

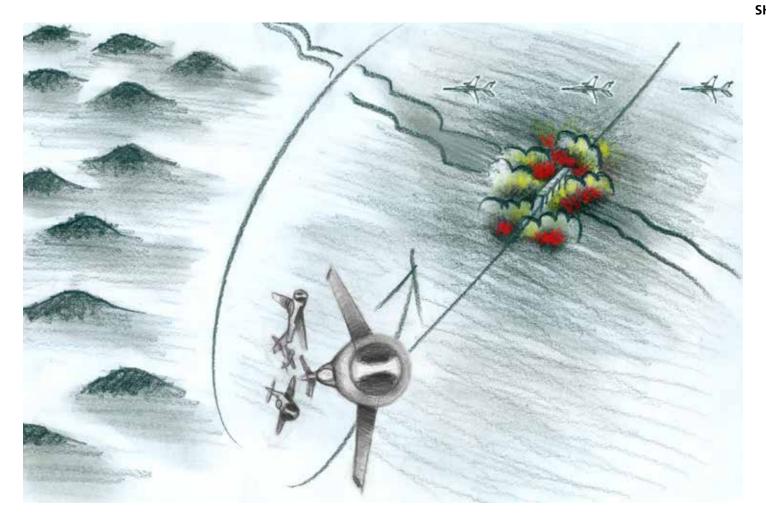


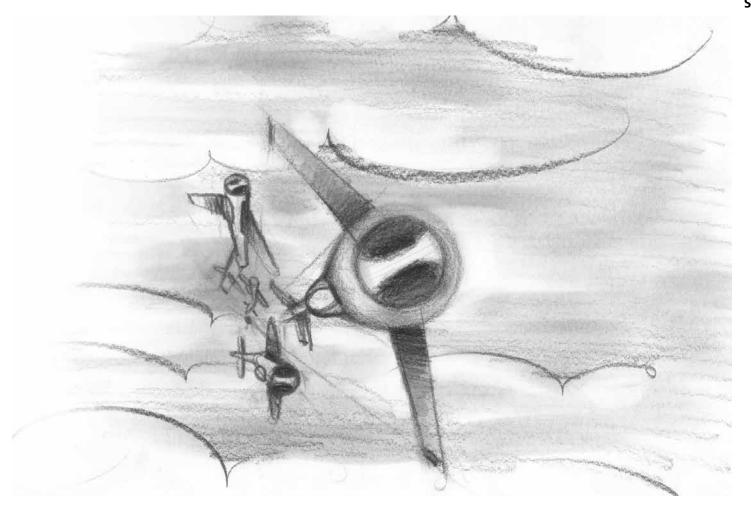


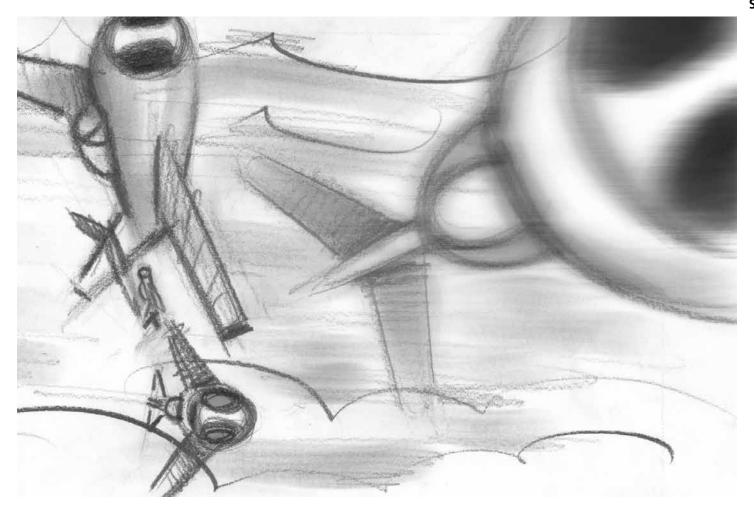
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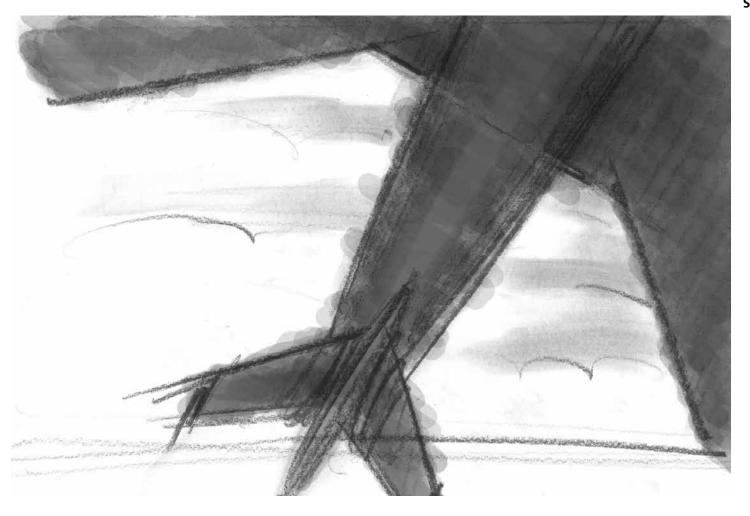
"At that time we were asked to vertically soar up to 3500 metres. The flight immediately soared up to reach the height 3500 metres, passing some layers of clouds."

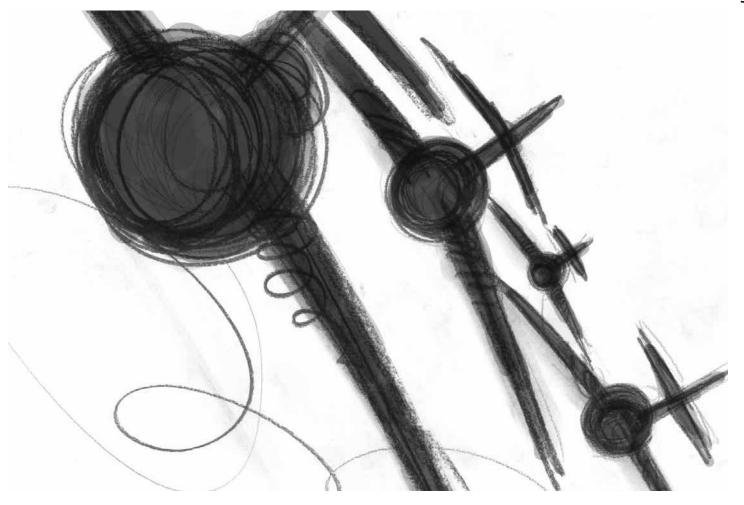








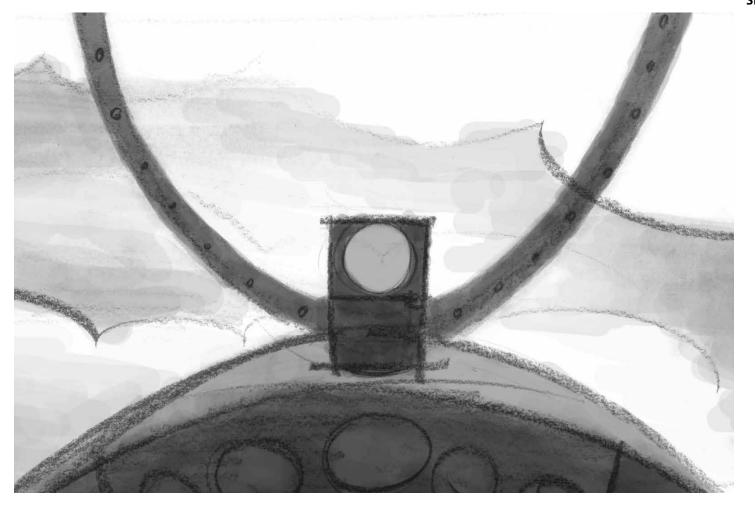


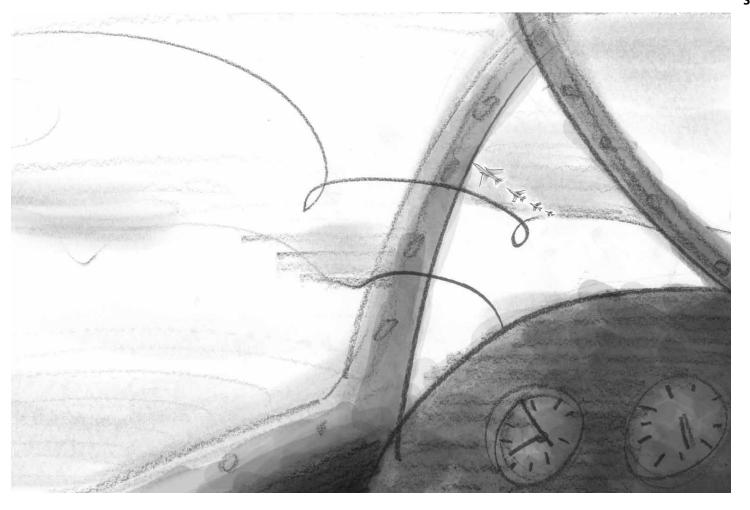


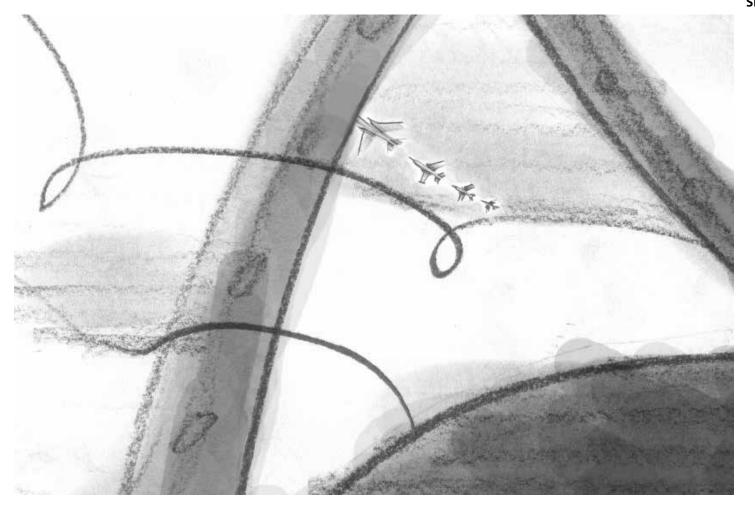


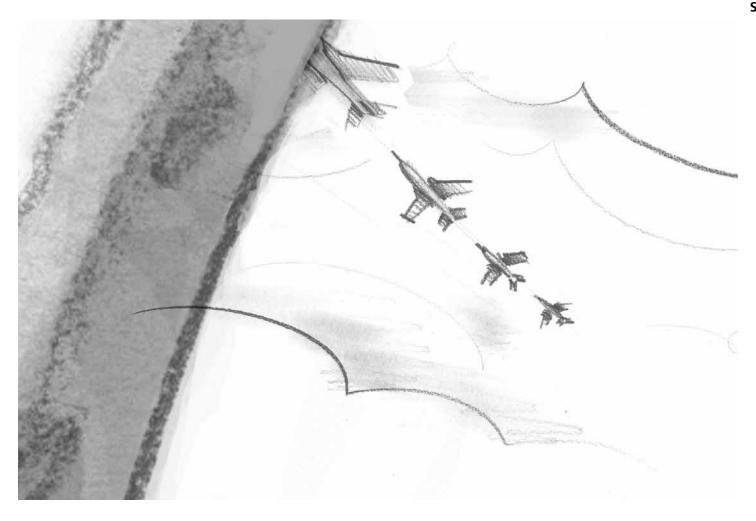
Gen Tran Hanh:

"After scanning from right to left and from left to right, we leveled off. Immediately we could see on the left, about 10 km above, a flight of F105s soaring up [...] they were extending in a long line instead of their usual formation.

