Stuka

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FADE IN:

EXT. ENGLISH CHANNEL - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "JULY 10, 1940."

On the English Channel, the British Convoys are delivering supplies to England. THE BRITISH SAILORS are loading some food, water, weapons, and other supplies.

BRITISH CAPTAIN

Have you got enough supplies yet?

BRITISH SAILOR

Aye, we've got everything we need to give those supplies to England.

BRITISH CAPTAIN

Good, make sure our supplies are secured so we reach England on time.

SFX: STUKA SIREN SOUND

The British Sailor looks up with the binoculars and spots a squadron of Stukas diving towards the British Convoy to disrupt their supplies before reaching England.

BRITISH SAILOR

Stukas!

BRITISH CAPTAIN

All hands, man your battle stations!

SFX: GENERAL QUARTERS SOUND

The alarm goes off as the British Sailors went to their battle stations and $\underline{\text{fire}}$ with anti-aircraft guns. Flaks burst all around the Stukas as they approach their target with a screaming dive. The Stukas dropped their bombs sinking and damaging the convoys. The Stukas pull out of their dive away from the carnage leaving the remaining convoys to slip through undamaged.

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EXT. SAMER LUFT 2 AIRFIELD JG 3 - DAY

The Stukas land on the Luftwaffe Airfield at Samar. STUKA PILOT, OSKAR DINORT, AND HIS REAR GUNNER, ORTWIN, climb down and give the report to Field Marshal Kesselring.

ALBERT KESSELRING

How was your first mission?

OSKAR DINORT

We sank most of the convoys, but the British managed to slip through undamaged.

ORTWIN

What he means is, some of the British convoys were damaged during our dive-bombing run.

ALBERT KESSELRING

Well done to both of you. Please report to my office, as I would like a detailed account of the locations where you engaged the ships in the English Channel.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. ERWIN'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "AUGUST 12, 1940. LEHRGESCHWADER 1."

One month after the British Convoy sunk at the English Channel, HAUPTMANN ERWIN RODER leads the Stukas of LG 1 to dive-bomb the 'ARENA' and 'AGENT' convoys at Thames Estuary. HIS REAR GUNNER, MARZELL looks down with his binoculars.

ERWIN RODER

Any sign of the convoys, Marzell?

MARZELL

Ja, I see them! At Thames Estuary!

ERWIN RODER

Then let's sink the British convoys before they make special deliveries to England.

SFX: STUKA SIREN SOUND

The Stukas begin their dive-bombing run on the British Convoys at Thames Estuary. The British ships <u>open fire</u> at the Stukas with anti-aircraft guns.

CLOSE ON: ERWIN PULLING DIVE-BRAKES LEVER DOWN

Erwin pulls his dive brakes lever down to slow his Stuka down while making a diving speed toward the British convoys. The Stukas drop their bombs at the convoys, sinking and damaging the British ships before delivering the supplies to England. After completing dive-bombing run on the British convoys, pulls his dive-brakes lever up to speed up the Stuka. Suddenly, the Hawker Hurricane dives toward Erwin. The RAF Fighter <u>fires</u> at the Stuka with eight .303-inch Browning machine guns.

MARZELL

We've got a Hurricane from behind!

ERWIN RODER

Get that British Fighter off our tail!

Marzell $\underline{\text{opens fire}}$ at the British Fighter with MG 15 machine gun to shake it off. The Hawker Hurricane plummets toward the water at 500 feet.

MARZELL

I got him!

ERWIN RODER

Good work, Marzell. Let's get away from the carnage.

The Stukas regrouped and returned to base at Nazi-Occupied France.

INT. CONQUELLES LUFT 2 AIRFIELD JG 52 HANGAR - DAY

Erwin and Marzell went inside the hangar to meet THE GERMAN MECHANIC, MAXI.

MAXI

Hallo, Erwin and Marzell!

ERWIN RODER

Nice to meet you, Maxi!

MARZELL

Did you know where the last Stuka is?

MAXI

The last Stuka is fighting with the RAF.

ERWIN RODER

We wouldn't do that! Do you?

MARZELL

No Erwin, we would never fly alone like that.

Then THE STUKA PILOT ran inside the hangar. He had some bad news!

STUKA PILOT

Guys! I've got some terrible news!

ERWIN RODER

What is it?

STUKA PILOT

The lone Stuka was shot down at the English Channel while fighting the long odds!

ERWIN RODER

What?! No way! How did this happen?

