

CHINA STRIKES BACK

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FADE IN:

EXT. HENGYANG AIRFIELD - NIGHT

SUPER: "JULY 29, 1942."

Stock footage from *Dogfights: Season 1* shows a pair of P-40s on a night mission.

INT. AJAX'S P-40 - NIGHT

John Alison and HIS FLIGHT LEADER, AJAX BAUMLER, patrol in the night sky.

AJAX BAUMLER

(on radio)

Can you see anything?

INT. ALISON'S P-40 - NIGHT

JOHN ALISON

(on radio)

Roger. I see them. The Japs are heading for our airfield.

INT. AJAX'S P-40 - NIGHT

AJAX BAUMLER

(on radio)

Alright, let's go get them.

Ajax and Alison follow the glowing exhausts. The glowing exhausts are coming from the Japanese Sally Bombers. The Flying Tigers climb towards the Japanese bombers.

INT. ALISON'S P-40 - NIGHT

JOHN ALISON

(on radio)

Watch the fireworks. The Japs are up to something.

As Alison approaches the Japanese bombers, but he didn't notice he was in a middle of the bomber formation. Japanese tracers streak towards Alison. His radio is out before he fires a shot at the Japanese bombers. Alison fires back at the Japanese Bomber.

Alison's .50 caliber bullets hit the bomber's fuselage causing the oil splatters on Alison's windshield. The battered Sally Bomber pitches up and Alison moves on to the next bomber. The Japanese Gunners continue firing at Alison, but he gave a burst and explodes the Japanese bomber in pieces. Because Alison's P-40 absorbs the punishment, oil is leaking out of his aircraft, but he keeps going. Alison shoots down the last Japanese bomber out of the sky. He tries to land on the airfield, and his plane starts to burn. So, he decided to ditch on the river for an emergency landing.

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EXT. HENGYANG AIRFIELD - DAY (DAWN)

Ajax lands his plane on Hengyang Airfield, alone. Tex Hill, Quang Wang, Wei, and THREE MORE RECRUITS were already there.

WEI

Ajax? Where's Alison?

AJAX BAUMLER

He didn't make it.

WEI

Did you lose him?

AJAX BAUMLER

No, he ditched on the river.

QUANG WANG

Baumler, meet your new recruits.

Three new recruits salute Ajax.

AJAX BAUMLER

Hello, I'm Ajax Baumler.

EDWARD RECTOR

Ed's the name, and this is Robert Neale and Charles Older.

CHARLES OLDER

Hello.

ROBERT NEALE

I just heard about John Alison
last night.

AJAX BAUMLER

It was the last time that Japs are
planning for their bombing raid
against our airfield and the
Chinese cities.

EDWARD RECTOR

Then it is our chance to strike
back against Japan.

QUANG WANG

Let's head inside.

INT. DAVID "TEX" HILL'S QUARTERS - DAY

Ajax came to see Tex.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Where's Alison?

AJAX BAUMLER

He ditched into the river after
saving the airfield from Jap
Bombers.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

I thought you took care the Jap
Bombers from Tak Airfield months
ago.

AJAX BAUMLER

Not all of them, Tex. There are
three of them.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Three of them?

AJAX BAUMLER

Exactly. I thought it was a firework display, but it turns out the Jap Bombers attempt to bomb our airfield at night.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Good thing the Japs won't use any bombers anymore.

AJAX BAUMLER

Thanks to you, Jim, and Newkirk.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Newkirk died during our raid.

AJAX BAUMLER

I'm sorry to hear about that, Tex.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

And Bert. We've failed to reach the Jap Bombers until Quang shot down the Nell Bomber and didn't get a chance to see Doolittle.

AJAX BAUMLER

Doolittle? You mean the guy who bombed Tokyo with no casualties?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

No, Ajax. None of the B-25s make it out alive. 15 Raiders were crashed in China, but one of them landed at Soviet Union.

