

The Bay of Biscay - 2nd June 1943 The Sunderland flying boat of the Australian No 461 "ANZAC" Squadron, Royal Air force coastal command flown by Flight Lieutenant Colin Walker, survived insurmountable odds- against the awesome firepower of eight Junkers JU - 88s. The Luftwaffe pilots assuming the lumbering sunderland an easy target attacked time and time again, inflicting heavy damage and casualties among his 11 man crew. With the tailgunners turret jammed and unable to revolve flight sergeant Goode was reliant on flying officer Simpson as his eyes and senses . From his position in the astrodome (The small perspex bubble atop the aircraft) Simpson directed his split second firing instructions down to Goode. Though victory should have been theirs, the Germans underestimated the accuracy and fierce determination of the Australian gunners. One after another the German aircraft went down in flames. Finally accepting defeat the two remaining damaged aircraft broke off their attack for the safety of enemy lines.