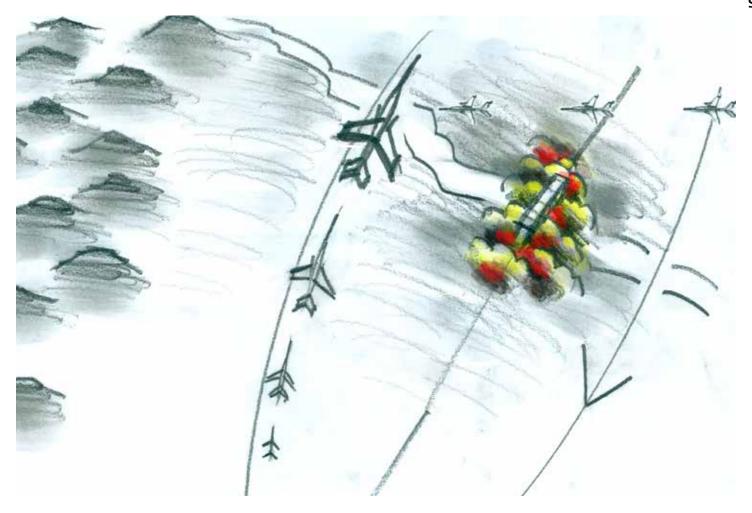


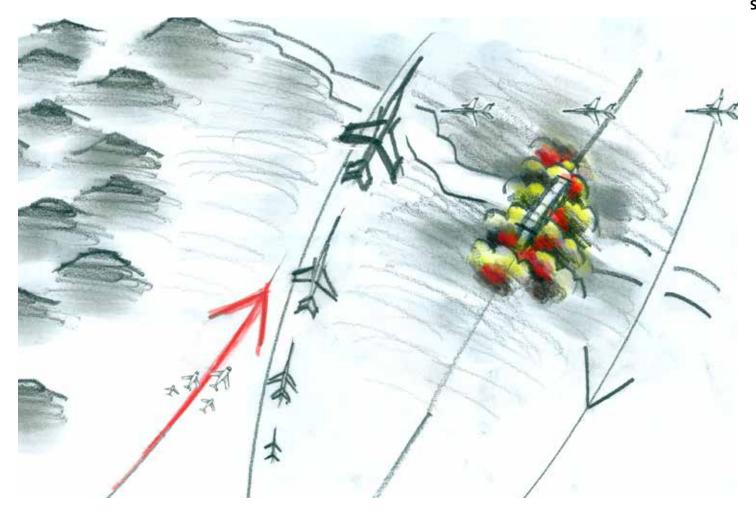


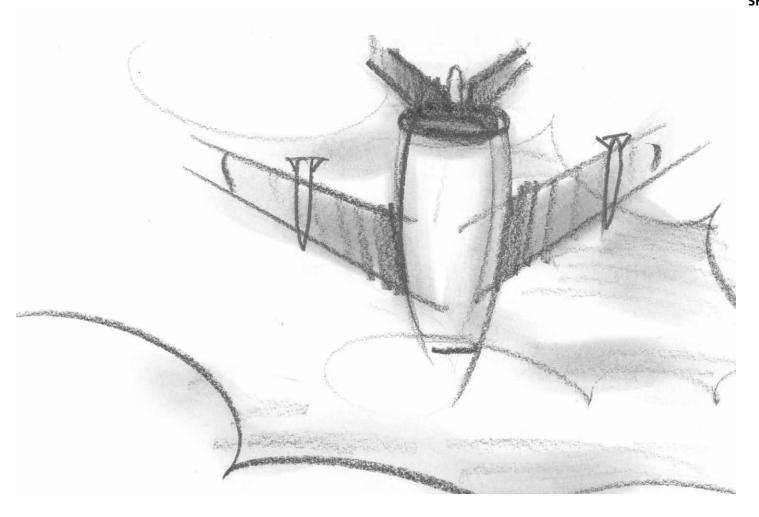










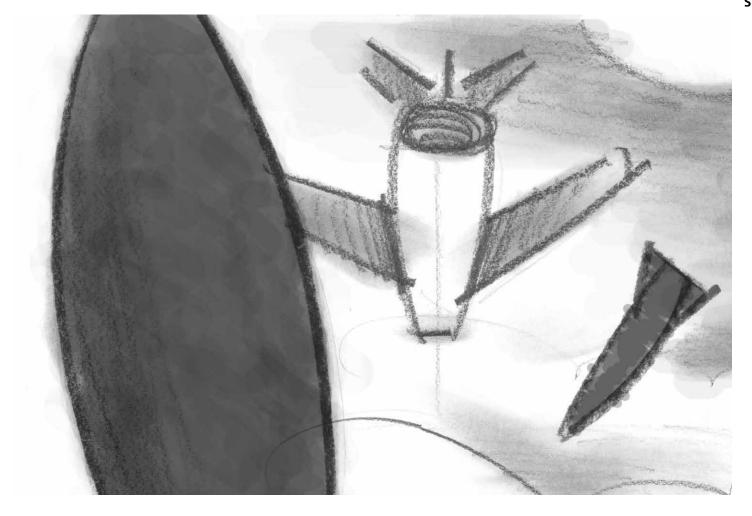


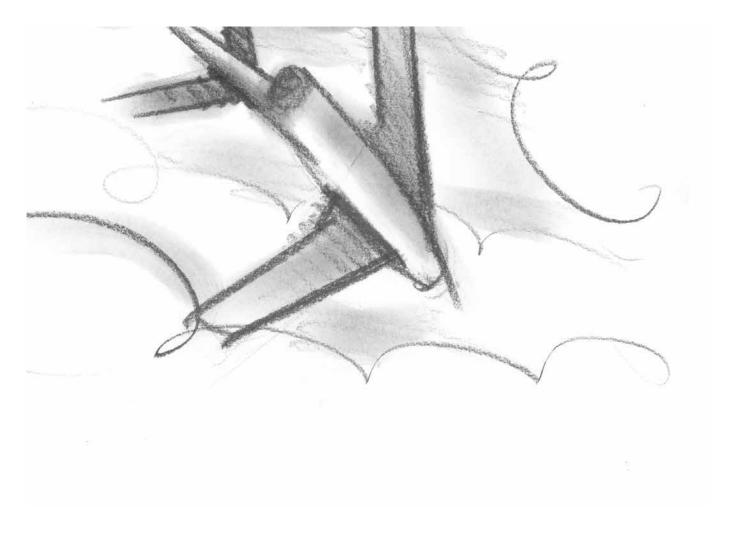
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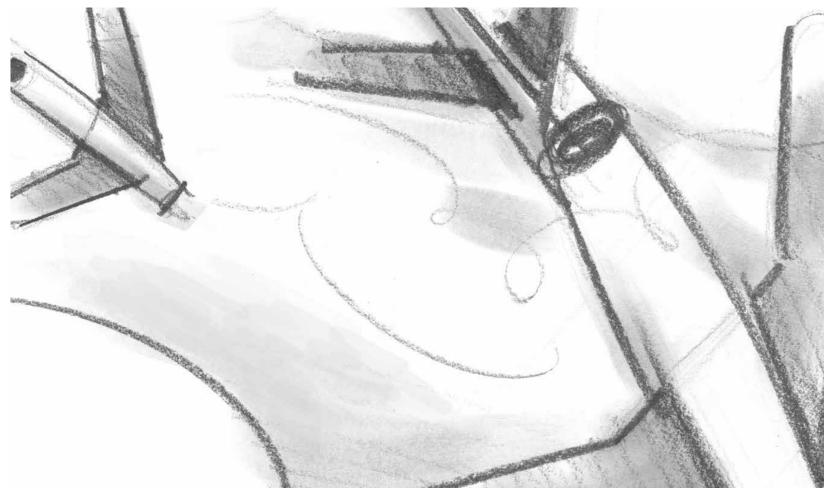


