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CHAPTER 1 - PROLOGUE

N.B.: The letters 'A', 'B' and 'C' following the year in dates indicate in which of the three parallel timelines described in this series the action is happening, with Timeline 'A' being our own historical timeline. The bulk of this prologue will concentrate on listing the main life events of Ingrid Weiss 'C', while introducing basic information on the adventures of Nancy Laplante 'A' and 'B'. The texts in red mark pivotal events along the way.

Timeline of the series

September 7, 1925 'A': Birth in Berlin, Germany, of Ingrid Weiss.

June 13, 1982 'A': Birth in Montreal, Canada, of Nancy Laplante.

October 11, 2012 'A': Nancy Laplante, a Canadian war reporter and reserve army officer (Intelligence Branch), is kidnapped by scientists from the 34th Century intent on using her as a guinea pig for their experiments in time travel. They abandon Nancy, with her car and personal equipment, near Northolt, England, on September 2, 1940 'A', but are then killed in a freak air collision, marooning Nancy in the past.

September 7, 1940 'A'/'B': Due to Nancy's presence and actions in the past, **Timeline 'B' is created and splits from Timeline 'A'**.

September 19, 1940 'B': U.S. Army Major Mike Crawford 'B' pays an official visit to Nancy, who was wounded in a combat operation in France and is resting in the St-Thomas Hospital in London. The pair fall mutually in love.

December 20, 3383 'A': Doctor Farah Tolkonen 'A', a top physicist of the society of the Global Council, witnesses the creation and splitting of Timeline 'B', briefly sees her timeline counterpart, Farah Tolkonen 'B'.

December 14, 1940 'B': Nancy Laplante 'A' and Mike Crawford 'B' are married by President Roosevelt at the White House.

January 2, 1941 'B': A young (underage) German Luftwaffe female auxiliary, Ingrid Weiss 'B', is captured with other female auxiliaries during a British commando raid in France led by Nancy Laplante and is then interned in the Tower of London. Ingrid, a closet German Jew, soon becomes a good friend of Nancy.

January 25, 1941 'B': Nancy 'A' and Mike 'B' offer to Ingrid 'B', a war orphan and a minor, to secretly adopt her. Ingrid happily accepts, will discretely become an American citizen thanks to the good offices of Mike. The following night, both Nancy and Ingrid start remembering their past incarnations, thanks to the influence of 'The One', an

immensely powerful but immaterial spiritual entity who has been shepherding Humanity for millions of years.

May 30, 1941 'B': A spy probe sent from the future by Farah Tolkonen 'A' identifies Nancy as the cause of the splitting of the timelines.

June 23, 1941 'B': Nancy's plane crash in the North Sea during a storm. She parachutes out but is found by a German submarine and captured. She is brought to Germany, where the Gestapo manages to get its hands on her in contravention of an edict by Hitler concerning Nancy. Brought to a Gestapo headquarter in Berlin, Nancy is horribly tortured for two days.

June 26, 1941 'B': Farah Tolkonen 'A', despite being from a pacifist society and being unarmed, attempts to deliver Nancy in Berlin but is herself captured, then tortured by the Gestapo. Both women are then saved by the Abwehr, the German Army Intelligence service, and brought to a Berlin Luftwaffe (German Air Force) hospital for treatment. On orders from Hitler, a physically crippled Nancy is sent to Colditz Castle, a high-security prison for Allied prisoners of war, while Farah stays in the Luftwaffe hospital and helps treat the German wounded there. *At night, as Nancy lies crippled in a bed of the infirmary at Colditz Castle, Abraham, now an angel of The One, appears to her and heals her in seconds while conferring to Nancy the powers of a Chosen of The One.*

June 30, 1941 'B': Nancy is brought back to the Luftwaffe hospital in Berlin, learns that Farah Tolkonen has somehow escaped and disappeared. She is then told that a massive British bomber raid has reduced Colditz Castle and its nearby town to burning rubble, killing the Allied prisoners along with thousands of German civilians. Nancy, furious and distraught, then telepathically communicates with Farah, who has been arrested by the British counter-intelligence service on her arrival in England. The M.I.5 is trying to force her to reveal to them the secrets of time travel. Nancy then steals a plane at the nearby Tempelhof Airfield and flies at night to England.