AJAX BAUMLER

Soviet Union? But I thought they had enough fuel to reach us.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

They don't. Some of the bomber crews are either captured or executed by the Jap Patrols.

AJAX BAUMLER

What about Doolittle himself?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

He made it out along with his crew.

AJAX BAUMLER

That's good to hear, Tex. Now the Jap Factories are destroyed, it's our chance to beat the remaining Japs and save China.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Not all of them.

AJAX BAUMLER

What do you mean?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

They destroyed communications and other buildings including Jap army hospital.

AJAX BAUMLER

Hospital? Why would Doolittle and his bomber crew bomb the hospital?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Because it has a red cross in it.

AJAX BAUMLER

If there's a red cross in it, where are the sick people?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

400 people were injured during the raid.

AJAX BAUMLER

What about the Jap carrier? Did the bombers sink the carrier?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

No. The Jap carrier was damaged during the raid. It carries a lot of aircraft, but the downside is it takes a long time to repair the damage.

AJAX BAUMLER

At least the Americans took out four Jap carriers at Midway.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Except there are two more Jap carriers somewhere in the Pacific.

AJAX BAUMLER

You mean there were six Jap carriers attack on Pearl Harbor last year?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Yes, but two Jap carriers survived the battle at Coral Sea.

AJAX BAUMLER

Too bad *USS Enterprise* didn't participate in the Coral Sea before the Battle of Midway began.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Same thing goes for Admiral Halsey at the Battle of Midway.

AJAX BAUMLER

I know. War isn't easy to begin with. First, the Coral Sea, and now Admiral Halsey is out of action.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

And Bill Reed also left the Flying Tigers before the Chinese Task Force was established.

AJAX BAUMLER

We've lost two AVG pilots and
Quang Wang is the last surviving
Chinese pilot to fight against the
Japs.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

There are plenty of CHINESE PILOTS
left in here.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Chennault, it's been a while since
Bill Reed left.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

I commanded the Chinese Task Force
to combine the fighter squadron
with Chinese and American pilots
to liberate China and the Burma
Road.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Did you find Alison?

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Yes, Alison's right here with me.

JOHN ALISON

Hey there!

AJAX BAUMLER

John Alison? How did you get here
so fast?

JOHN ALISON

I lost my plane last night, so I
decided to ditch on the river
instead.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

How did you lose your plane
against the Jap bombers last
night?

JOHN ALISON

During the night raid, the Japs hit my plane, but I managed to shoot down all three bombers at once.

AJAX BAUMLER

Three Jap bombers at once? I was at 9,000 feet and you went 12,000 feet above me? You could get yourself killed especially in the night raid!

DAVID "TEX" HILL

That's enough you two, just because you both saved our airfield last night doesn't mean you have to blame each other for the incident.

AJAX BAUMLER

Like what?

JOHN ALISON

The Jap bombing raid on China is over.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Then it's time to save China and the Burma Road from Japan.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. BRIEFING ROOM — DAY

SUPER: "JULY 31, 1942."

Chennault gives the briefing to the American and Chinese pilots by showing a picture of Japan's newest fighter.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Gentlemen, there's an update for the Jap arsenal.

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CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT (CONT'D)

A large formation of Japanese Ki-43 Oscar fighters is on their way to attack China. Your job is to prevent them from strafing run on our airfield and the Chinese ground forces. Tex, you'll be a flight leader of ten P-40s. The rest of the squadron will repel the Jap invaders away from China. Good luck.

EXT. CHINA - DAY

Stock footage shows 27 Japanese Ki-43 Oscars are preparing for a strafing run on the Chinese ground forces. Haruto Sachi leads the large formation of Japanese fighters.

INT. TEX HILL'S P-40 - DAY

Flight leader, Tex Hill, leads ten P-40s into the fight.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio)

Alright, boys! Those Japs may be tough, but let's show them how tough we are!

The 75th Squadron make a head-on pass with 27 Japanese Oscar Fighters.