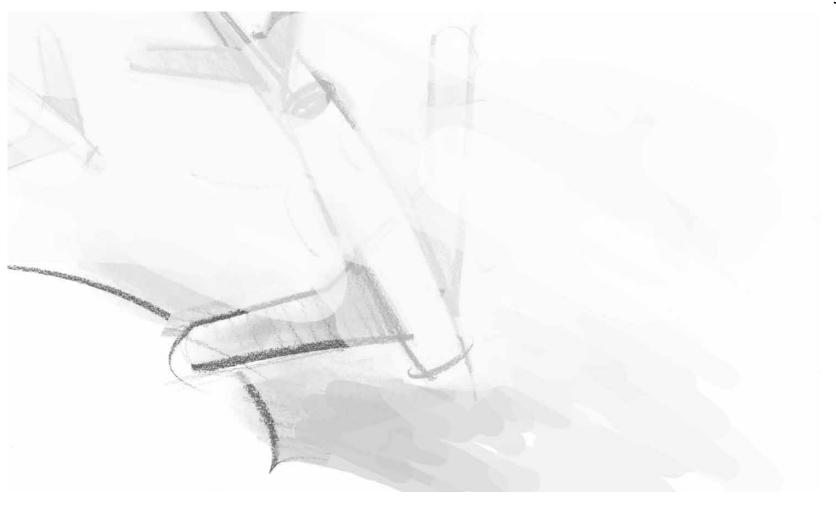
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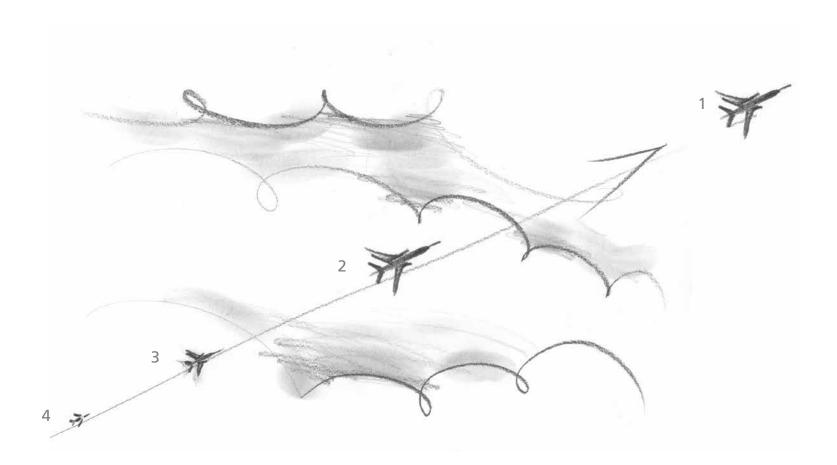
"The nearest aircraft was the lead, it was only 5 kilometres away. I said "the target is 5 kilometres ahead, 501 attacks, 502 supports". Then I quickly removed the external fuel tank, and applied the rudder bar, to the most extent and I discovered the enemy airplanes right there.