July 1, 1941 'B': With the help of her husband Mike, *Nancy frees Farah from her cell at M.I.5 headquarters and helps her recuperate her instruments. They then jump to the 34th Century with the help of Farah's two young assistants.*

August 10, 3384 'A': *The leader of the Global Council, Chief Global Administrator Boran Kern, accepts to help and support Nancy, agrees to Farah's proposal to create a time travel regulatory agency, the Time Patrol.* Nancy goes back to 1941 'B', picks up Mike Crawford 'B', Ingrid Weiss 'B' and a number of Ingrid's German comrades, plus her car and 2012 equipment, then returns to 3384 'A'.

August 30, 3384 'A': Nancy starts training her first batch of field agents for the Time Patrol and, since the society of the Global Council is a pacifist one which has banned weapons centuries ago, looks for sources of modern weapons in the 20th and 21st Centuries, prior to the 2052 Great Nuclear Holocaust which nearly extinguished Humanity. More recruits are collected across the past for the Time Patrol.

October 27, 2012 'A': Nancy 'A' arrives in Afghanistan to serve her third tour in country with the Canadian Forces. She helps train a class of female Afghan police recruits. An Iran-Israel war then starts on November 30, while Nancy is still in Afghanistan. A big victory over the Taliban in Bala Buluk attracts international attention on Nancy. In Tel-Aviv, a retired Ukrainian arms dealer recognizes Nancy as being one of his clients in 1992, when Nancy was supposed to be only a teenager. He points her out to the Israeli Mossad, which then sends a team to Canada to investigate Nancy. The CIA also learns that Nancy is a time traveler via a mole inside the Mossad.

December 15, 3384 'A': Nancy 'A' gets her first mission in the past as a field agent of the Time Patrol: to document the life and death of Jesus Christ (Yeshua of Nazareth) in the 1st Century Israel, then under Roman occupation.

October 16, 2 C.E.: Nancy, disguised as a Sarmatian female warrior on a spiritual quest, visits Yosef and a pregnant Miriam in Bethlehem of Galilee, helps Miriam give birth to Yeshua at night. A few days later, she helps the small family move to nearby Nazareth, then rides to Jerusalem, where she buys a house in the city and lives there to document the local history.

January 1, 3385 'A': Nancy returns to the Global Council for a few months to continue the training of her field agents. A decision is taken to build a secret mobile base for the Time Patrol and to then move it to the distant past as a protection against historical manipulations.

April 11, 6 C.E.: Nancy completes the second phase of her mission in Israel, leaves Jerusalem after the local Jews riot against the Romans and burn down her house. She briefly visits young Yeshua in Nazareth before returning to the 34th Century. There, she collects more recruits for the Time Patrol in the past, including SS officer Otto Skorzeni 'B' and Princess Elizabeth Windsor 'B'.

June 5, 30 C.E.: Nancy returns to 1st Century Israel as an older Nauca the Sarmatian, witnesses the marriage of Yeshua and of Miriam of Magdala in Cana, Galilee.

November 2, 2013 'A': Back in Boucherville, Nancy get job offers from both CNN and Universal Productions, becomes a CNN war correspondent on November 6 and an action movie actress for Universal on November 9.

November 20, 2013 'A': Nancy travels to Tel-Aviv, on assignment for CNN, but is kidnapped by the Mossad, who wants to torture her to get the secrets of time travel. Nancy kills her captors and frees a young CIA agent before leaving Tel-Aviv. She enters Southern Lebanon on November 23, does a couple of important interviews before flying to Tehran. The Iranians, suspicious of her, assign her a female minder (Lieutenant Farah Qualibaf) to escort her around. Nancy films an Israeli air raid on Tehran and the Iranian response with secretly-acquired Russian S-400 surface-to-air missiles. The Iranians do Nancy a big favor, allow her to visit and film their secret nuclear installations and give to her enriched uranium samples to be handed to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

December 2, 2013 'A': Nancy returns to the U.S.A. with her precious films, has a chat with the director of the CIA.