INT. HARUTO SACHI'S KI-43 - DAY

HARUTO SACHI

(Speaking in Japanese)

Attack the enemy formation!

One of the Oscars is ahead of the formation and targets Tex. Two fighters face each other with a head-on pass. Tex and the Japanese pilot fire each other to determine which pilot is superior. Tex takes the hit, but he keeps going, but the Japanese pilot is shot down in flames because the Oscar has no armor protection. The rest of the 75th Squadron are fighting against the Japanese Oscars in a dogfight.

INT. QUANG WANG'S P-40 - DAY

Quang Wang spots the Japanese Oscar shooting at the Chinese pilot. He opens fire at the Oscar with .50 caliber machine guns.

The Japanese Oscar went down in flames to save the Chinese pilot.

INT. AJAX BAUMLER'S P-40 - DAY

Ajax spots a pair of Oscars at 2 o'clock. He takes out two Oscars with .50 caliber tracers.

INT. ROBERT NEALE'S P-40 - DAY

Neale spots three Oscars.

ROBERT NEALE

(on radio)

Three Oscars at 9 o'clock!

INT. ED RECTOR'S P-40 - DAY

EDWARD RECTOR

(on radio)

I see them!

Neale, Ed, and Charles shot down all three Japanese Oscars with .50 caliber machine guns. Sachi is losing his squadron to the Flying Tigers, he heads back to base along with the remaining Oscars.

INT. CHARLES OLDER'S P-40 - DAY

Charles Older checks the fuel.

CHARLES OLDER

(on radio)

We're running low on fuel. Shall we continue to pursue them?

INT. TEX HILL'S P-40 - DAY

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio)

Negative, Charles. We're heading back to base and that's final. Prepare to regroup.

INT. CHARLES OLDER'S P-40 - DAY

CHARLES OLDER

(on radio)

Roger, Tex. I'm with you.

The 75th Squadron return to base.

EXT. HENGYANG AIRFIELD - DAY

The 75th Squadron land at Hengyang Airfield where Chennault is waiting for them.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Chennault, is there any good news?

CLARIE LEE CHENNAULT

I'm afraid not, Tex. Chinese suffered more casualties than the Japanese.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

What about the civilians?

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Only 250,000 Chinese civilians were executed by the Japanese.

QUANG WANG

No, not my people! Where's Chang?

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

He's dead, Quang. The Japanese won Zhejiang-Jiangxi Campaign against the Chinese.

QUANG WANG

What? You're joking?

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

No, I'm not. After the Doolittle Raid, Chang and his guerilla fighters were attacked by Japanese soldiers and aircraft.

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CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT (CONT'D)

They use tanks to overrun the Chinese defenders the same thing that they did at Manchuria.

QUANG WANG

So, this whole time, is Manchuria isn't our territory anymore?

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Yes, the Japs renamed the puppet state called Manchukuo.

QUANG WANG

Manchukuo? I've never heard about the puppet state for a long time.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Since the Japs completed their first phase so they moved on to next phase to conquer the rest of the Chinese mainland, including Burma and the rest of the Pacific Islands.

QUANG WANG

And that means-

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

It means they went after our airfield, but however, the Japanese bombing raid on China has failed.

AJAX BAUMLER

And thanks to Chennault, the Jap bombers are no more.

CLAIRE LEE CHENNAULT

Then it's your chance to liberate China from the Japanese Invasion. Return to your quarters.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Yes, Sir!

INT. QUANG WANG'S QUARTERS - DAY

Quang Wang looks at the photo of his wife and son. Robert Neale came to see him.

ROBERT NEALE

Looking forward to liberating your
homeland, Quang?

QUANG WANG

The Japanese have done enough
damage for one day.

ROBERT NEALE

And is that your wife and son?

C.U. ON QUANG WANG'S FAMILY PHOTO

QUANG WANG

That's my wife and my son. He'll
become a fighter pilot someday.