STUKA PILOT

That's not even the worst part! The Bf-110s were shot down before reaching the enemy radar stations! ERWIN RODER

Oh great! Not only the British Fighters shot down the Bf-110s, but the other two radar stations are still operational.

MARZELL

Then, how can we resolve the issue if two radar stations were still active?

ERWIN RODER

We need to resolve the issue before the British scramble their fighters.

MAXI

How about the airfield at Detling?

MARZELL

That's it! Detling is only way to stop the British from taking off and landing.

ERWIN RODER

Then let's start the mission tomorrow.

INT. WALTER SIGEL'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "AUGUST 13, 1940. STURZKAMPFGESCHWADER 1."

The next day, the Stukas are approaching their target at Detling Naval Station. OBERSTLEUTNANT WALTER SIGEL leads a Staffel of Stukas to prevent the British Naval Planes from taking off. FRITZ is Walter's rear gunner to keep an eye out for the British Fighters.

WALTER SIGEL

Do you see any British Fighters, Fritz?

FRITZ

Negative, Walter. I don't see any British Fighters.

WALTER SIGEL

Good. Let's begin our dive-bombing run at Detling.

SFX: STUKA SIREN SOUND

The Stukas scream as they accelerate at a diving speed. Ironically, the parked planes that the Stukas targeted were the British Bristol Blenheim Bombers and Avro Anson Reconnaissance Aircraft at Detling Naval Station. The Stukas dive-bomb Detling Naval Station destroying the British planes on the ground, the hangars are on fire, damaging the living accommodation and administrative buildings, and cratering playing field and surrounding areas.

WALTER SIGEL [CONT'D]

Target destroyed! Enemy aircraft destroyed! Walter to all squadrons, no RAF Fighter presences. I repeat, no RAF Fighter presences. It's time to head home.

INT. CONQUELLES BARRACKS OFFICE - DAY

Hermann Goering spoke severely towards Walter and Fritz.

HERMANN GOERING

Your mission is to attack the RAF Fighter Airfield!

WALTER SIGEL

But we destroyed the RAF bomber and reconnaissance planes on the ground, Reichsmarschall.

HERMANN GOERING

I specifically order you to destroy the enemy fighter airfields, not anything else!

FRITZ

But I didn't get a chance to fight the RAF-

HERMANN GOERING

(shouting) Get out of here! Now!

Walter and Fritz left the office because Reichsmarschall Goering isn't happy about the mission that he wanted.

INT. OSKAR DINORT'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "AUGUST 16, 1940. 13:00 HOURS. STURZKAMPFGESCHWADER 2."

Three days later, Oskar lead 54 Stukas to attack both enemy airfields and Ventnor Chain Home Radar Station. Ortwin keeps an eye out on the British Fighters.

ORTWIN

What are we targeting today, Oskar?

OSKAR DINORT

We have three targets today. We're going to attack Ventnor Chain Home Radar Station and two British Airfields.

ORTWIN

Two RAF Airfields?

OSKAR DINORT

Ja, we're going to split up into three groups to attack two airfields and one radar station. (on radio) Flight Leader to PAUL-WERNER, Flight Leader to Walter, do you copy?

INT. PAUL-WERNER HOZZEL'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

PAUL-WERNER HOZZEL

(on radio) Roger, Flight Leader. Go ahead.

INT. OSKAR DINORT'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

OSKAR DINORT

(on radio) We have three targets to choose from. T6 Leader to S2 LEADER? Do you copy? This is T6 Leader speaking.

INT. ANTON KEIL'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

SUPER: "STURZKAMPFGESCHWADER 77."

ANTON KEIL

(on radio) This is S2 Leader speaking. Go ahead.

OSKAR DINORT (V.O.)

(on radio) We're going to divebomb run on Ventnor Radar Station. You must lead your squadron to dive-bomb on two British Airfields at once.

ANTON KEIL

(on radio) Roger, T6 Leader. We're on our way.

SFX: STUKA SIREN SOUNDS

The Stukas separated into three groups. One of the group of Stukas dive-bomb at Ventnor Chain Home Radar Station, while the other group of Stukas concentrate on two British Airfields. Ventnor Chain Home Radar Station is out of action, Tangmere Airfield suffers major damage, destroying hangars, workshops, and barracks, along with the parked Hurricane fighters. Operations Room is also taking some bomb hits, but the other British Airfield suffer a minor damage. After completing their dive-bombing run, Ortwin spots a group of Spitfires of 152 Squadron firing at Oskar and his squadron.

INT. OSKAR DINORT'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

ORTWIN

Oskar, we're under attack!