April 10, 32 C.E.: Nancy, as an ageing Nauca, witnesses Yeshua's crucifixion and death. On request from a spiritual Yeshua, now an angel of The One, Nancy brings the pregnant Miriam of Magdala to January 30, 3385 'A', to protect her and her future baby from Yeshua's enemies.

July 11, 3385 'A': David, son of Yeshua of Nazareth and of Miriam of Magdala, is born at the New Lake University Hospital. Yeshua, in angel form, briefly visit his son and Miriam.

September 21, 3385 'A': Time Patrol agents return from exploring the 20th Century of Timeline 'B'. American agents assassinated one-day-old Nancy Laplante 'B' and her parents in the Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital in Montreal on June 14, 1982 'B'. The British Empire is still mostly intact and survived a nuclear war in 1986 'B', becoming the dominant power on Earth.

February 17, 3386 'A': Mass graduation of 61 new field agents of the Time Patrol in New Lake City.

April 27, 2014 'A': Nancy plays last scene of the movie 'Crossroads'. The Hollywood premiere of the film, on July 17, proves a big success, consecrating Nancy's new career as an actress.

June 18, 3386 'B': Farah Tolkonen 'B', a top scientist of the Imperium working on time travel, decides to flee the tyrannical hold of General Alan Veck, head of the Imperium's

Ministry of Security. She jumps spacetime to October 28, 1941 'B' to meet with British Daily Telegraph reporter Peter O'Neil, locked up in the Tower of London as a security risk. Time Patrol agents go get Farah 'B', who asks for political asylum, and bring her to New Lake City, where she meets her timeline counterpart.

June 22, 3386 'A': Nancy and both Farah Tolkonen 'A' and 'B' testify in an agitated debate of the High Council of the Global Council, discuss ways to avoid a possible invasion by the Imperium.

June 26, 3386 'A': Three Imperium ships are detected appearing over London on May 20, 1942 'B'. A Time Patrol group is sent, shoots down two of the Imperium ships but not before Imperium troopers kidnap Princess Margaret Windsor and Group Captain Peter Townsend in Buckingham Palace.

June 26, 3386 'B': General Veck has Townsend tortured, to learn where Farah Tolkonen 'B' is, and is about to torture Princess Margaret as well when King Stan sweeps in, puts Margaret under his protection and brings her to his palace. He later convinces Veck to also release Townsend in his care. British Foreign Minister Eden then shows up with Nancy Laplante aboard a Time Patrol shuttle, asks for diplomatic talks with King Stan. King Stan accepts, receive them at his palace but prepares a trap for Nancy. Nancy kills Veck as she is being arrested, then disappears.

May 22, 1942 'B': Princess Margaret and Peter Townsend are returned to Buckingham Palace by the Time Patrol. However, in 3386 'A', the High Council refuses to let the Time Patrol go rescue Nancy in the Imperium, fearing an invasion in response, then votes to impeach and replace Boran Kern, who was supporting the Time Patrol. Kern then joins the Time Patrol, which mutinies and leaves for the past.

June 14, 1982 'B': A Time Patrol team saves baby Nancy 'B' and her parents in Montreal, brings them to the past.

June 27, 3386 'B': A Time Patrol scoutship rescues Nancy 'A' from the Imperium. King Stan, offered a last chance for peace by Nancy, refuses. Stan then decides to take refuge in the past with his family aboard his flagship, the ROYAL SOVEREIGN.

May 23, 1942 'B': The Time Patrol fleet arrives in the past, establishes temporary bases in Northolt, England and in Hawaii. It then makes a demonstration of force over Europe, raids Gestapo offices and drops a team in the Warsaw Ghetto. A GNN reporter in 3386 'A', Lori Kano, finds a way to get to the past and join the Time Patrol to report on the war in 1942 'B'.

May 26, 1942 'B': The Time Patrol intercepts a command message from SS leader Reinhardt Heidrich, ordering the demolition of all concentration camps and the massacre of their inmates. Nancy orders change to operations, concentrates on saving the concentration camps inmates before it is too late. The SS Totenkopf guards are mercilessly slaughtered by the Time Patrol and hundreds of thousands of inmates saved.