ROBERT NEALE

Are you certain that your son will
become a fighter pilot like you?

QUANG WANG

After the war, I'll teach my son
how to fly just like me.

ROBERT NEALE

But Sachi is out there somewhere.

QUANG WANG

Perhaps. If I see Sachi, then I'll
be ready to take him down once and
for all.

ROBERT NEALE

But we've lost Bert to Sachi
earlier.

QUANG WANG

I know. I'm going to make sure
that Sachi will pay what they did
to my people in China.

ROBERT NEALE

I know you want to take down
Sachi, but they're other Jap
forces out there on both land and
air.

QUANG WANG

And Sachi?

ROBERT NEALE

We'll worry about him later, but
right now the Japs already
occupied Manchuria and soon the
rest of the Mainland China will be
history along with the Pacific
Islands and Burma Road.

QUANG WANG

But I can't Sachi get away with
this madness.

ROBERT NEALE

What madness?

QUANG WANG

He shot down more pilots than we
had for a long time.

ROBERT NEALE

But Sachi is good at dogfighting,
Quang. Going after the Jap Ace
will make things worse.

QUANG WANG

Like what? We're losing our men
and there's nothing we can do
about it to face the Japanese.

ROBERT NEALE

There's only one way we can fight
back against the Japs.

QUANG WANG

And what is that?

ROBERT NEALE

The Burma Road.

QUANG WANG

Burma what?

ROBERT NEALE

The Burma Road. It's where the
Japs fighting against the British
Army in Southeast Asia.

QUANG WANG

Really? I didn't know the British
are working for us.

ROBERT NEALE

I know. The Japs took control of
Malaysia, Singapore, and Hong
Kong.

QUANG WANG

Since the Burma Road was invaded
by the Japanese, we will cut off
their supplies and destroy the
depots. If we destroy the Japanese
supply depot, then there will be
no supplies for the Japanese Army
left to fight China.

ROBERT NEALE

Then let's get to work.

QUANG WANG

And save my people in China and
free Burma from Japanese control.

INT. BRIEFING ROOM - DAY

SUPER: "AUGUST 12, 1942."

Claire Chennault gives the American and Chinese pilots a briefing, but this time, it was a ground attack mission. He points the map of Southeast Asia.

CLARIE LEE CHENNAULT

Gentlemen, you're going for a strafing run mission against the Japanese Army. Your objective is to cut off the Japanese supplies at the Burma Road by destroying the enemy vehicles and railway bridges before they send reinforcements to attack China. That way the Chinese will have the advantage over the Japanese before they strike the Mainland China and remember, avoid the red cross markings. Now get out there and begin your attack run.

The pilots left the briefing room to prepare for a ground attack role on the Japanese Army.

EXT. HENGYANG AIRFIELD - DAY

The Chinese P-40s carry two bombs under their wings and drop tanks are loaded under their bellies in case they run out of fuel. The 75th Squadron take off to attack the Japanese ground forces to prevent their invasion of the Mainland China.

INT. TEX'S P-40 - DAY

Tex Hill and his flight patrol on the Burma Road where Tex spots the Japanese Army below.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio)

There they are! The Japs brought their tanks and vehicles with them! Drop tanks!

The 75th Fighter Squadron drop their fuel tanks to prepare for a strafing run on the Japanese Army at the Burma Road.

EXT. THE BURMA ROAD - DAY

The Japanese soldiers spot the P-40s diving toward them. The Warhawks strafe on the Japanese Army with .50 caliber machine guns. Some of the Japanese soldiers are dead and other vehicles are destroyed by a hail of tracer fire.

INT. QUANG WANG'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

Quang Wang spots the Japanese staff car below.

QUANG WANG

(on radio)

Tex, there's the Japanese staff car ahead.

INT. TEX HILL'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio)

Go ahead, Quang. It's all yours.

INT. QUANG WANG'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

QUANG WANG

(on radio)

Time to take down the Japanese leader.