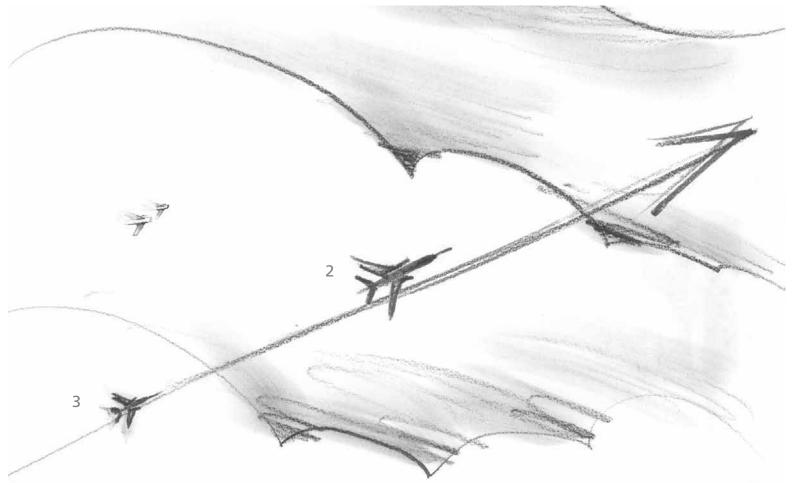


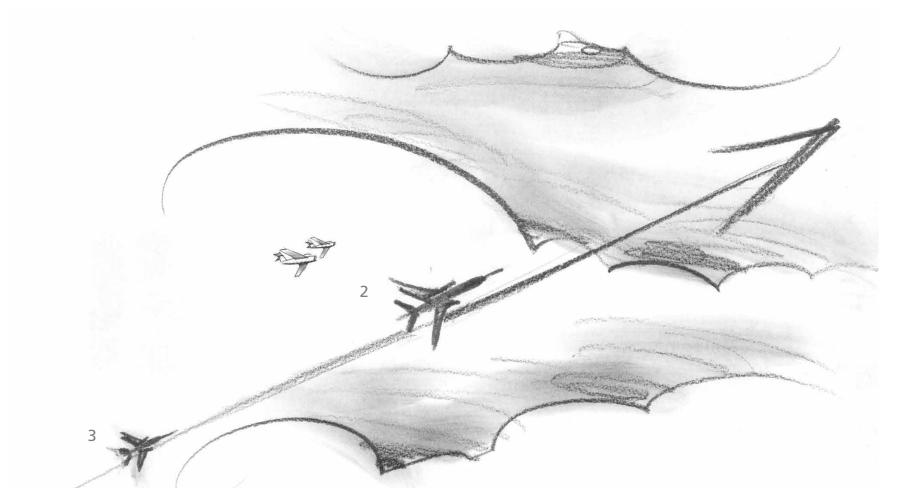


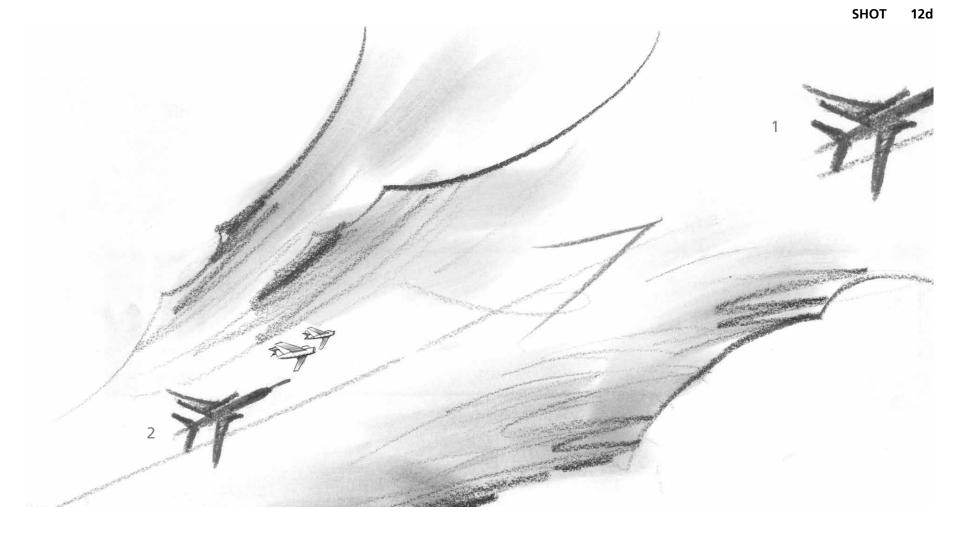


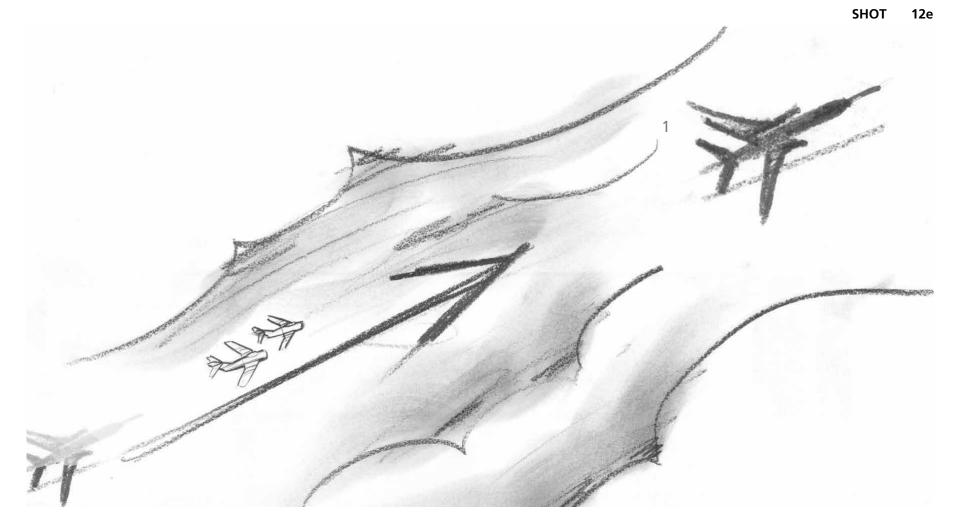


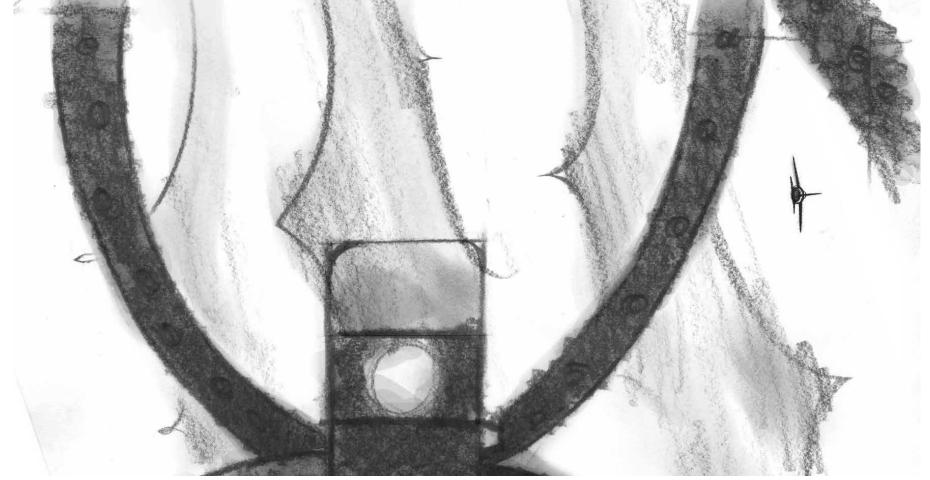


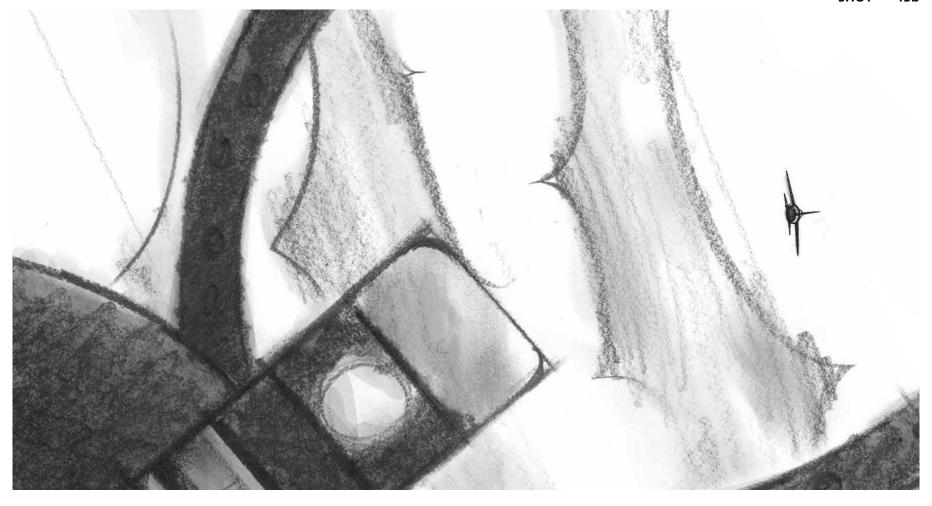


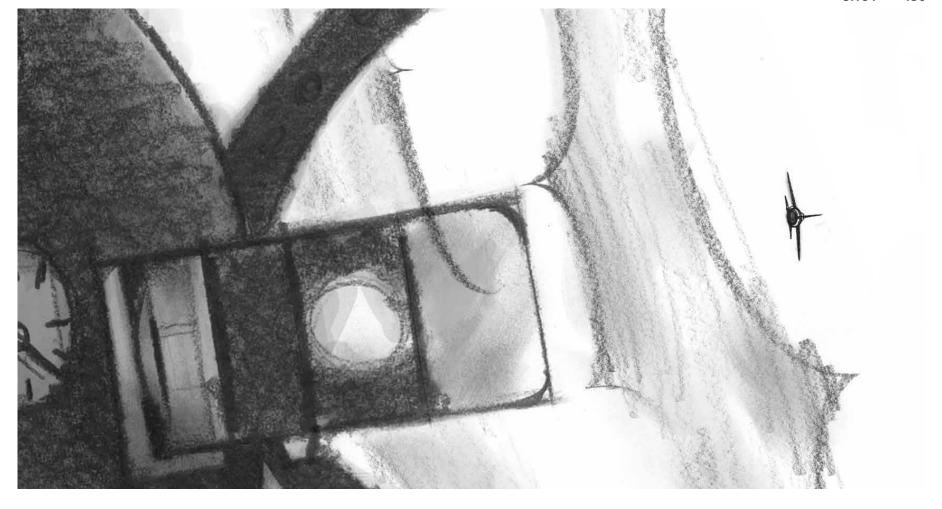






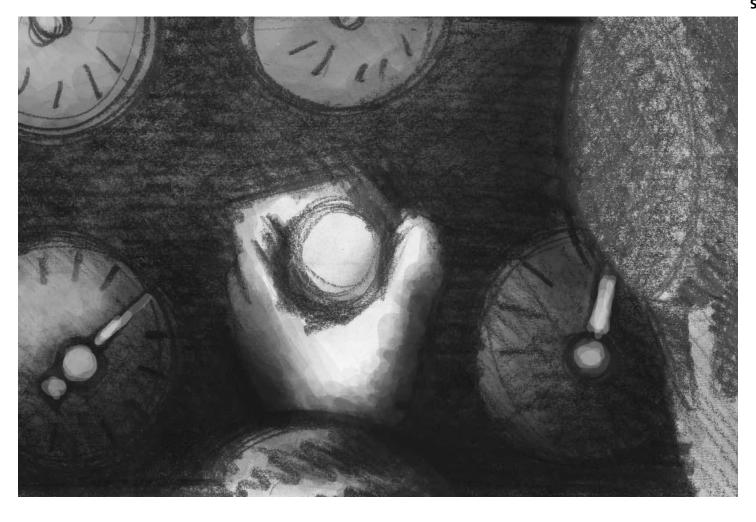






















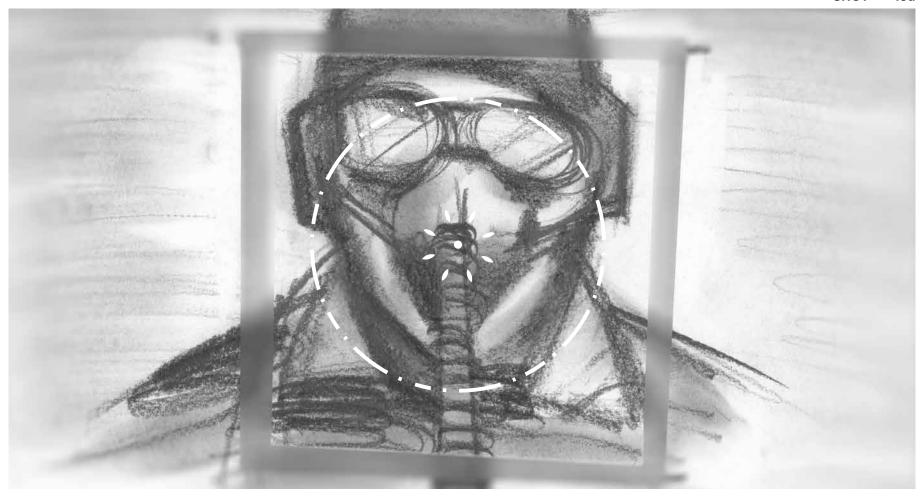


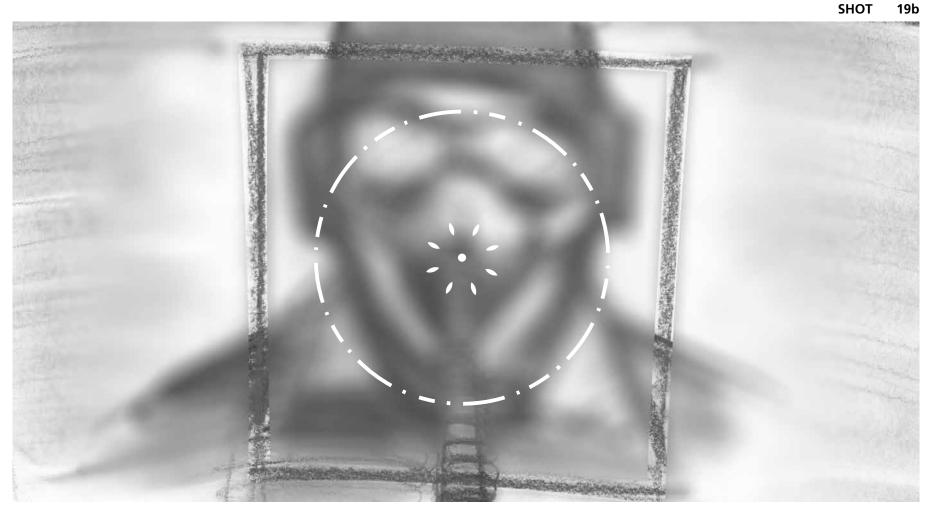
Gen. Tran Hanh: "My plane immediately flew cutting the radius made by them, towards them. It made a sharp, accurate cutting. Inspite of low speed, MiGs 17 were said to be the best in cutting radius."





















Gen. Tran Hanh:

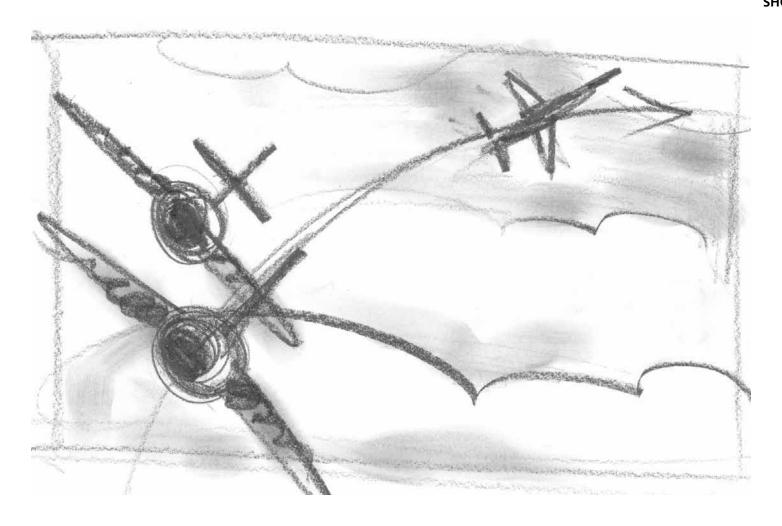
"Meanwhile, the telescopic alidade was used to catch the F105.

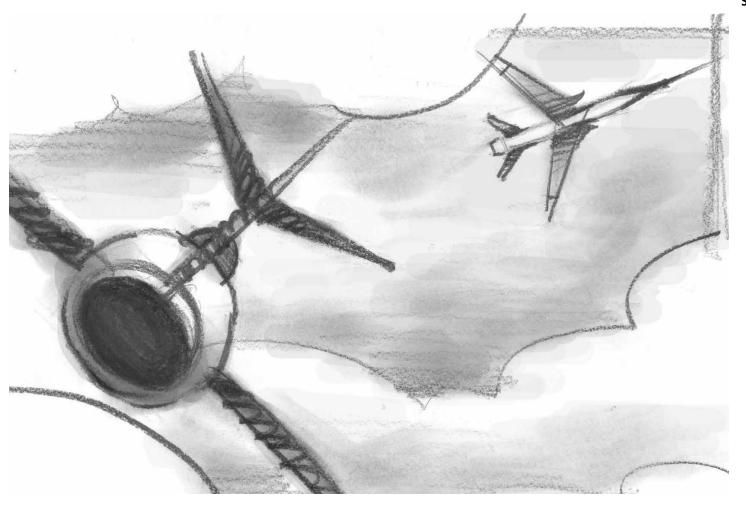
The two planes'maneuvering made them approach each other very quickly and within few seconds in the distance of about 300 metres or 250metres, my telescopic alidade could catch the whole F105 which had a long "nose" and a trimmed "tail".