May 26, 1942 'B': Nancy gives an ultimatum to the German forces in Western Europe to abandon their heavy weapons and return to Germany, on pain of destruction. The German commanders comply. Next day, Stalin and Beria, the head of the Soviet secret police, are killed by the Time Patrol.

May 30, 1942 'B': The Time Patrol and Free French forces retake Paris without a fight. Next day, Nancy brings the Ark of the Covenant to the Warsaw Ghetto, to celebrate its liberation. Nancy performs two huge healing bursts covering Poland and England. The Time Patrol then sweeps away the Japanese around the Pacific.

June 25, 1941 'B': Imperium trooper Rina Tonen jumps to the Gestapo torture chamber in Berlin and shoots dead Nancy. That act causes Timeline 'B' to split and creates Timeline 'C'. Nancy 'C' lives for a fraction of a second before dying from Rina's bullet, while Nancy 'A' is not affected and stays in Timeline 'B'. Rina Tonen is then captured and tortured by the Gestapo. King Stan 'B' comes to her rescue, extracts her from Berlin and decides to go attack the Global Council with his flagship.

July 10, 3386 'A': The Time Patrol surveillance center in New Lake City detects the approach of the ROYAL SOVEREIGN, alerts the Time Patrol fleet. Two scoutships arrive and engage the Imperium battleship while Time Patrol robotic ground defenses pound it. The scoutships mortally wound it before being both shot down. King Stan orders the crew to evacuate, then take the controls to allow the others to escape. He crashes with his flagship after veering it away from New Lake City.

June 4, 1942 'B': Start of a post-war peace conference organized by the Time Patrol in Paris. The Global Council, now led by Boran Kern's wife Tomi, pledges its support for the reconstruction of Europe. The British agree to pass full control of Palestine to Nancy 'A' as its Overseer, while Elizabeth Windsor 'B' will become Overseer of Japan. The peace treaty is signed on June 9.

July 18, 3,000 B.C.E.: Nancy arrives at the secret base of the Time Patrol, in New Zealand's distant past, talks to Farah Tolkonen 'A' about a possible new threat.

June 27, 1941 'C': The body of Nancy Laplante 'C', mistaken as that of Nancy 'A', is repatriated to England by the Red Cross. Ingrid 'C' gets the bad news in the Tower of London.

July 4, 1941 'C': Nancy 'C' is buried in the crypt of St-Paul Cathedral, next to the Duke of Wellington and Admiral Nelson. Ingrid 'C' acts as one of the pallbearers.

July 11, 1941 'C': Mike Crawford 'C' dies in a plane crash in the Atlantic. Next night, a grieving Ingrid 'C' is attacked and beaten up in her sleep by fanatical Nazi comrades.

July 18, 1941 'C': Ingrid 'C' is released from the infirmary of the Tower of London, gets a visit by U.S. Marine Corps Major Ken Dows, a friend of Mike Crawford, who offers to marry her. Ingrid happily accepts and is freed by the British. She then accompanies Ken to the Philippines.

November 5, 1942 'B': Nancy 'A' arrives in Jerusalem to take over as Overseer of Palestine. She visits the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, adopts an orphaned newborn boy, Eli, then produces a giant healing burst that covers most of the Middle East.

August 2, 1941 'C': Ingrid 'C', now 'Misses Ingrid Dows', arrives in Manila with husband Ken. Next day, they bring copies of Nancy's info from the future about the Pacific War to Admiral Hart and General MacArthur. Ingrid also gives them verbally some vital extra information.

August 5, 1941 'C': Ingrid 'C' pays for private flying lessons at Nielson Field. She also soon obtains her High School Equivalency diploma, learns to drive and buys a used Springfield 1903 rifle.

September 18, 1941 'C': A botched American air defense exercises prompts General MacArthur into hiring Ingrid as a civilian auxiliary air situation plotter.

November 10, 50,000 B.C.E.: Sylvie Comeau, member of a Time Patrol team studying Neanderthals in the Dordogne region of France, sees their group of Neanderthals decimated by cave hyenas. She saves and adopts the two survivors, a six-year-old boy named Kin and a four-year-old girl named Ani. She brings them to the secret Time Patrol base in New Zealand, where she will raise and educate them.

