

HELLCATS OF USS HORNET

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FADE IN:

**EXT. CHICHIJIMA - NIGHT**

SUPER: "JULY 4, 1944. 4:30 AM. CHICHIJIMA."

Stock footage from *Dogfights: Season 2* show four F6F Hellcats of VFN-76 heading for the island of Chichijima to bomb the Japanese shipping at Futami Cove. Each Hellcat equip with radar to detect and track the Japanese planes in total darkness. HELLCAT PILOT, FRED "BUCK" DUNGAN, is flying the element lead along with HIS WINGMAN, JOHNNY DEAR.

**INT. BUCK'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

The instrument panel of F6F Hellcat glows dim red light to preserve night vision. BUCK'S FLIGHT LEADER, PAUL ROBERTS, calls over the radio.

PAUL ROBERTS [O.S.]

(over the radio) Buck, this your flight leader speaking, do you copy?

FRED DUNGAN

(on radio) Roberts, this is Buck Dungan speaking. Go ahead.

**INT. PAUL'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

PAUL ROBERTS

(on radio) We have orders from ADMIRAL MITSCHER to hit the Futami Cove with a 500-pound bomb at Chichijima before daylight.

**INT. BUCK'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

FRED DUNGAN

(on radio) But I can't see through the dark!

PAUL ROBERTS [O.S.]

(over the radio) The hell you can. Make sure neither of the Japs see us in total darkness especially for the anti-aircraft guns.

**INT. DEAR'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

Dear looks down and spots an enemy warship below firing at the American night fighters with anti-aircraft barrage.

JOHNNY DEAR

(on radio) Buck, there's an enemy warship on the water below.

**INT. BUCK'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

FRED DUNGAN

(on radio) Alright, Johnny, let's make a low side run.

Two Hellcats make a low side run on the Japanese destroyer escort. The Japanese anti-aircraft gunners have no idea where the night fighters are coming from. *RAT-TAT-TAT!* Two Hellcats fire at the Japanese destroyer escort with .50 caliber machine guns to avoid hitting the water. Two Hellcats climb up for their second pass.

**INT. DEAR'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

JOHNNY DEAR

(on radio) Did we get it?

**INT. BUCK'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

FRED DUNGAN

(on radio) Negative, Johnny, the upstairs is open for us. They're inviting us in. Let's make a high side run this time.

In a confusion, the Hellcats fire downward at the smokestack directly into the Japanese warship's engines with high side run. *KABOOM!* The Japanese destroyer escort is now dead in the water. The Hellcats climb up away from the wreckage.

FRED DUNGAN [CONT'D]

Alright, Johnny. Let's split up and attack the Futami Cove.

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**INT. DEAR'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

As Johnny Dear splits up, he spots a shadow pass by.

JOHNNY DEAR

(on radio) Bogey at 12 o'clock!

**INT. BUCK'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

FRED DUNGAN

(on radio) It's the Jap  
floatplane!

JOHNNY DEAR [O.S.]

(over the radio) I'll be there  
right with you. Make sure you aim  
at the weak spot.

FRED DUNGAN

(on radio) Roger. I'll bring the  
Japs down in no time.

Buck closes in at the Rufe in tail-end Charlie and fires. .50  
caliber rounds tear the enemy floatplane apart and plummets  
toward the ocean. Suddenly, three more Rufes fire at Buck with  
nose-mounted machine guns at 6 o'clock.

**INT. DEAR'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

Dear saw Buck who was being pursued by three Japanese Rufes.

JOHNNY DEAR

(on radio) Buck, are you alright?

**INT. BUCK'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

FRED DUNGAN

[shouting on radio] Dear, I've got  
some company! I'm having all this  
fun by myself so I'm going to  
invite you to the party.

**INT. DEAR'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

JOHNNY DEAR

(on radio) Alright, Buck. Let's  
get the party started.

And he did. Johnny Dear shot down two Rufes out of the night sky, but only one Rufe is still on Buck's tail. So, Buck decided to use a head-on pass on the Rufe with a short burst. Again, the Hellcats split up, but this time, Buck spots a Rufe firing towards him. He carefully lines up on the Rufe's silhouette and fires, but more Rufes are in the air waiting for the sun to rise. Buck went after the Rufe into the cloud. The Japanese pilot tries to lose sight of him by popping his nose up and begins the spin, but he's using a stalling speed until Rufe recovers from stalling and begins to land on the water and skips, but Buck manages to shoot down the Rufe in pieces.