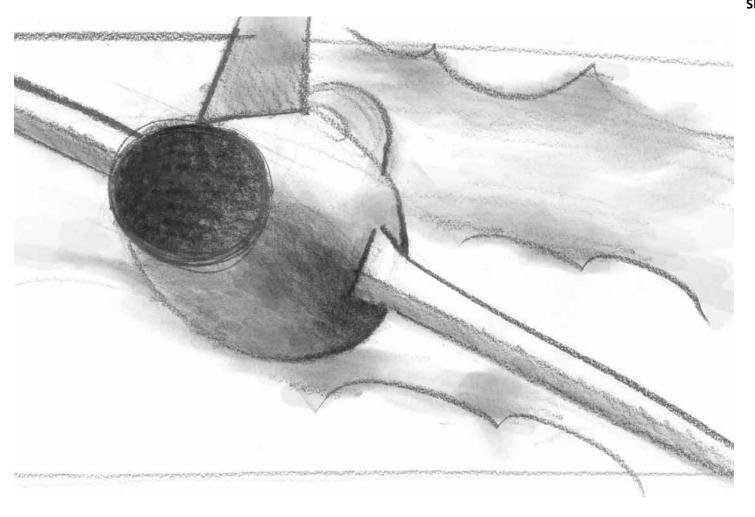




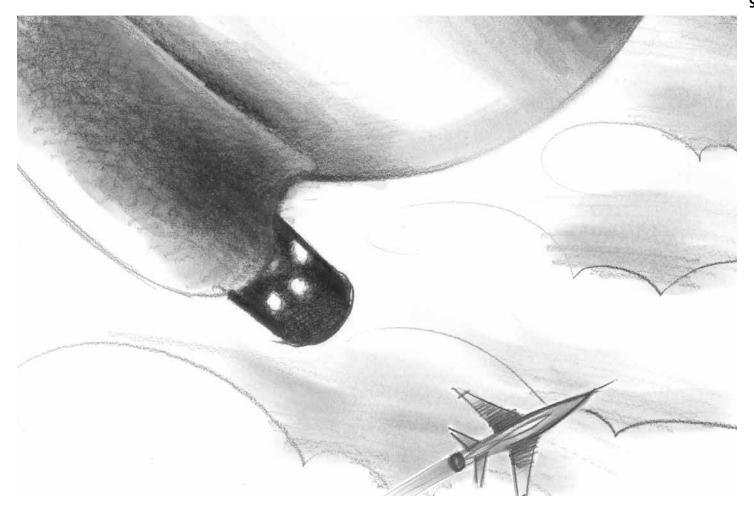


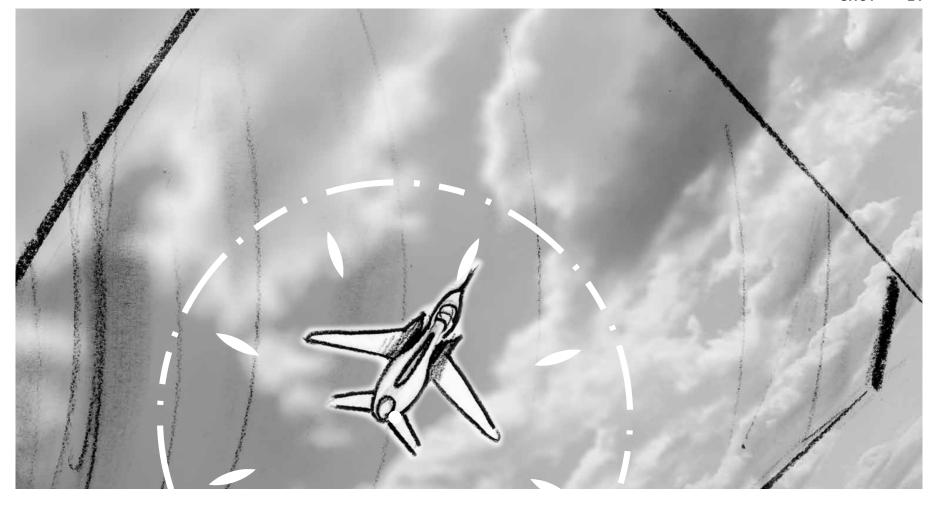




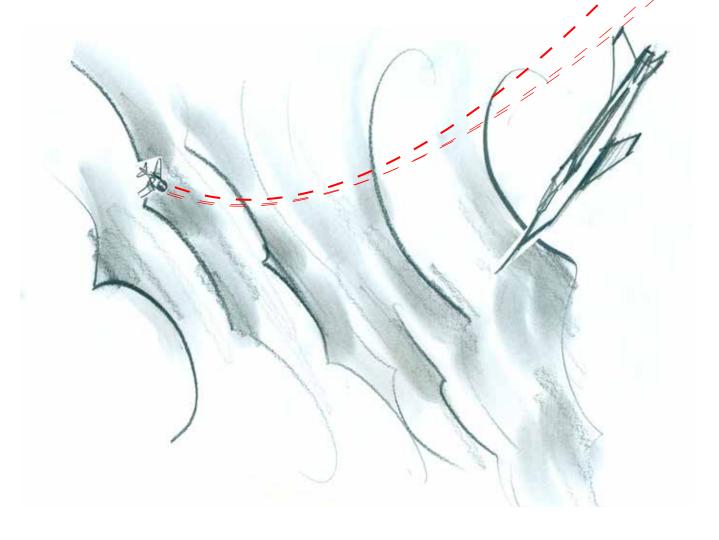




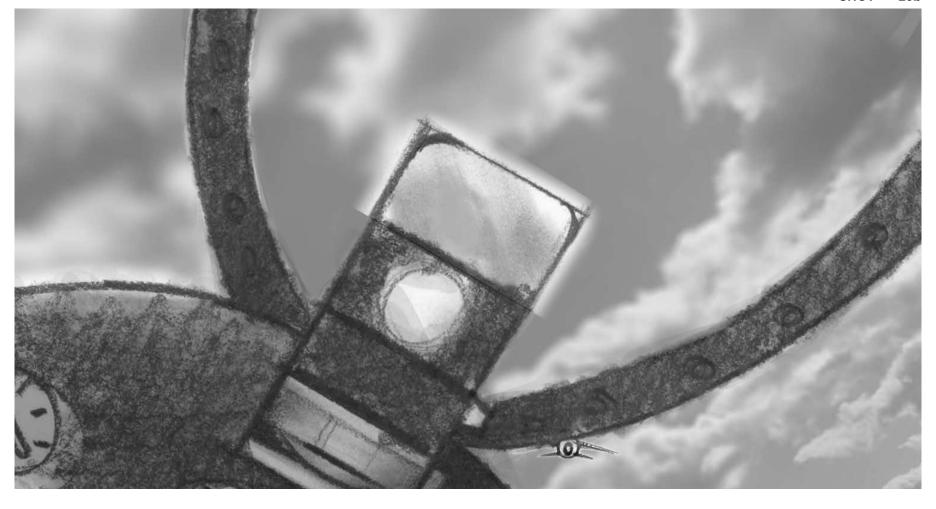


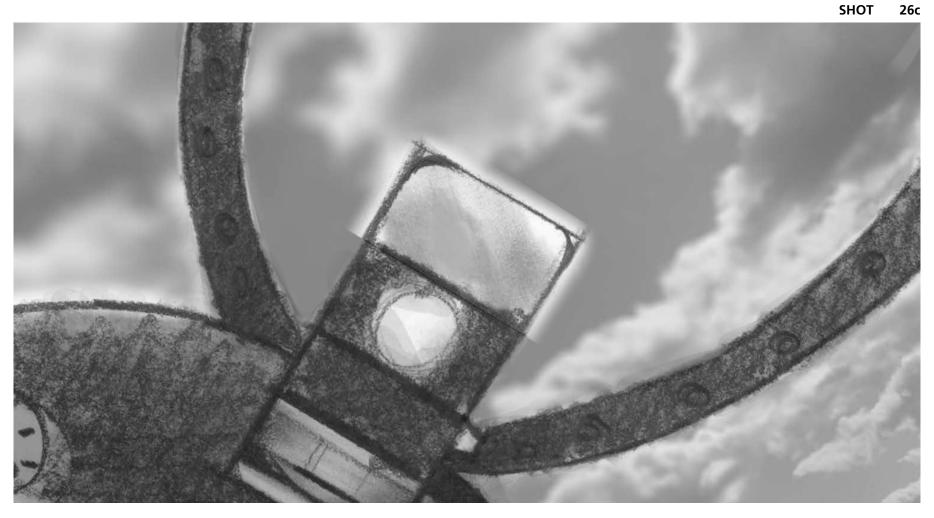


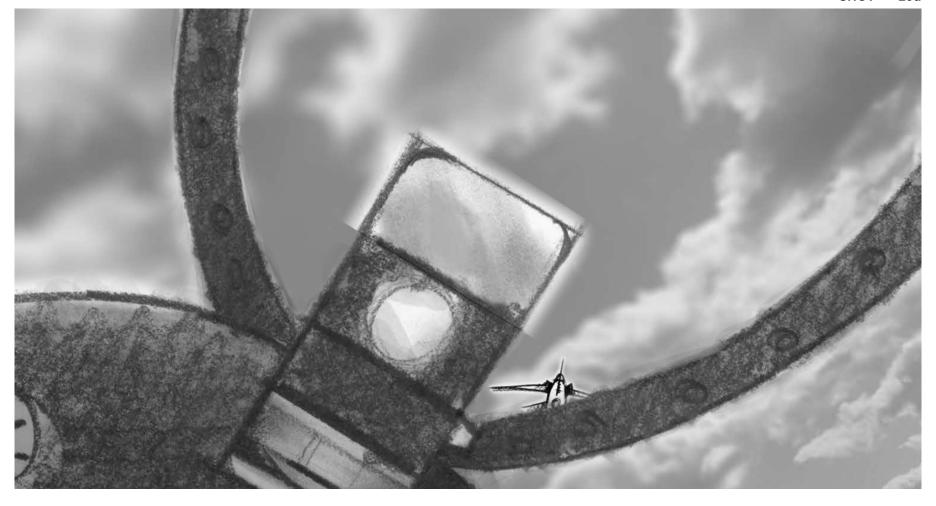


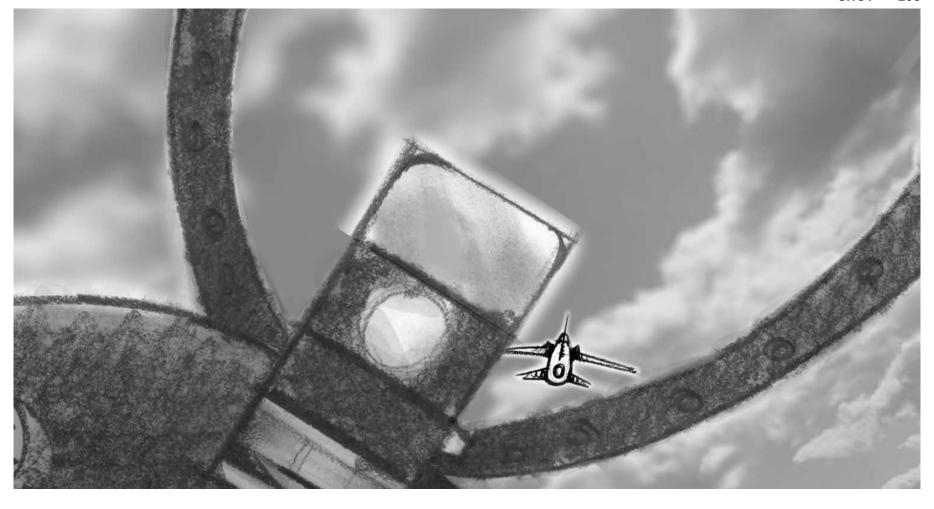


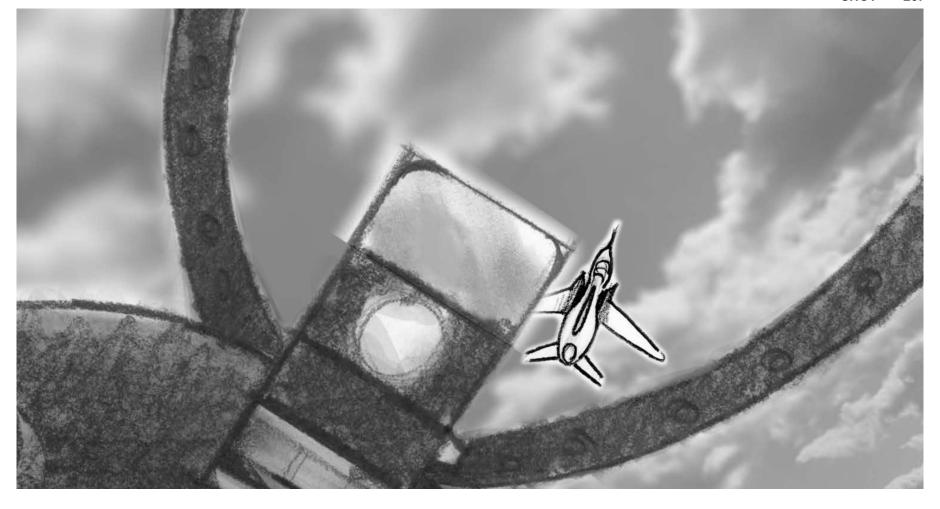


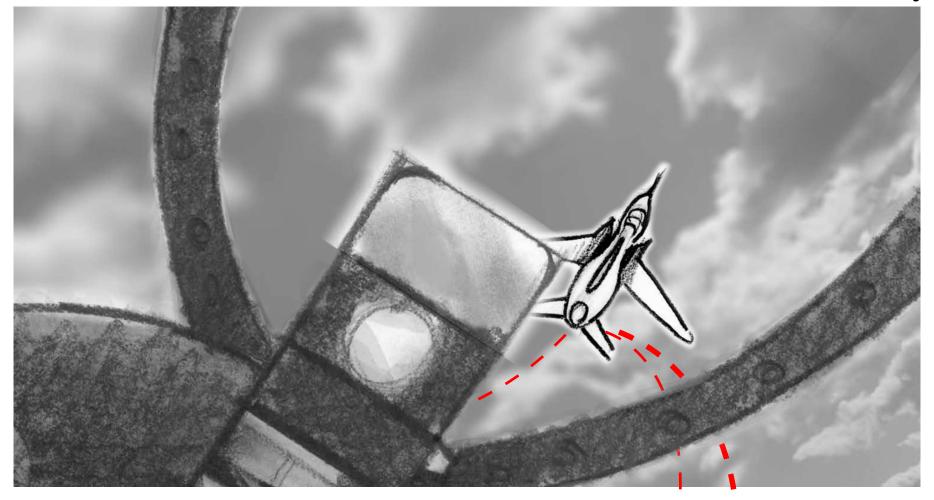