INT. JAPANESE GENERAL'S STAFF CAR - CONTINUOUS

Quang fires his tracers at the Japanese staff car. THE JAPANESE GENERAL spots the P-40 right behind him.

JAPANESE GENERAL

(shouting in Japanese)

Faster! Faster!

The Japanese Driver tried to go faster, but not fast enough for the P-40's .50 caliber tracer fire. Tracer rounds damage the Japanese staff car and kills both the Japanese General and the driver causing the vehicle to overturn.

INT. QUANG WANG'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

Quang Wang pulls up away from the carnage.

INT. CHARLES OLDER'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

Then, Charles spots another target. A Japanese munitions train is heading towards the bridge.

CHARLES OLDER

(on radio)

Tex, there's a Jap train straight head.

INT. AJAX BAUMLER'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

AJAX BAUMLER

(on radio)

Looks like the Japs carrying cargo or something.

INT. ROBERT NEALE'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

ROBERT NEALE

(on radio)

Negative, it's a munition train.

INT. TEX HILL'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

DAVID "TEX" HILL

(on radio)

Alright, let's derail the Jap train and destroy the bridge.

Tex and his squadron split up for their attack run. Half of 75th Squadron attack the bridge while Tex and his squadron attack the Japanese munition train.

EXT. JAPANESE MUNITION TRAIN - CONTINUOUS

SFX: TRAIN WHISTLES

The Japanese soldiers open fire at the P-40s with anti-aircraft guns. Tex and the P-40s jettison their bombs at the Japanese munition train. The Japanese munition train explodes causing the train to derail before reaching the bridge while the rest of the 75th Squadron bomb the bridge and explodes causing the railroad bridge to collapse. The second phase of Tanaka Plan has failed! China is safe from the Japanese invasion.

INT. TEX HILL'S P-40 - CONTINUOUS

The 75th Squadron form and regroup. They knew the Japanese Army will never invade China again.

DAVID "TEX" HILL (CONT'D)

(on radio)

All pilots, this is Tex. Looks like the invasion of China is over for the Japs. Let's go home.

Tex and his squadron return to base away from the carnage.

INT/EXT. JOHN ALISON'S QUARTERS - DAY

John Alison heard the P-40s landing on Hengyang Airfield. Alison exited his quarters to see Tex and the rest of the pilots.

JOHN ALISON

Tex!

DAVID "TEX" HILL

Alison? How did you get here so fast?

JOHN ALISON

I couldn't make it to the airfield while you're gone, so I decided to take a boat ride to find the nearest airfield.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

So that's why you didn't show up all along.

JOHN ALISON

Yes, as matter of fact, I told the Chinese Rider to navigate the river so I can get to the airfield on time, but I didn't notice that you and the pilots left without me.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

And you didn't get a chance to see the Jap's newest fighter in combat and strafing run mission at Burma?

JOHN ALISON

Yes, I didn't see the newest fighter except the Japs have a same weakness: the armor itself.

QUANG WANG

You mean the Japanese Oscar Fighter that we encountered?

JOHN ALISON

Yes, I wanted to take the Japs down, but I must wait until the bombers to arrive at China.

DAVID "TEX" HILL

You'll see the bombers soon, Alison, but I won't.

JOHN ALISON

Really? You're done flying the Warhawk?

DAVID "TEX" HILL

That's my last flight mission for the P-40. I'm moving on to fly a new fighter against the Japs.

JOHN ALISON

You mean? The Chinese pilots aren't alone?

QUANG WANG

Except the Chinese pilots are rookies.

JOHN ALISON

So, what are you going to do with these rookies, Quang?

QUANG WANG

I'll teach the Chinese pilots to fly the P-40s for their final assault against the Japanese Army.

JOHN ALISON

That's good. Now we have a chance
to liberate China and Burma from
the Japanese occupation.

QUANG WANG

Let's do it, Alison, and together,
we'll fight the Japanese and free
my people.

FADE TO BLACK.

THE END