**INT. ROBERTS' HELLCAT - NIGHT**

Meanwhile, Roberts and HIS WINGMAN, DYLAN, drop their bombs on the Japanese harbor at Futami Cove knocking the Japanese ships out of commission.

PAUL ROBERTS

(on radio) All bombs away. Let's  
head back to the carrier before  
sunrise.

**INT. DYLAN'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

DYLAN

(on radio) Sir, Buck and Dear  
haven't dropped their bomb at  
Futami Cove yet.

PAUL ROBERTS [O.S.]

(over the radio) Then regroup with  
Buck and Dear. Make sure they  
don't get lost in the dark.

DYLAN

(on radio) Roger. I'm going in.

**INT. BUCK'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

As other two Hellcats are near the target, the enemy bullets shatter on Buck's windshield on the left side.

JOHNNY DEAR [O.S.]

(calling over the radio) Buck, are you alright?

FRED DUNGAN

(on radio) I hurt my left shoulder. What about you?

**INT. DEAR'S HELLCAT - NIGHT**

JOHNNY DEAR

(on radio) I've been hit too, but I'll be alright. We'll meet again sometime.

**EXT. USS HORNET (CV-12) - DAY (SUNRISE)**

All four Hellcats arrive at daybreak at the carrier, *USS Hornet*, but only two Hellcats are still loaded with bombs under their belly. Johnny Dear climbs out of the damaged Hellcat. The doctors took Buck to the sick bay.

PAUL ROBERTS

Johnny, where's Buck?

JOHNNY DEAR

We've been separated, Roberts. Buck was wounded on his left shoulder before both of us got a chance to drop our bombs at Futami Cove.

PAUL ROBERTS

And why is your bomb still intact?

JOHNNY DEAR

We've got into a dogfight with a squadron of Jap floatplanes after we sank the enemy destroyer escort.

PAUL ROBERTS

Our order is to attack the Jap key shipping at Futami Cove, not getting involve in a fight.

DYLAN

What about me, Roberts? There were four of us, and now we're down to three.

PAUL ROBERTS

Johnny Dear won't participate at Formosa, Dylan. Return to your quarters.

Dylan went back inside the carrier without saying a word to Roberts.

**INT. USS HORNET (CV-12) - SLEEPING QUARTERS - DAY**

Dylan went to the sleeping quarters where Johnny Dear and SEVEN NAVAL PILOTS are hanging out.

DYLAN

Are you still worried about Buck?

JOHNNY DEAR

He won't fly again I'm afraid, so I decided to find a new element lead in Fighting 11.

WADE

Hello.

DYLAN

Wade? You're the element lead of Fighting 11?

WADE

That's right. Commander Schrader leads the Air Group 11 while Lieutenant Commander Fairfax is our flight leader of the Fighting 11.

COMMANDER F.R. SCHRADER

Welcome to the Air Group 11, Dylan.

DYLAN

Pleased to meet you too, Commander Schrader.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER E.G. FAIRFAX

We've decided to use our Helldivers to dive-bomb more accurately than the SBDs.

DYLAN

How many TBFs do we have, Fairfax?

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER E.G. FAIRFAX

Unfortunately, there's only one TBF onboard the *Hornet*, but Lieutenant Commander Denniston is the flight leader of Torpedo 11. He is flying the TBM for his upcoming battle at Formosa.

DYLAN

And who's leading the Helldiver squadron?

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER L.A. SMITH

I'm the flight leader of Bombing 11.

DYLAN

So, you're one who's flying the Helldiver.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER L.A. SMITH

Yep. Our Helldivers are more advanced than the SBDs.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER R. DENNISTON

Most of our TBFs crashed out on the carrier's flight deck and some were in disarray at nighttime.



DYLAN

Oh my god! How did you lose all the TBFs but one?

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER R. DENNISTON

Lieutenant Commander Ford and the TBFs landed on different carriers, but the rest of the TBFs didn't make it to the carriers.

DYLAN

It's a good thing the Japs didn't sink our fleet at the Philippine Sea last month.

JOHNNY DEAR

Except *USS South Dakota* took a bomb hit.