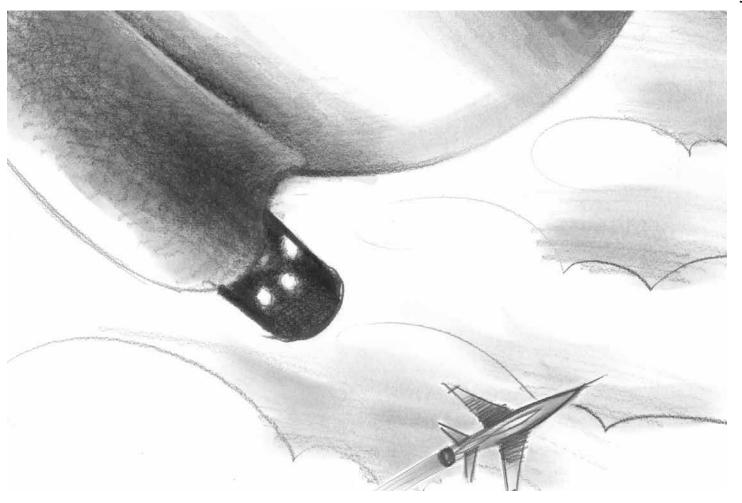


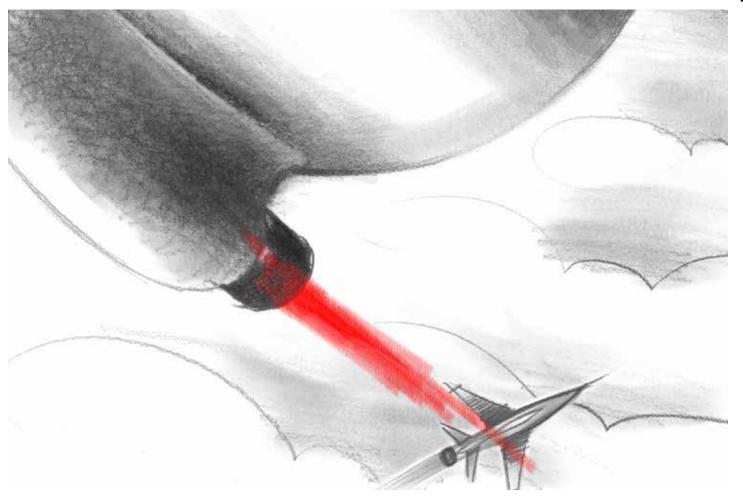


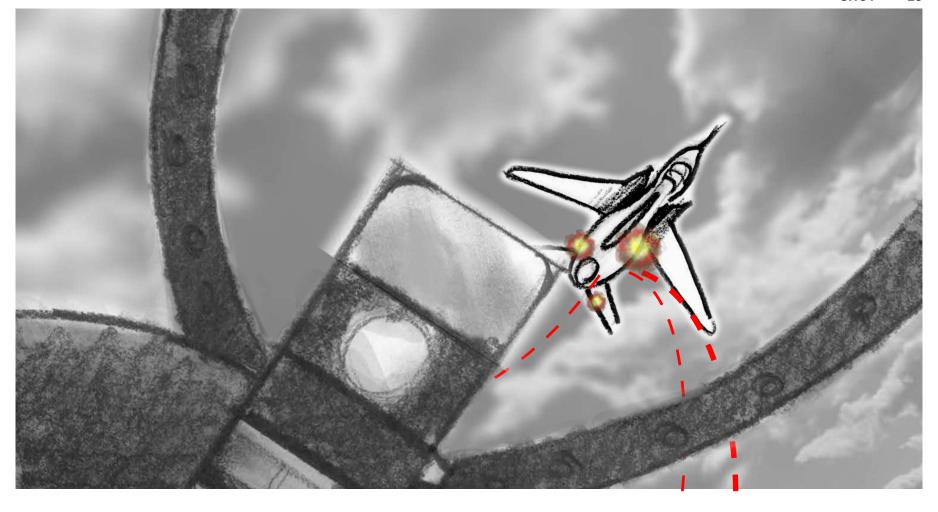








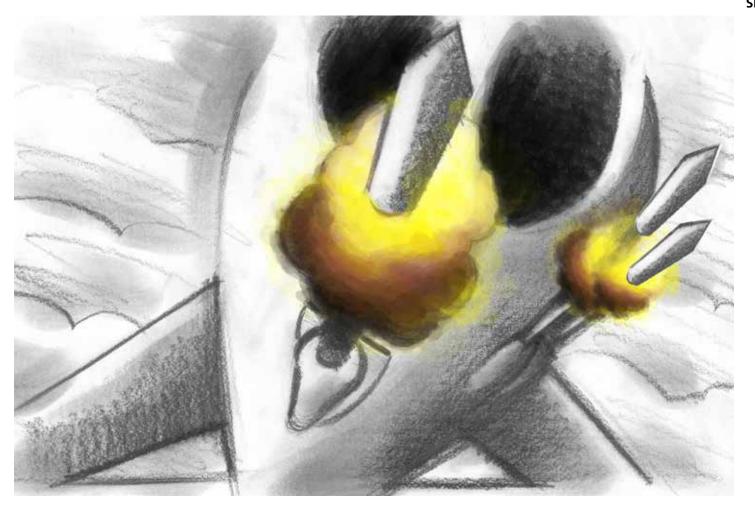




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Gen. Tran Hanh: "Grinding my teeth, I fired...Three fire ranges from two 23mm guns and one 37mm gun could be seen exploding and the F 105 broke down into pieces, rolling down like a big flame."

