

Saving Private Ryan Omaha Beach Scene

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FADE IN:

The THUNDEROUS SOUNDS OF A MASSIVE NAVAL BARRAGE are heard. The power is astonishing. It roars through the body, blows back the hair and rattles the ears.

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EXT. OMAHA BEACH - NORMANDY - DAWN

The ROAR OF NAVAL GUNS continues but now WE SEE THEM FIRING from huge fifteen inch guns.

A SWARM OF LANDING CRAFT heads directly into a nightmare.

MASSIVE EXPLOSIONS from German artillery shells and mined obstacles tear apart the beach.

Hundreds of German machine guns, loaded with tracers, pour out a red snowstorm of bullets.

OFFSHORE

SUPERIMPOSITION: OMAHA BEACH, NORMANDY June 6, 1944 0600 HOURS

HUNDREDS OF LANDING CRAFT, each holding thirty men, near the beaches.

THE CLIFF at the far end of the beach, a ninety-foot drop, is topped by bunkers, ringed by fortified machine gun nests, with a clear line-of-fire down the entire beach.

TEN LANDING CRAFT make their way toward the base of the cliffs, running a gauntlet of explosions.

SUPERIMPOSITION: THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON A TRUE STORY

THE LEAD LANDING CRAFT plows through the waves.

WE MOVE PAST IT TO SEE THE FACES OF THE MEN.

Boys. Most are eighteen or nineteen years old. Tough. Well-trained. Trying to block out the fury around them.

A DIRECT HIT ON A NEARBY LANDING CRAFT causes a huge EXPLOSION of fuel, fire, metal and flesh.

In THE LEAD LANDING CRAFT, the Motorman holds his course. Shells EXPLODE around them. FLAMING OIL BURNS on the water. CANNON FIRE SMASHES into the bow.

THE MOTORMAN IS RIPPED TO BITS.

BLOOD AND FLESH shower the men behind him. The mate takes the controls.

A YOUNG SOLDIER, his face covered with the remains of the motorman, starts to lose it. He begins to shudder and weep. His name is DELANCEY. THE BOYS AROUND HIM do their best to stare straight ahead. But the fear infects them. It starts to spread.