DYLAN

Dear, how's Buck doing?

JOHNNY DEAR

His left shoulder was bad, and he'll be transferring to a local hospital. He'll receive a purple heart for his honor, bravery, and respect.

DYLAN

What about you, Wade?

WADE

I'll be honored to serve as Fairfax's wingman with you at Formosa, Dylan. Commander Schrader will be our air group at Formosa and Murphy will be Fairfax's element lead.

DYLAN

Sounds good to me, Wade. I'll see you there after summer.

**INT. USS HORNET - READY ROOM - DAY**

**SUPER: "OCTOBER 12, 1944. FORMOSA, PHILIPPINE SEA."**

Roberts gives the briefing to the naval pilots for their mission at Formosa.

PAUL ROBERTS

Our target is Formosa. I expect the Japs will use their bombers to attack our 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet so we're going to attack the Jap military installations and facilities with the help of Avengers and Helldivers before the Japs can launch their bombers to attack our fleet. But beware of the enemy fighters and anti-aircraft guns, gentlemen. They're trying to defend Formosa without warning. Good luck and be careful out there.

The American pilots left the ready room to prepare for their attack run on the Japanese airfield.

**EXT. USS HORNET - FLIGHT DECK - DAY**

Each aircraft carries bombs and rockets to destroy enemy airfields and other military installations. The American planes takeoff from *Hornet's* flight deck.

**EXT. FORMOSA - DAY**

Dylan and the Hellcats escort Helldiver and Avenger bombers to their target at the Japanese air bases at Formosa.

**INT. COMMANDER SCHRADER'S HELLCAT - DAY**

Commander Schrader leads the Air Group 11 to attack the Japanese airfields with rockets.

COMMANDER F.R. SCHRADER

(on radio) There's our target, boys. Knockout as many Jap planes as you can on the ground.

**SFX: AIR RAID SIREN**

The Japanese pilots scrambled their fighters for their intercept mission.

**INT. DYLAN'S HELLCAT - DAY**

From above, Dylan spots a squadron of Japanese interceptors which include two Japanese newest fighters at Formosa: the Nakajima Ki-44 Tojo and Kawasaki Ki-61 Tony fighters. Both Ki-43 Oscars and Japanese Zeros also join the intercept mission to defend Formosa.

DYLAN

(on radio) Bandits, incoming!

The Japanese fighters attack the American squadron with cannons and machine guns.

**INT. WADE'S HELLCAT - DAY**

WADE

(on radio) They're too many of them!

The Hellcats take evasive action. Wade spots the Zero at 3 o'clock. Stock footage shows the Hellcat shoots the Zero with a steep angle with .50 caliber guns. Then, Wade spots a second Zero at 6 o'clock, but he didn't see another Zero diving on him.

**INT. DYLAN'S HELLCAT - DAY**

DYLAN

(on radio) Wade, the Zero is on your tail!

WADE [O.S.]

(over the radio) I can't shake him!

DYLAN

(on radio) Hang on, Wade. I'm coming.

Dylan saves Wade's life by cutting loose with a short burst and the Zero flies off.

**INT. WADE'S HELLCAT - DAY**

WADE

(on radio) Thanks, Dylan.

**INT. DYLAN'S HELLCAT - DAY**

DYLAN

(on radio) Don't thank me, Wade!  
I've got a Zero on my tail!

Dylan's Hellcat was hit on the tail by Zero's 20-millimeter cannon fire. Two planes climb until Dylan shoots down the Zero and sends it towards the sea. Ironically, the Japanese pilot is an ace who shot down most of the American aircraft, especially for shooting down the Wildcats two years ago.

**EXT. FORMOSA - JAPANESE FACILITY - CONTINUOUS**

The Japanese gunners open fire at the American planes with anti-aircraft barrage. Enemy flaks burst all around the American planes, but the Americans attack Formosa destroying the Japanese military installations and facilities with bombs and rockets.

**INT. B-29 SUPERFORTRESS - DAY**

Then a squadron of B-29 Superfortresses of the 58<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing arrive at Formosa to bomb the Japanese airfield. The B-29s have two bomb bay doors instead of one.

B-29 PILOT

Bombardier to pilot, any sign of  
the Jap air base?

B-29 BOMBARDIER

Roger, I see the Jap airfield on  
my bombsight.

B-29 PILOT

Then release the bombs.