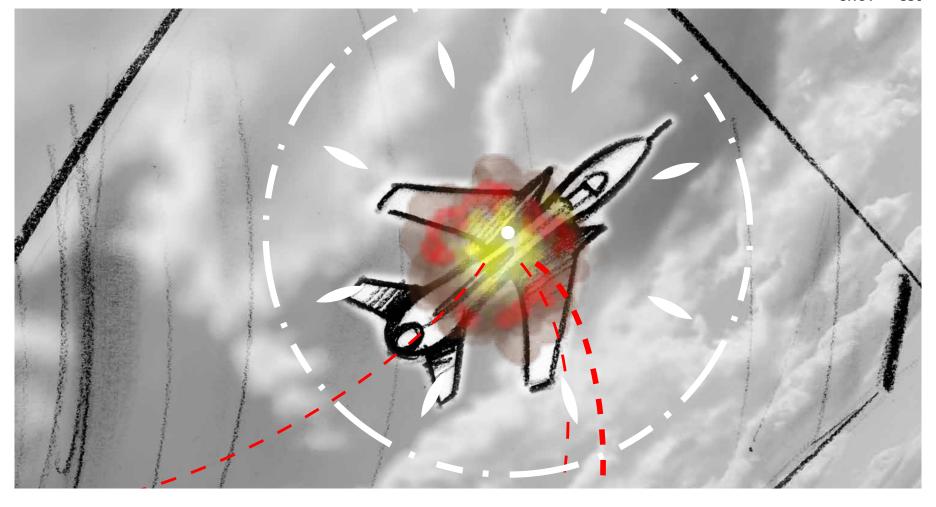


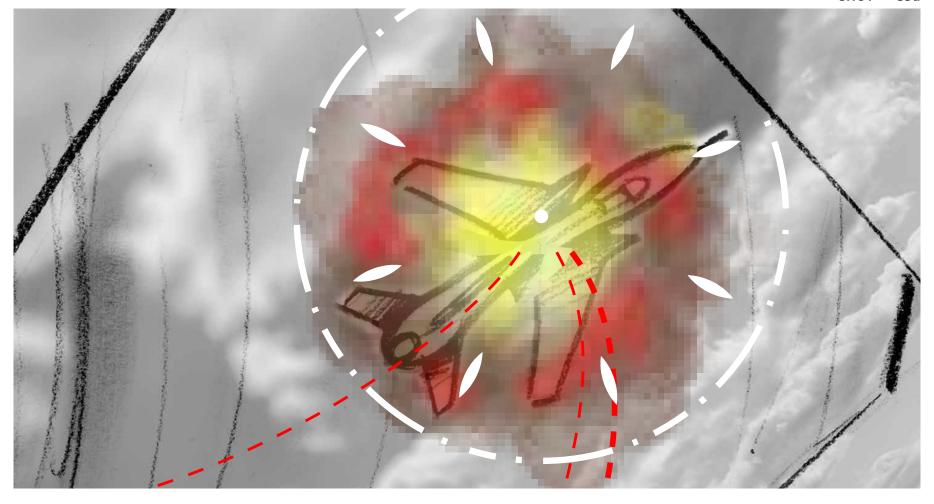


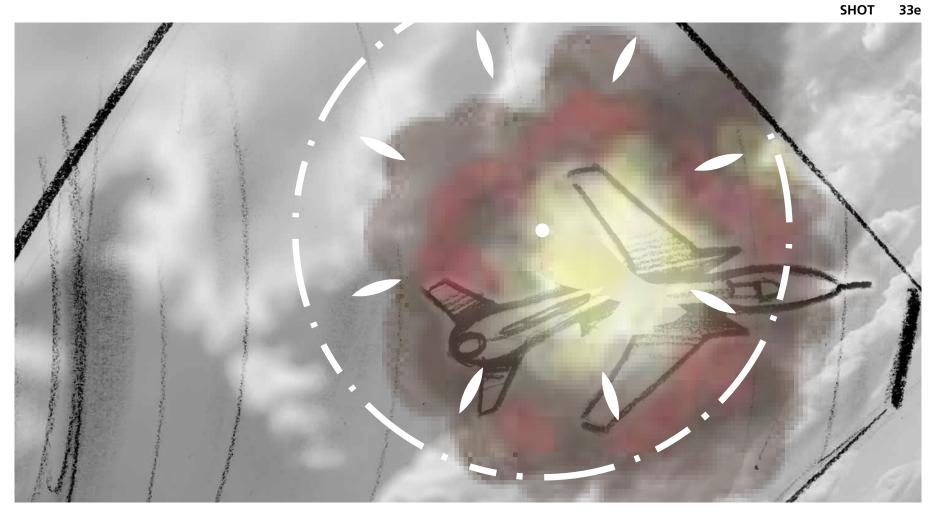


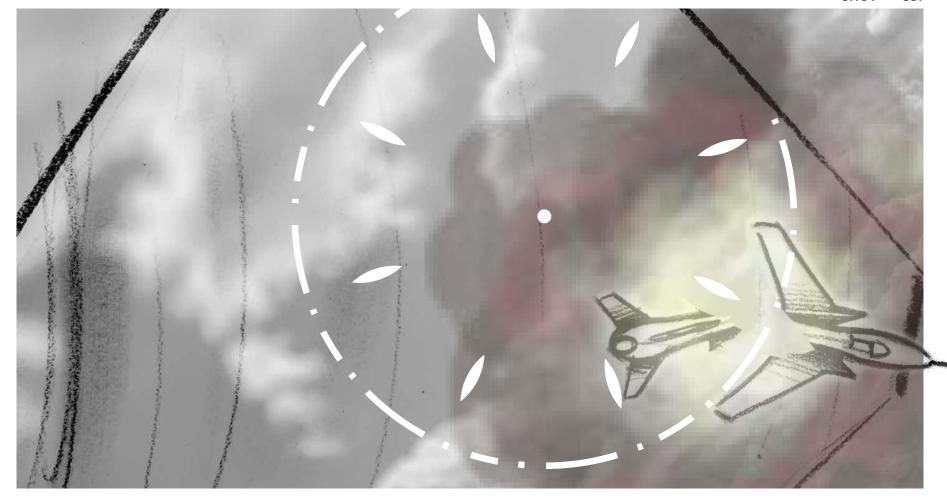










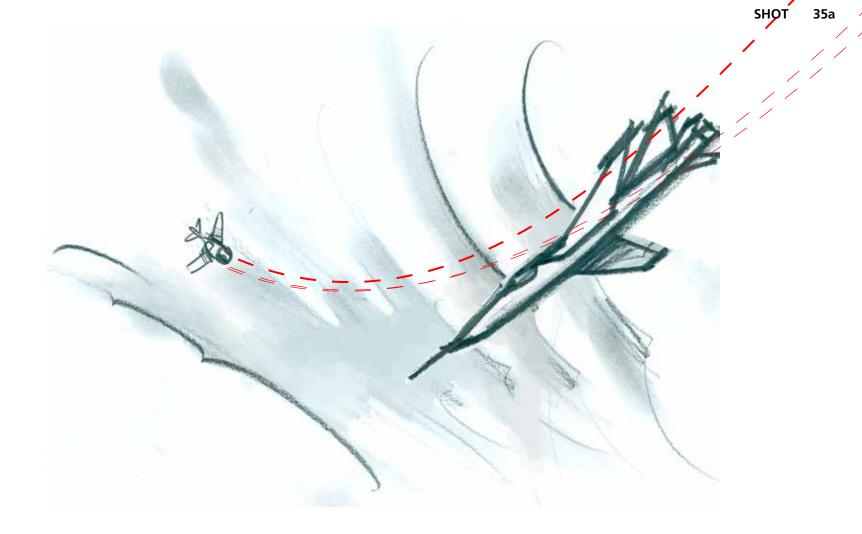


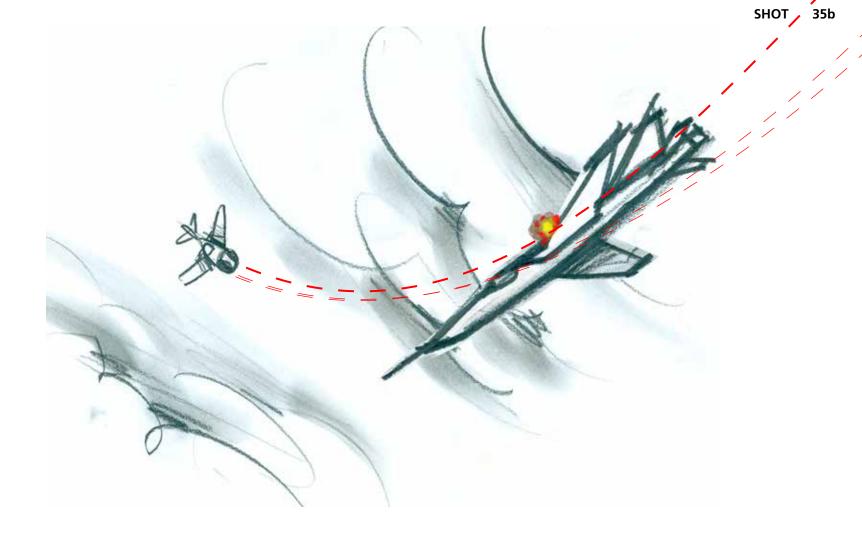


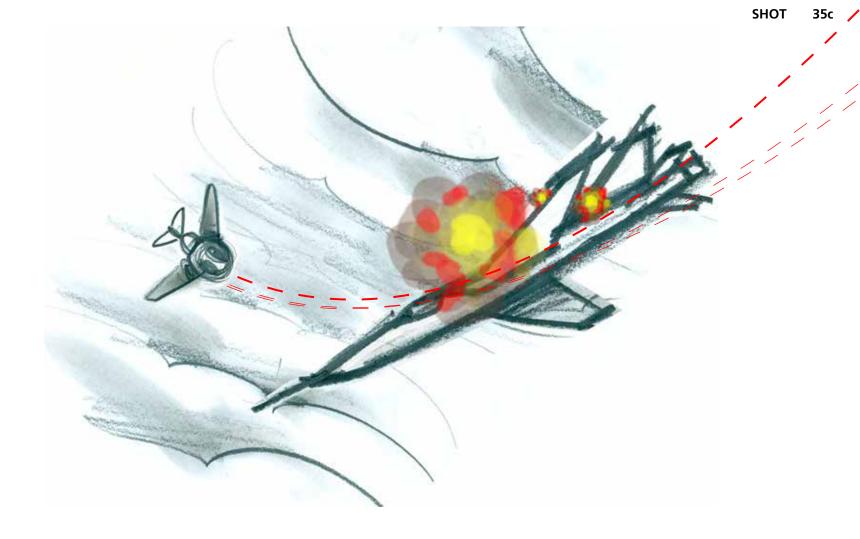


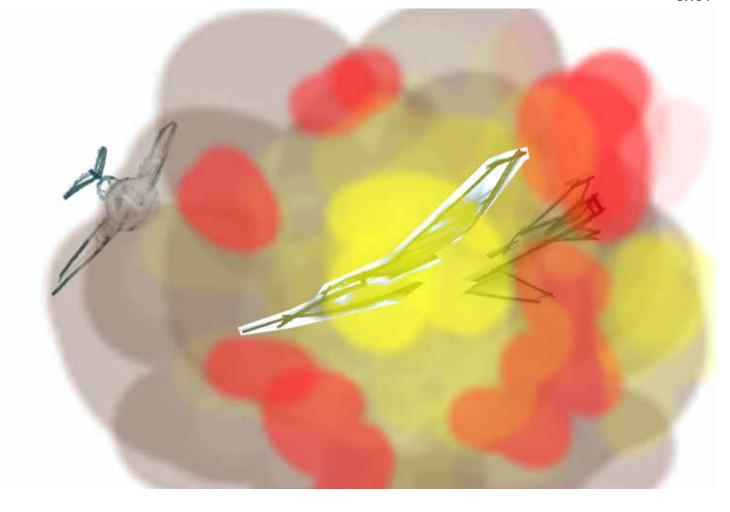


Gen. Tran Hanh: "So happy, I cried "I fired it"!"