October 20, 1941 'C': Ingrid 'C' is on duty at USAFEE headquarters when the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor. She immediately plots the information, gets by herself more critical information from the British in Indonesia and Hong Kong. Later, she asks General MacArthur to let her become a fighter pilot. MacArthur eventually passes her request to Filipino President Quezon, who accepts Ingrid as a fighter pilot in the Philippines Air Forces.

October 18, 1943 'B': Nancy 'A' gives birth to twins, Patrick and Suzanne, in Jerusalem.

October 23, 1941 'C': Ingrid 'C' arrives at her new unit, the 6th Pursuit Squadron in Batangas, will pilot a P-26A fighter.

October 24, 1941 'C': On her first combat mission, Ingrid 'C' shoots down two Japanese planes, is rewarded by a Silver Star medal and a promotion to First Lieutenant. She is given a P-40E fighter.

October 27, 1941 'C': Flying in her P-40E on her second combat mission, Ingrid 'C' uses tactics taught to her by Nancy and by German air aces she met in France and shoots down eight Japanese planes, thus becoming a double ace.

October 28, 1941 'C': Ingrid returns from a mission with three more air victories, now has a total of thirteen kills. She gets the Distinguished Service Cross from General MacArthur, while her mechanics find a nickname for her: 'Lady Hawk'.

November 4, 1941 'C': Ingrid is alone to attack over 300 Japanese planes, but still manages to shoot down seven of them before being shot down herself. She parachutes out but suffers burns. General MacArthur visits her, give her the Purple Heart and promotes her to Captain. He further gives her a Medal of Honor before she is evacuated by plane to Australia on November 6. On arrival in Darwin, Ingrid is appalled by the carelessness and incompetence of the Americans and Australians based there.

November 12, 1941 'C': The Japanese attack and bomb Darwin, cause heavy losses in planes on the ground. Ingrid mans a machine gun abandoned by its Australian gunners, shoots down two Japanese planes and damages a third one.

November 14, 1941 'C': Ingrid 'C' arrives by air in Brisbane, is soon put in command of the 17th Fighter Squadron (Provisional), flying on P-40s. She counsels Brigadier-General Barnes, in command in Brisbane, to send his new planes by ship to Manila. Barnes listens to her and finds her logic correct, orders the Pensacola convoy to sail out for Manila.

December 2, 1941 'C': The Pensacola convoy arrives safely in Manila, unloads its planes, guns, ammunition and fuel. Ingrid's squadron goes to Batangas.

January 11, 1942 'C': The Japanese invasion of the Philippines starts. Ingrid 'C' proposes a plan to her superior, Major-General Brereton, to defeat the Japanese invasion.

January 13, 1942 'C': The Japanese fleet is forced to abandon its landed troops and to withdraw. By now, Ingrid 'C's air victory count is at 67.

January 14, 1942 'C': As the American forces in the Philippines are celebrating their victory over the Japanese, Ingrid 'C' is informed that her husband Ken was killed in action. Ingrid is devastated.

February 22, 1942 'C': Ingrid 'C' arrives in Havre, Montana for a well-deserved leave period, stays at the family ranch of the Crawford family.

March 9, 1942 'C': Ingrid 'C', at the request of Lieutenant General Arnold, head of the U.S. Army Air Force, meets him in Washington. Arnold formally enlists Ingrid in the USAAF, with the rank of major and tasks her to form a female air combat group, which will become the 99th Composite Air Group, nicknamed the 'Fifinellas'.

March 13, 1942 'C': General Arnold tests Ingrid's claims about her incarnations with the help of a group of eminent historians and linguists. The results stun Arnold, who now believes Ingrid.

March 23, 1942 'C': Ingrid 'C' starts recruiting her female volunteers in New York, then visits many other cities and locations, including the Manzanar Relocation Camp, where she recruits a number of Japanese-American women interned there. Her recruiting campaign proves to be a big success, signing in hundreds of young women with civilian pilot licenses or technical qualifications.

July 17, 1942 'C': Lieutenant General Arnold reviews the graduation parade of the last class of fighter pilots in Luke Airfield, Arizona, which includes 31 women. Arnold then gives to Ingrid the first mission orders for her air group, sends her to the South Pacific.