OSKAR DINORT

Spitfires! Ortwin, get them off my tail!

Ortwin uses his rear gun to shake them off, but the Spitfires continue shooting at Oskar. Oskar's Stuka took a minor hit, and the Spitfires are too fast for Ortwin to shoot them down.

ORTWIN

They're too many of them!

OSKAR DINORT

Hang on, Ortwin. I got this.

Oskar takes out the Spitfire with Stuka's forward firing machine guns. The wounded Spitfire plummeted towards the water, but Ortwin saw the Spitfires intercepting 12 Stukas!

ORTWIN

We're losing our squadron!

OSKAR DINORT

We need to get out of here before the Spitfires can attack us again!

The remaining Stukas escape from deadly Spitfires.

INT. HON E.F. WARD'S HAWKER HURRICANE - CONTINUOUS

RAF PILOT, HON E.F. WARD leads the Hawker Hurricanes of 601 Squadron to intercept the fleeing Stukas, callsign WEAPON.

HON E.F. WARD

(on radio) Weapon Leader to WEAPON 4, the Stukas are getting away. One of our airfields is badly damaged.

INT. BILLY FISKE'S HAWKER HURRICANE - CONTINUOUS

BILLY FISKE

(on radio) That bloody bastards! Those Jerries are going to pay for the damage they did!

INT. HON E.F. WARD'S HAWKER HURRICANE - CONTINUOUS

HON E.F. WARD

(on radio) Then let's teach the Germans a lesson!

Ward leads his squadron of Hawker Hurricanes to teach the Stukas a lesson with <u>machine guns blazing</u>. The 601 Squadron intercept and destroy 12 more Stukas until KEIL'S REAR GUNNER, ULRICH, spots a Hurricane at tail-end-Charlie.

INT. ANTON KEIL'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

ULRICH

The British are intercepting our squadron, Keil!

ANTON KEIL

Get this British Fighter off my tail, Ulrich!

Ulrich opens fire with his 15 mm machine gun on the rear.

INT. BILLY FISKE'S HAWKER HURRICANE - CONTINUOUS

Billy is mortally wounded by Ulrich's rear gun shattering Hawker Hurricane's windshield.

HON E.F. WARD (V.O.)

(shouting over the radio) Billy? Billy, can you hear me? Billy!

Billy crash lands on the ground dying.

INT. ANTON KEIL'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

ULRICH

The RAF got what he deserved.

ANTON KEIL

Then let's waste any time. (On radio) S2 Leader to all squadron, it's time to return the base. Let the British have the ruins.

The surviving Stukas limp back to their base before the Hawker Hurricanes can catch them up.

EXT. QUERQUEVILLE AIRFIELD - DAY

The surviving Stukas land the Luftwaffe Airfield near Cherbourg. Anton and Ulrich exit the Stuka. He explained to Anton about his confirmed kill on the RAF Pilot during their escape from the carnage.

ULRICH

Anton, I killed the pilot on the windshield.

ANTON KEIL

Did you see the blood on the Hurricane's windshield?

ULRICH

No Anton, he crashed into the ground.

ANTON KEIL

We need to talk to Field Marshal Kesselring about this.

INT. CHERBOURG LUFT 3 AIRFIELD JG 53 AND JG 27 - HANGAR - DAY

Meanwhile, Maxi and the German air mechanics are repairing the damage on the Stuka as Oskar and Ortwin went inside the hangar.

OSKAR DINORT

How bad is it, Maxi?

MAXI

Your plane took a minor hit by a group of Spitfires.

ORTWIN

At least Oskar shot down one of them.

MAXI

You're good at dogfight with a Spitfire, right?

OSKAR DINORT

I'm not good at dogfight, but I managed to shoot the Spitfire down with my forward firing machine quns.

MAXI

That's great! Maybe you should work together as a team.

ORTWIN

A team?

MAXT

Ja, a team. If the gunner can't shoot down the enemy fighter, then the pilot must finish the job.

ORTWIN

And I would've gotten a kill as the rear gunner instead of Oskar.

OSKAR DINORT

Don't worry, Ortwin. You'll get a chance to shoot down the British as the rear gunner when you get a chance.

ORTWIN

Ja, next time, I'll get a kill on the RAF Fighters on the rear.

OSKAR DINORT

And I'm pretty sure you'll be good as Ulrich.

ORTWIN

But he killed the Hurricane Pilot on the windshield. He couldn't see the blood on the windshield.

Anton and Ulrich went inside the hangar and explained what happened.

ANTON KEIL

Field Marshal Kesselring told us about the British Pilot that Ulrich killed.