B-29 BOMBARDIER

Roger that. Commence bombing at  
the Jap airfield.

The bomb bay doors are open waiting for their right moment.

B-29 BOMBARDIER [CONT'D]

Steady.

THE BOMBARDIER looks at the target with his bombsight.

B-29 BOMBARDIER [CONT'D]

Bombs away!

The Superfortresses drop their bombs at the Japanese airfield at Formosa destroying the hangars and enemy bombers on the ground.

**INT. COMMANDER SCHRADER'S HELLCAT - DAY**

COMMANDER F.R. SCHRADER

Target destroyed. Air Group 11,  
return to the carrier.

The Air Group 11 return to *USS Hornet* leaving the Japanese military infrastructures in ruins at Formosa.

**EXT. USS HORNET - FLIGHT DECK - DAY**

The Americans land on the carrier, *USS Hornet*. Dylan climbs out of his damaged Hellcat. Wade came to thank Dylan for saving his life at Formosa.

WADE

Dylan, thank you for saving me.  
You're a true hero.

DYLAN

That Jap ace thinks I was flying  
the Wildcat, but he's wrong.

WADE

But our escort carriers do have  
FM-2 Wildcats to fight against the  
Japs at Leyte Gulf.

DYLAN

Is Buck going to be okay, Wade?

WADE

Don't worry about Buck, he'll be  
transferred to a hospital to treat  
his wound on his left shoulder.

DYLAN

I hope Buck doesn't lose his arm.

WADE

Buck will be fine, Dylan. Let's  
stick with our next mission.

DYLAN

I hope it's not air-to-air combat  
this time.

**EXT. MINDORO - DAY**

**SUPER: "OCTOBER 26, 1944. MINDORO, THE PHILIPPINES."**

The Hellcats escort their bombers at the island of Mindoro at the Philippines.

**INT. WADE'S HELLCAT - DAY**

Wade looks down and spots a black smoke from the battered Japanese warship below. Japanese destroyer, *Akishimo*, is towing her sister ship, *Hayashimo*, away from the battle.

WADE

(on radio) Commander Schrader, I see a black smoke coming from the Jap destroyer and it appears she's towing her sister ship.

**INT. DYLAN'S HELLCAT - DAY**

Dylan spots another Japanese warship. It was a Japanese light cruiser, *Noshiro*, which sank the American escort carrier, *USS Gambier Bay*, earlier at Off Samar with the help two Japanese battleships, *Yamato* and *Kongo*, and the Japanese heavy cruiser, *Chikuma*. *Chikuma* was already sunk at Battle off Samar earlier and now the Americans are heading towards the remaining Japanese Center Force.

DYLAN

(on radio) And there's a Jap light cruiser leaving Off Samar.

**INT. COMMANDER SCHRADER'S HELLCAT - DAY**

COMMANDER F.R. SCHRADER

(on radio) Commander Schrader to all squadrons, prepare to attack the Center Force. The Japs must not allow to escape.

The American carrier planes attack the Japanese Center Force as *Akishimo* disconnects the tow cable leaving her sister ship undefended.

The Avengers attack *Hayashimo* with torpedoes causing her bow to blow off. *Hayashimo* sinks in the shallow water off Semirara Island. As two Japanese destroyers steam toward the Japanese light cruiser, the TBMs bomb the enemy light cruiser, damaging the anti-aircraft shell magazine. *Noshiro* dodges the torpedoes from the second wave of TBMs, but the third wave hits one of the boiler rooms causing to flood inside the Japanese light cruiser. The Hellcats dive towards the Japanese light cruiser while dodging the multi-colored flak by using a stock footage from *Battle 360*. The Hellcats strafe at the Japanese light cruiser and pull out of the dive. As the two Japanese destroyers steam towards the battered Japanese light cruiser, the Helldivers attack *Noshiro* with bombs and rockets damaging one of the gun turrets. The TBMs quickly finish her off with torpedoes. *Noshiro* was the only Japanese light cruiser sank by the American air attacks.

**EXT. USS HORNET - FLIGHT DECK - DAY**

The American planes land on the *Hornet's* flight deck. Dylan and Wade climb out of their Hellcats.

DYLAN

How many casualties, Wade?

WADE

We've lost six planes while attacking the Jap light cruiser.