September 8, 1942 'C': Ingrid 'C' and her 99th C.A.G. arrive in Espiritu Santo, New-Hebrides, and unload their planes (P-38, B-25, C-142) and helicopters.

September 10, 1942 'C': Ingrid 'C' and six other female fighter pilots land their P-38s in Guadalcanal, while her C-142 heavy transport aircraft starts an air bridge between Espiritu Santo and Guadalcanal, ferrying vital supplies and evacuating the American wounded and the sick. On their first intercept mission, the Fifinellas shoot down 25 Japanese aircraft, causing many American male fighter pilots to doubt their claims. More intercept and strike missions follow in the next days.

September 14, 1942 'C': The women of the 99th C.A.G. join the ground fight at night to help protect their airfield and to support the hard-pressed Marines against fanatical ground assaults by the Japanese. Next day, the 99th C.A.G. and the U.S. Navy and Marine planes based in Guadalcanal attack an approaching Japanese battlefleet, sink four battleships and two heavy cruisers, at the cost of fifteen women killed and four more wounded in action.

September 30, 1942 'C': Admiral Nimitz and Lieutenant General Arnold visit Guadalcanal. Ingrid 'C' is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, at the tender official age of nineteen (actual age: seventeen).

December 7, 2015 'A': Nancy Laplante 'A' reports for CNN from a Filipino oil platform in the South China Sea. Chinese Navy ships try to seize the oil platform, starting a major international incident. Nancy is slightly wounded by Chinese fire during the crisis.

October 7, 1942 'C': The marines of Lieutenant-colonel Lewis 'Chesty' Puller are chased back to a beach by the Japanese, have to reembark in their landing craft. **Ingrid 'C' arrives in her P-38 fighter, provides critical air support but is shot down and gravely wounded. Brought to the field hospital in Guadalcanal, she briefly dies on the operating table, but is then miraculously resurrected, becomes a Chosen of The One.**

June 22, 3388 'C': An illegal time traffic in sex slaves by an Imperium 'C' crime syndicate attracts a combined intervention by both King Stan 'C' and by Nancy Laplante 'A', who raid the Tower of London together, along with Imperium royal guards.

January 7, 1943 'C': Lieutenant General Kenney, commanding the American air forces in Australia, learns that the Fifinellas, now a full-sized air wing, is being transferred under his command. He then assigns Ingrid and her 99th Composite Air Wing to Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea. Ingrid's first mission there is to help and support the Australian Army unit under Japanese pressure in Wau. With Wau secured, Ingrid 'C' next suggests a plan to take the important Japanese base of Lae by air assault landing.

February 1, 1943 'C': General Douglas MacArthur inspects liberated Lae, promotes Ingrid to full colonel.

June 17, 1943 'C': Ingrid 'C' is posted to the Pentagon, accompanies General MacArthur at a big joint command staff conference on June 28, where she describes her new air tactics and impresses many skeptics.

August 17, 1943 'C': Ingrid 'C' attends a big Allied conference in Québec City, Canada. She is visited in her hotel room by Nancy Laplante 'A', who brings her to the secret Time Patrol base in the past, where she spends one month being briefed and educated, before returning to Québec five minutes after disappearing from her hotel room.

January 4, 1944 'C': Ingrid 'C' is promoted to the rank of brigadier general and is given command of the 9th Tactical Command, in England, will fly there in her new P-38NC fighter.

January 7, 1944 'C': Ingrid 'C' arrives in England, having shot down on her way three German Arado-234B jet bombers near Bristol. She learns from her superior, Major

General Quesada, that the Germans have started to use surface-to-air missiles against Allied bomber formations and that the Allied bomber units are close to collapse from heavy casualties and low morale.

January 11, 1944 'C': At a contentious air command meeting, Ingrid clashes with the outdated tactics and strategic views of old, stubborn Allied senior air commanders. Lieutenant General Vandenberg relieves Ingrid of command on the spot, but she is defended by General Eisenhower, present at the meeting and equally furious at the stupidities uttered by British and American air generals. Ingrid is quickly reinstated by General Marshall, while Vandenberg is in turn relieved of command and sent back to the U.S.A. Ingrid then helps General Eisenhower devise a new Allied invasion plan for France.

