tell us about our mission.

INT. *USS HORNET* - MESS HALL - DAY

Fred took Richard to the mess hall.

RICHARD E. COLE

Look at all the food!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Yep, that's a mess hall, where we eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

RICHARD E. COLE

Can we eat now?

FRED A. BRAEMER

Not now. Let's move on.

INT. *USS HORNET* - BATHROOM - DAY

They move on to the bathroom where the *Hornet's* crew are taking showers.

RICHARD E. COLE

Ugh! What is that?

FRED A. BRAEMER

It's a bathroom. Where we take showers, washing hands, brushing teeth, shaving, and-

RICHARD E. COLE

-using toilets?

FRED A. BRAEMER

Exactly, but we don't want to hang out here too long.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yeah, I don't like to see them
naked.

They left the bathroom.

INT. *USS HORNET* - SLEEPING QUARTERS

They went to sleeping quarters.

FRED A. BRAEMER

This is where we sleep.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yeah, we can relax or take a
break.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Richard! Be careful!

RICHARD E. COLE

Hey! What gives?

FRED A. BRAEMER

That's my footlocker!

RICHARD E. COLE

What's inside the footlocker?

Fred A. Braemer opens the footlocker and sees what's inside.

FRED A. BRAEMER

That's my stuff.

RICHARD E. COLE

Sorry, Fred. I wasn't looking. Is
that a picture of a girl?

CLOSE ON: PICTURE OF LUCILLE

FRED A. BRAEMER

Yep, that's my girlfriend,
Lucille. She's a famous celebrity
in Hollywood.

RICHARD E. COLE

Wait, you hang out with Lucille?

FRED A. BRAEMER

Yes, she loves being a dancer and acting along with Fred Astaire.

RICHARD E. COLE

I would love to meet her someday.

ANNOUNCER [V.O.]

PILOTS, MAN YOUR PLANES. PILOTS,
MAN YOUR PLANES.

FRED A. BRAEMER

We've got to go, now!

RICHARD E. COLE

Wait! Are we're heading for Japan?

FRED A. BRAEMER

There's no time to talk, Richard!
We must go, now!

Fred A. Braemer and Richard E. Cole left the sleeping quarters.

EXT. *USS HORNET* - FLIGHT DECK - DAY

All the Bomber Crews board the B-25s to bomb Tokyo.

INT. B-25 MITCHELL BOMBER - DAY

Richard E. Cole went inside the cockpit of the B-25 where Captain Doolittle is sitting as the pilot.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Richard E. Cole, how was Fred A.
Braemer?

RICHARD E. COLE

He'll be fine, I guess.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

That's good! Let's do this for
real.

RICHARD E. COLE

Remember you taught me earlier?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Let's do the same procedure as we did on the airstrip.

RICHARD E. COLE

Alright, here we go!

Richard E. Cole uses the full throttle on the B-25 with maximum power.

EXT. *USS HORNET* - FLIGHT DECK - DAY

Stock footage was taken from *Battle 360* as 16 B-25s takeoff from *USS Hornet*.

INT/EXT. B-25 MITCHELL BOMBER - CONTINUOUS

At 650 miles to Japan, Richard E. Cole spots their target. The Americans are determined to destroy the factories and other industrial centers to seize the Japanese war machines at Tokyo in treetop level.

RICHARD E. COLE

There's the Japanese factory overhead.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

All squadrons prepare for a bombing run!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Roger, Captain Doolittle. Bomb bay doors open!

The bomb bay doors are open.

FRED A. BRAEMER [CONT'D]

Steady.

Fred A. Braemer looks through the bombsight.

FRED A. BRAEMER [CONT'D]

Bombs away!

All the B-25s dropped their bombs on target. Several Japanese factories are destroyed at Tokyo. None of the Japanese civilians suffer casualties, but the Japanese factories are reduced to rubble.

SFX: THUNDERSTORM SOUND

CLOSE ON: FUEL GAUGE INDICATOR

Richard E. Cole checks the fuel gauge.

RICHARD E. COLE

Captain, we're running low on fuel! We're not going to make it!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Well, it's worth the risk. We have no choice but to land on China.

RICHARD E. COLE

China?! Are you fucking serious?! The Japs already occupied Manchuria and the rest of the Chinese cities!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

(shouting) Yes, I am! Take the parachute and bail out!

Richard E. Cole looks down. He was scared. They strap onto their parachute packs for their safety.

RICHARD E. COLE

(stammering) Are you sure about this?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

(shouting) Yes, we must jump or we're all dead!

RICHARD E. COLE

Wait! Please don't do it!
(screaming)

Richard E. Cole and Doolittle bail out of the doomed bomber. They pull the ripcord and release their parachutes! The rest of Doolittle's crew are also bailed out.

EXT. QUZHOU, CHINA - VILLAGE - DAY

The next morning, Doolittle and his crew are stranded in China.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

(groans) Where are we?

SFX: GUN RELOAD SOUND

THE CHINESE GUERRILLAS came to rescue Doolittle and his crew, but their rifles pointed at the American Bomber Crew.

RICHARD E. COLE

Woah, woah, woah! Hey! It's us!

The Chinese Guerrillas lowered their weapons.

CHANG

You must be Doolittle.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Yes.

CHANG

My name is Chang, one of the Guerrillas in China.

FRED A. BRAEMER

How do we get out of this mess?

CHANG

Follow me to the village and I'll show you the way.

INT. QUZHOU, CHINA - VILLAGE - DAY

Doolittle and his Bomber Crew went inside the village, so the Japanese Patrols won't find them.

RICHARD E. COLE

How did you guys find us?