DYLAN

I thought we're attacking *Yamato*, Wade, since her sister ship sank at Sibuyan Sea earlier.

WADE

*Yamato* is too powerful compared to other Jap warships, so we decided to pick our target and save Taffy 3 from sinking, but luckily for us, Kurita mistakenly identify the escort carriers as the main carrier group.

DYLAN

But Taffy 3 is weaker than the Japanese Center Force.

WADE

That's what I'm afraid of, Dylan.  
Taffy 3 is no match for the  
Imperial Japanese Fleet. We should  
be lucky that we aid the Taffy 3  
before it gets worse.

DYLAN

I agree, Wade. Since the Japs have  
no carriers left in the Pacific,  
we'll have a chance to strike  
before the war's end.

WADE

But the Japs have their planes  
left on the airfield.

DYLAN

With the Imperial Japanese Navy  
gone, we'll have the advantage  
over the remaining Jap forces and  
the war will be over.

WADE

But the Japs have tanks,  
artilleries, machine guns, and  
soldiers to defend the islands.

DYLAN

Unfortunately, the Japs already  
dug up their tunnels to fortify  
their positions.

WADE

If the Japs are hiding in the  
tunnels, then we need new fighters  
to prevent the enemy ground forces  
from hiding.

DYLAN

And speaking of new fighters,  
where are the Thompson Brothers?



WADE

They went home as their war hero.

DYLAN

A war hero? But the war in the Pacific is far from over.

WADE

The Thompson Brothers only cared about the Pearl Harbor attack and successfully sank all six Jap carriers from Midway to Leyte Gulf.

DYLAN

Which Leyte Gulf, Wade? We sank two Jap warships of the Center Force.

WADE

No, Dylan. Cape Engano, where *Zuikaku* met her end and Pearl Harbor has avenged. The first four Jap carriers were sunk at Midway and *Shokaku* is the only carrier sunk by submarines at the Philippine Sea. *Zuikaku* survived the battles against our naval forces but not on Leyte Gulf.

DYLAN

And the Japs got what they deserved including Admirals Yamamoto and Nagumo.

WADE

Thanks to the P-38s in Operation Vengeance.

DYLAN

But Vice Admiral Nagumo never told any Marines at Saipan about his responsibility for the Pearl Harbor attack.

WADE

If Vice Admiral Nagumo told the Marines the truth, then he'll be arrested for orchestrating Pearl Harbor and killing innocent civilians.

DYLAN

Didn't Nagumo commit suicide at Saipan?

WADE

That's the other thing too, Dylan. The Japs won't tell us about their attack on Pearl Harbor. Now they won't know why they're responsible for the orchestration of Pearl Harbor.

DYLAN

And killing innocent lives is the worst thing before our entry against the Japanese Empire. The more planes the Japs use on Pearl Harbor the more damage they caused on our warships and airfields.

WADE

Now that you mentioned it, the Italians betrayed the Axis Powers and turn against one of their own.

DYLAN

The Nazis lost control of North Africa, and our Allies are invading on both fronts at Europe.

WADE

It's a good thing the Japs won't use their carriers anymore, but they still have planes on the airfield especially for using their bombs and torpedoes.

DYLAN

And I'm hoping Bill Thompson will participate in his upcoming battle before the war's end.

WADE

But the Thompson Brothers think the Imperial Japanese Navy are dealt with but they're wrong. The Japs are planning to restore their naval ships by using their suicide weapons to sink our ships to the bottom of the sea.

DYLAN

But we've got more islands to liberate and push the Japs back before they cause any more trouble with our ships.

WADE

And their troubles are far from over.

DYLAN

Are they still fighting with the Japs?

WADE

Yes, *Enterprise* and *Essex* are after two Jap destroyers.

JOHNNY DEAR

Hey, guys? What did I miss?

DYLAN

You're the night fighter pilot, Dear. I was with you and Buck last summer. Roberts is our flight leader and two of us bombed Futami Cove undetected, but Wade and I sank the Jap destroyer and a light cruiser.

WADE

We were feared that *Yamato* is more powerful than any other warships in the Imperial Japanese Fleet.

JOHNNY DEAR

I thought you sank *Yamato* to the bottom of the sea.

DYLAN

It wasn't the Jap battleship, *Yamato*. It was her sister ship, *Musashi*.

