

FADE IN:

SUPER: BASED ON TRUE EVENTS

EXT. PLAINVIEW KS - STREET (MAY 1945) - DAY

7 year old BILL GHAN - impish grin, mop of brown hair, patched overalls - races his bike past drab government-built houses. A small tin toy airplane dangles from the handlebar.

SUPER: PLAINVIEW, KANSAS MAY 1945

Several people wave as he passes.

EXT. PLAINVIEW KS - COUNTRY ROAD - MINUTES LATER

Ghan races his bike past fields of knee-high corn.

EXT. PLAINVIEW KS - DEFENSE PLANT - FENCE - MINUTES LATER

At the 8 foot solid wood fence, Ghan dismounts from his bike. Near a "Government Property No Trespassing" sign he moves a loose board sideways and wiggles through the tight opening.

EXT. PLAINVIEW KS - DEFENSE PLANT - TAXIWAY - CONTINUOUS

Ghan dashes to the edge of the taxiway and looks left. A huge B-29 assembly plant stands a mile away.

From behind the buildings a gleaming silver B-29 Super Fortress THUNDERS into view on her takeoff roll, her 4 Wright supercharged radial engines ROARING.

Ghan grins and waves at the B-29 when it lifts from the runway 200 yards across from him. It climbs, and banks left.

MP #1 (O.C.)

Hey!

Behind Ghan, two Army MILITARY POLICE (MP) exit a Jeep.

EXT. PLAINVIEW KS - GHAN DINER - DAY

The jeep with the two MPs and Ghan arrives.

One MP leaps out and unloads Ghan and his bike while Ghan's harried 30 year old apron-clad MOTHER exits her diner.

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