ULRICH

His name is Billy Fiske, one of the Hurricane pilots that I killed after our dive-bombing run at two airfields.

OSKAR DINORT

Billy Fiske is the RAF Pilot who died in a crash during your attack on two British Airfields?

ULRICH

Ja, Fiske didn't bail out of his plane on time.

ORTWIN

Did you see the blood on the windshield?

ULRICH

Ja, he got multiple hits inside the cockpit.

ANTON KEIL

And I don't have to worry about engaging a fighter, unlike you, Oskar.

OSKAR DINORT

Unlike what?

ANTON KEIL

Like your rear gunner didn't shoot down the British Fighters, but you did take out the Spitfire with your forward guns.

OSKAR DINORT

We took some hits by a group of Spitfires, but luckily for us, the damage wasn't so bad after all. ULRICH

But we're not. Not a signal bullet hit our Stuka.

OSKAR DINORT

I think we should work on not getting hit by the British for the next mission next time.

ANTON KEIL

Alright, Oskar, but don't get shot down by RAF next time.

ORTWIN

OK, we won't.

EXT. CAEN-CARPIQUET AIRFIELD - DAY

SUPER: "AUGUST 18, 1940."

FIELD MARSHAL HUGO SPERRLE gives the briefing to THE STUKA CREW to attack the radar station at Poling with a map.

HUGO SPERRLE

Gentlemen, you're going to divebomb Poling Radar Station to disrupt RAF early-warning coverage before the RAF begin their counterattack. The JG 27 will escort you during the mission. Good luck to you all.

The Stukas take off to begin their mission to dive-bomb the radar station at Poling.

INT. WALTER SIGEL'S STUKA - CONTINUOUS

Sigel leads the Stukas again, but this time, they're targeting Poling Chain Home Low Radar Station in the north.

WALTER SIGEL

Fritz, how are you doing back there?

FRITZ

We didn't get a chance to shoot down the RAF in the air early.

WALTER SIGEL

Then it is a perfect time to head north and destroy Poling Radar Station.

Suddenly, a massive formation of RAF Fighters takes out the Stukas, forcing the Stukas to engage in a dogfight.

FRITZ

Walter, we're under attack!

WALTER SIGEL

Fritz, shoot down the enemy fighters!

Most of the Stukas went down by the hands of the RAF Fighters. Fritz opens fire at the enemy fighter, but there are too many British Fighters attacking the Stukas.

SFX: STUKA SIREN SOUND

The Stuka screams as Walter accelerates his diving speed towards Poling Radar Station. He releases the bombs and makes direct hit at Poling Radar Station, but the rest of the Stukas are not so lucky.

FRITZ

We're taking heavy casualties!

WALTER SIGEL

Damn it!

Walter bugs out, but only four Stukas make it out alive.

INT. HERMANN GOERING'S OFFICE - DAY

Albert and Hugo went to Goering's office about the causalities report at Poling Chain Home Low Radar Station.

HERMANN GOERING

What happened out there?

ALBERT KESSELRING

We've lost an entire squadron of Stukas while dive-bombing at Poling Radar Station.

HUGO SPERRLE

There are only four surviving Stukas left on a mission at Poling Radar Station.

HERMANN GOERING

We have no choice but to withdraw the Stukas from battle.

ALBERT KESSELRING

But Reichsmarschall, you can't do that!

HUGO SPERRLE

We need those Stukas to complete our mission!

HERMANN GOERING

They're useless to us. Send the bombers to deal more damage on RAF Airfields and other British ground targets.

ALBERT KESSELRING

What about the Bf-110s, Reichsmarschall?

HUGO SPERRLE

Shall we use the Bf-110s as fighter escorts or fighter-bombers?

HERMANN GOERING

Both.

ALBERT KESSELRING

Say what?

HUGO SPERRLE

We need the Bf-110s as fighter escorts not bombers.

HERMANN GOERING

It doesn't matter. We will use Bf-110 squadrons for both bombing and escorting at the same time. Send our heavy fighters for doubleduty. I want the bombers to reach our targets and show the Bf-110s how it's done.

ALBERT KESSELRING

Yes Reichsmarschall.

HUGO SPERRLE

With pleasure.

They left Goering's office. They knew the Stukas dive-bombing run didn't work as they hoped for. With the Stukas withdrawn from battle, the Nazis will never fly the Stukas ever again. Hopefully, Goering has other plans to attack Britian and eliminate the Royal Air Force once and for all.

FADE OUT.

THE END