WADE

Yeah, if we took out two Jap battleships earlier than Taffy 3 would've been saved at Off Samar.

JOHNNY DEAR

It's okay, Wade. You and Dylan saved Taffy 3 from their utter destruction.

WADE

Where's Jack?

DYLAN

He's transfer to *USS Essex* to sink the Jap destroyer at Iloilo.

**EXT. ILOILO, THE PHILIPPINES - DAY**

**SUPER: "OCTOBER 27, 1944. AIR GROUP 15."**

At Iloilo, COMMANDER MCCAMPBELL leads Air Group 15 to sink the Japanese destroyer, *Fujinami*, while assisting the doomed destroyer, *Hayashimo*. The Hellcats of *USS Essex* escort 25 Helldivers and 20 Avengers, but five of them are TBM torpedo planes.

**INT. JACK'S HELLCAT - DAY**

Jack is one of the Air Group 15 after the Thompson Brothers retire after sinking all six Japanese carriers. He knows the Americans can't allow the surviving crew to abandon ship.

JACK

(on radio) Commander McCampbell, I see the Jap destroyer assisting the battered destroyer at Iloilo.

**INT. COMMANDER MCCAMPBELL'S HELLCAT - CONTINUOUS**

COMMANDER D. MCCAMPBELL

(on radio) Roger, Jack. I see it along with the Jap survivors. Everyone, prepare for attack run on the Jap destroyer. The Japs must not allow to rescue any survivors from the doomed destroyer.

As the Japanese destroyer attempts to save the doomed sister ship with anti-aircraft barrage, the American Hellcats attack the Japanese destroyer with .50 calibers while the Helldivers drop their bombs at *Fujinami* before the Japanese sailors can be rescued. The TBFs sank *Fujinami* with torpedoes sending her to the watery grave. Commander McCampbell looks at two sinking destroyers. There are no survivors onboard the *Fujinami*.

COMMANDER D. MCCAMPBELL [CONT'D]

(on radio) Air Group 15, this is Commander McCampbell. *Fujinami* is sinking. Let's go home.

Air Group 15 went back to the carrier, leaving the sinking Japanese destroyer behind.

**EXT. USS ESSEX - FLIGHT DECK - DAY**

Jack lands his Hellcat safely on *USS Essex* where the rest of the Air Group 15 landed safely on the flight deck. Jack climbs out of his plane to meet FIVE NEW FRIENDS.

OWEN

You must be Jack, who survived the Pearl Harbor attack.

JACK

Yup. That's me. The Thompson Brothers and I survived from the Jap attack until they sank all six Jap carriers.

SAMUEL

I'm sorry about your friends,  
Jack.

JACK

That's alright. The Japs got what  
they deserved.

LEO

Yeah! And this is what the Japs  
get for attacking Pearl Harbor  
with bombs and torpedoes.

JACK

I know. Weston died at Midway,  
James survived his very first  
Guadalcanal Campaign until the  
Battle of Santa Cruz, and now Bill  
Martin left Noah and Caden behind  
at Saipan before the Philippine  
Sea battle has begun.

TREVOR

That's what I thought. The  
Thompson Brothers won't fly again  
before the war's over.

JACK

It won't be over if we deal with  
the Japs in the air.

FRANK

And thanks to the Thompson  
Brothers, he's back with his  
family again.

JACK

Why are they leaving *USS*  
*Enterprise* like that?

OWEN

Because the Thompson Family are  
visiting the White House.

JACK

They can't visit the White House!  
The war is almost over.

FRANK

That's their decision, not yours.

TREVOR

They decided not to fight the Japs  
anymore ever since the last Jap  
carrier sunk at Leyte Gulf.

SAMUEL

Aren't you going to see them after  
the war?

JACK

Yes, Samuel. I won't give up  
fighting against the Japs until  
the end of war.

LEO

But the Japs lost their naval  
forces since the carriers were  
sent to the bottom of the sea.

JACK

Perhaps, but I'm more concerned  
about the air power.

OWEN

You mean the Japs have airstrips?

JACK

That's what I'm afraid of before  
the end of war against the Axis  
Powers.

SAMUEL

But the Japs still have boats to  
defend their territory.

Jack knew the war is almost over, but the Japanese have remaining aircraft on the airfield to crush the American Fleet once and for all.

SMASH TO BLACK.

THE END