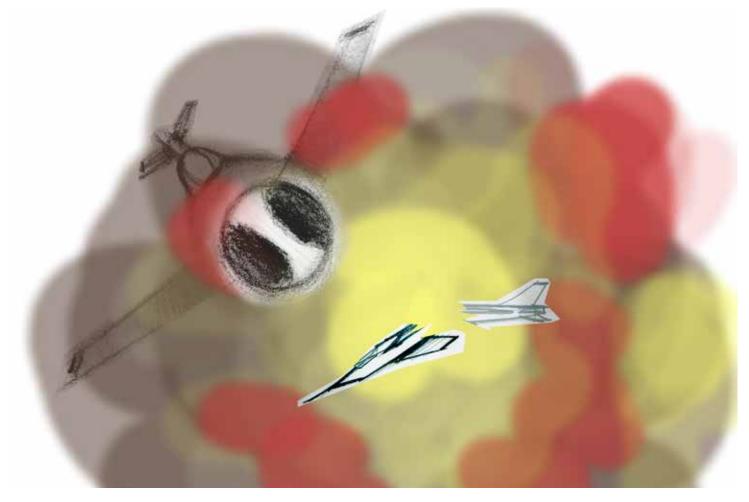




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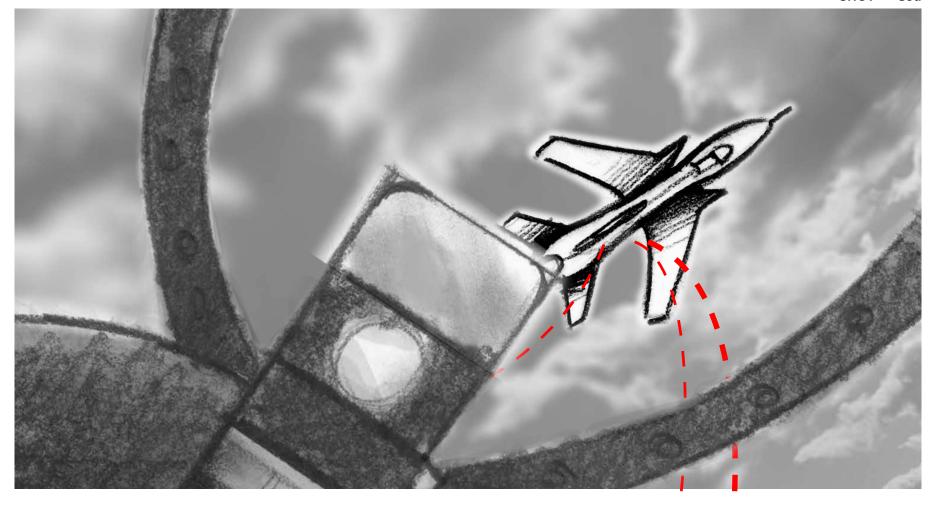
Gen. Tran Hanh: "and immediately soared up to exit, since after being attacked, F105's speed would decrease."

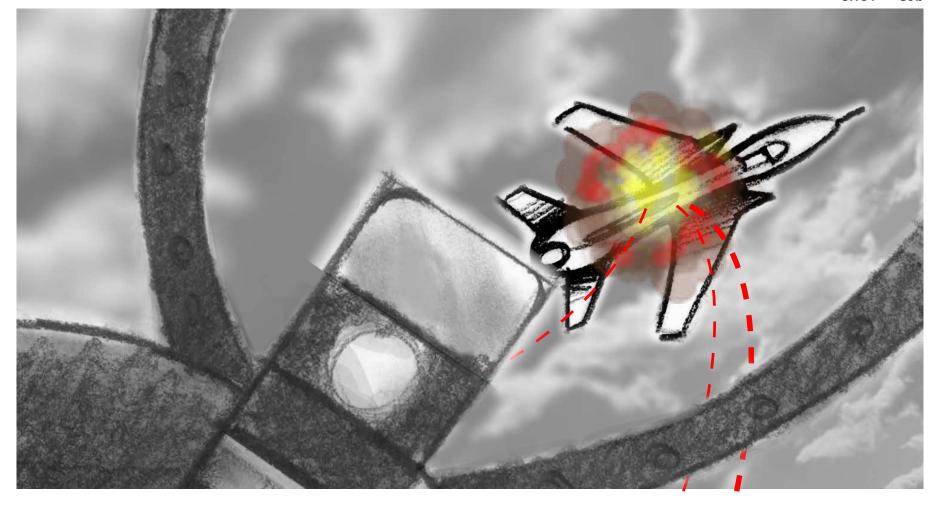


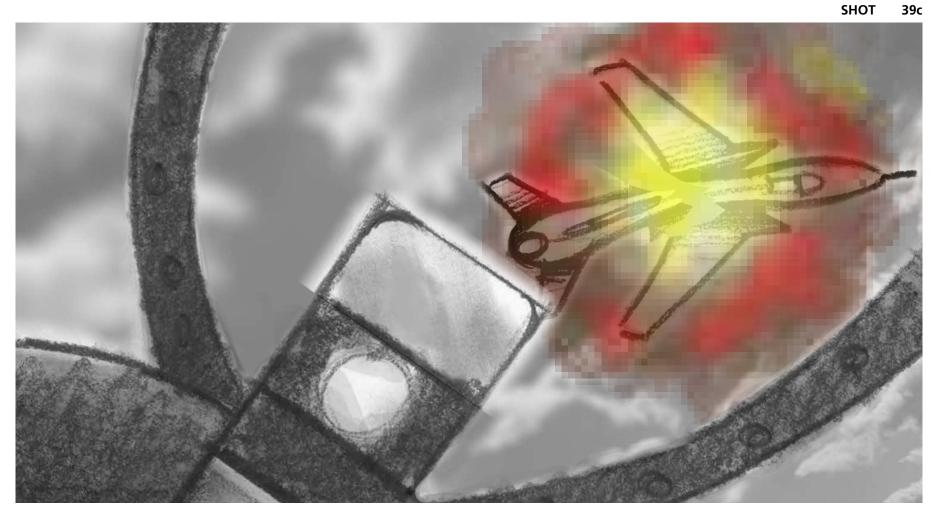
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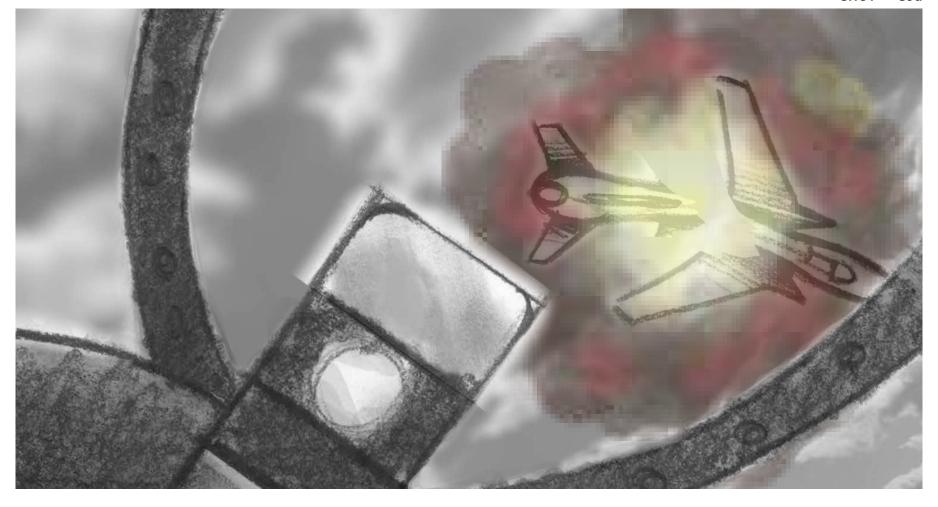


Gen. Tran Hanh: "If I hadn't soared up, with my high speed and maneuvering at that time, I would have crashed into it... "

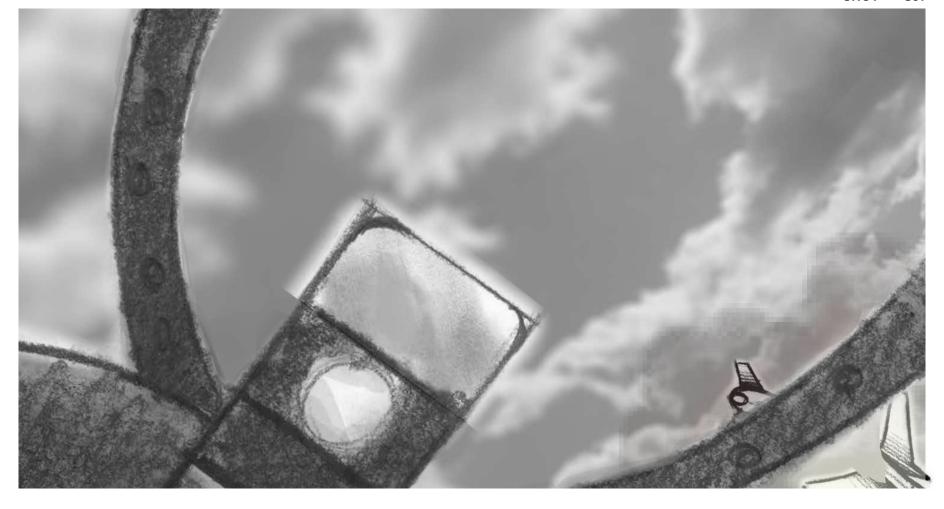














Gen. Tran Hanh:
"F105 was heavy, camouflaged and nearly ten times bigger than ours,
with the weight of 25 tons
and a lot of weapons under wings, it looked like a giant, ours looked like a mosquito."