June 6, 1944 'C': D-Day in Europe. Following Ingrid's master plan, Allied forces land in Southern France, preceded by a massive wave of heliborne forces and hovercraft carrying armored vehicles. The invasion is a big success, with very light casualties thanks to the weakness of local German defenses, the bulk of which had been concentrated in Northern France, along the Pas-de-Calais area.

June 11, 1944 'C': Phase Two of Ingrid's master plan is launched. The bridges along the Rhine River in Southern Germany are taken by a massive Allied heliborne operation, while armored columns rush eastward towards the German border. Ingrid 'C' is in charge of the helicopter force assaulting Karlsruhe, helps take the Karlsruhe Ducal Palace, where she kills Gauleiter Wagner, the top local Nazi official. As she congratulates her pilots in Karlsruhe, she sees the flash of a British nuclear blast on Berlin. General Eisenhower is furious at not having been forewarned of this by the British. Later, he learns that the British also launched a dozen nuclear-tipped missiles on Japan, obliterating much of that country.

June 14, 1944 'C': Ingrid is urgently recalled to the U.S.A. with General Eisenhower, to attend a meeting at the White House with President Roosevelt. There, Ingrid's comprehensive knowledge about nuclear weapons stuns the other participants. After that meeting, she returns to Germany, to take the temporary post of Allied Military Governor of the Bade-Württemberg Region, with headquarters in Karlsruhe.

January 8, 1945 'C': Ingrid 'C', now a reserve officer but still with the rank of brigadier general, starts studying aeronautical engineering at the M.I.T. in Boston. As a reservist officer, she also flies on weekends on planes based in Logan International Airport, in Boston.

March 1, 2018 'A': Nancy Laplante 'A' participates with other Hollywood celebrities and their children in a cruise on the yacht of a Russian multimillionaire off Los Angeles. Pirates board the yacht at night, kill the whole crew and take the guests as hostages, with the intent of emptying their bank accounts. Nancy is forced to bring the children to Jerusalem 'B' in order to ensure their safety, thus puts at risk her secret life as a time traveler. She kills the pirates, get a promise from the grateful parents to keep her secret safe. Back in Los Angeles, Nancy gets a visit at her hotel room by two Canadian RCMP officers, who accuse her of having colluded with the pirates and promise her trouble when she will go back to Canada. Disgusted, Nancy 'A' decides to move out of Canada for good, to then live in Los Angeles.

April 15, 2018 'A': China takes by force the Senkaku Islands, triggering a war with Japan. Nancy 'A', now living in a Santa Monica condo, goes to Japan, acts as embedded reporter with the Japanese assault force that will take back the Senkaku Islands.

May 28, 1948 'C': Ingrid 'C' graduates with honors from the M.I.T., then gets reactivated the same day and given orders to lead an air task force in South Korea, with the goal of preventing a communist invasion of South Korea. For that, she will mostly use air units from her old war command, the 99th Wing (Fifinellas).

June 19, 1948 'C': Ingrid 'C' lands with her planes in Pusan, South Korea, but is then obliged to take off again and go to Suwon Airfield, near Seoul, due to a chaotic American command structure in Korea which is rife with incompetence. Ingrid goes to Seoul to meet with her direct superior, Lieutenant General Hodge, who commands all the American forces in Korea.

June 25, 1948 'C': The North Koreans, supported by 'volunteer' Soviet pilots and planes, launch a massive invasion of the South in the early morning. Ingrid, having anticipated that move, reacts quickly and hits the enemy hard, slowing down his advance and causing him heavy casualties. However, general American incompetence in command, allied with the low level of both training and fighting spirit among the American ground troops, complicate her job, with many army units withdrawing from their positions without permission.

June 27, 1948 'C': Ingrid is shot down during a close air support mission and has to parachute out, but manages to run and take refuge in the positions of the Marine battalion she was supporting. The next night, the American positions are overwhelmed by a massive North Korean human wave assault. Ingrid barely manages to escape that

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