FADE IN:

INT. AMERICAN AIRPORT - DAY

Passengers move about in a small airport terminal.

SERGEANT IBA ITIYA, late 20's, dark skinned and attractive in her Marine Corps Service Uniform, glances at a large clock.

LANCE CORPORAL DAWSON, early 20's, pale but pretty in similar uniform, lugs her large sea bag behind her.

INT. GERMAN AIRPORT - DAY

Tourists, businessmen and airline personnel hurry in different directions in this modern terminal.

LOVED ONES hug goodbye. A COUPLE kiss.

Iba and Dawson hurry with their luggage.

PA (O.C.)

Flight 3122 will begin boarding for first class....

The jets of a large Airplane ROAR to life.

PA #2 (O.C.)

Please report suspicious objects...

The sound of the PA mixes into the sound of a PILOT.

EXT. NIGHT SKY. - EVENING

A military cargo plane flies through the early evening sky.

PILOT (O.S.)

This is Echo 5-9-2 about to enter Charlie Niner.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER (O.S.)

Copy Echo 5-9-2. Proceed at 2-5-2 degrees at 2-2-0.

PILOT (O.S.)

Copy that. Fuel at 5-9, wind nearly stable. Another beautiful night in the 'Stans.