CHANG

We saw your plane crash in our territory and managed to rescue you and your crew, especially for a rice paddy.

FRED A. BRAEMER

A pile of rice patty?

CHANG

Yeah, but we pulled him out anyway.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

What about the rest of the bomber crew?

CHANG

We found 69 bomber crews, but eight of them are captured by the Japanese.

RICHARD E. COLE

What about Edward?

CHANG

We don't know where Edward is, but we do know what happened to Jack Newkirk.

FRED A. BRAEMER

You mean he's-?

CHANG

That's right. Dead.

RICHARD E. COLE

Dead? But how?

CHANG

He crashed at Lamphun, and the Japanese buried him for good.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Wait, if Jack Newkirk is dead,
what about Quang Wang and the rest
of the Flying Tigers?

CHANG

David "Tex" Hill is a new leader
of the Flying Tigers, while Bill
Reed and Quang Wang survived the
raid last month.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yeah, I felt bad for Newkirk.

CHANG

Yeah, I know.

FRED A. BRAEMER

What about you, Chang?

CHANG

I was part of the army against the
Japanese, but we're no match
against them. They took Manchuria
from us years ago and now they
occupy the rest of the Chinese
cities and Hong Kong was fallen.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

But Hong Kong was part of the
British Colony.

CHANG

Not anymore. The Japanese won't
stop until Tanaka Plan is
complete.

RICHARD E. COLE

Those Japs have gone too far this
time!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Yeah, we should've dealt with them!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

No need. We must find the rest of the crew and bring them home.

CHANG

You can't! You'll get caught the Japanese Patrols! They'll either execute you or take you to prison.

RICHARD E. COLE

(shudders) No, please! I...I don't want to end up in a prison!

FRED A. BRAEMER

Don't worry, Richard. You're safe with us.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

We always stay together as one.

SFX: AIRCRAFT ENGINES DRONING

RICHARD E. COLE

What was that?

EXT. QUZHOU, CHINA - VILLAGE - DAY

They spot a squadron of Flying Tigers attacking the Japanese Nell Bombers from the distance.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Looks like the Flying Tigers are intercepting the Jap Bombers to save China.

RICHARD E. COLE

What about the fighter escort?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

No fighter escort. It's between
the Jap Bombers and the Flying
Tigers.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Man, I hope the Japs don't bomb
the village because if they
brought their fighter escort with
them, then I'll be really pissed
off!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Let's hope the Flying Tigers will
get the best out of them.

Looking at the sky, Jimmy Doolittle spots the P-40 shooting down
the Japanese Nell Bomber out of the sky away from the village.

RICHARD E. COLE

Oh well, I guess it's not one of
ours.

FRED A. BRAEMER

We must find the way out before we
get caught by Jap Patrols.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Do you know the way out, Chang?

CHANG

The Japanese took control the Port
of Shanghai. The only way out is
the airfield.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

You mean the Flying Tigers base?

CHANG

Shide, take the transport plane.
It's the quickest. We'll cover
you.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Alright, make sure the Japs don't
spot us.

EXT. CHINA - NIGHT

SFX: CRICKETS CHRIPING SOUND

The Chinese Guerrillas escort Doolittle and his bomber crew to
the Flying Tigers base until they spot a downed Japanese Nell
Bomber.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Not a pretty sight for the Jap
Bomber Crews.

RICHARD E. COLE

Yeah, we're lucky we have
parachutes with us for safety.

FRED A. BRAEMER

But not for Japs. They're no
survivors onboard the bomber.

RICHARD E. COLE

And that's what they get for
killing innocent lives in China.

CHANG

Guys, look!

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

What is it, Chang?

CHANG

It's the Japanese headband.

RICHARD E. COLE

A Jap what?

CHANG

A Japanese headband. They
primarily used for the Japanese
Pilot to commit suicide.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Why would the Japs do that?

CHANG

Because they would rather die
instead of saving themselves from
certain deaths.

RICHARD E. COLE

Wait a minute! If the Jap Bomber
is down, then who scored a kill?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Let's find out when we get there.

EXT. HENGYANG AIRFIELD - DAY

The Doolittle Raiders finally reach Hengyang Airfield where JOHN
BIRCH is talking to Quang Wang.

CHANG

Quang Wang!

QUANG WANG

Chang!

Chang gave Quang Wang a big hug.

CHANG

It's been a long time.

QUANG WANG

And who are those guys?

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

I'm Jimmy Doolittle and these are
my crew, Richard Cole and Fred
Braemer.

QUANG WANG

Ni hao, I'm Quang Wang and this is
John Birch, an American Missionary
in China.

RICHARD E. COLE

Hello John.

JOHN BIRCH

It's nice to see you guys.

FRED A. BRAEMER

So, you're the one who's fond with religion in China.

JOHN BIRCH

Yes, we're part of the religious group.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

We saw the Jap Bomber shot down by one of you and your pilots.

QUANG WANG

It was me, Doolittle. I'm the one who shot down the Japanese Bomber.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

You shot down the Jap Bomber?

QUANG WANG

Yep, that was my kill.

RICHARD E. COLE

I'm going to stay here for now.

FRED A. BRAEMER

Me too.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Are you sure?

RICHARD E. COLE

Yes.

FRED A. BRAEMER

We will return to United States
for another time.

JIMMY DOOLITTLE

Alright, I'll see you guys later.

Jimmy Doolittle boards the C-47 Skytrain alone.

SFX: AIRCRAFT ENGINES RUNNING

Two Bomber Crews watch as the C-47 Skytrain takes off from
Hengyang Airfield.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END