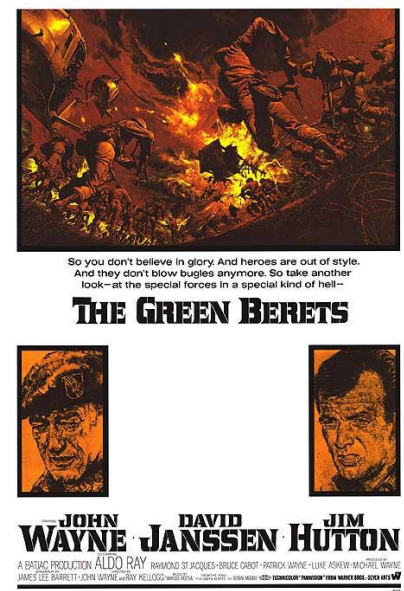
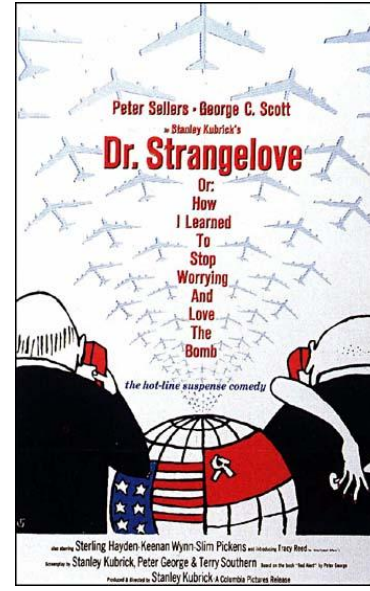


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- **Thirty Seconds over Tokyo**
- **12 O'clock High**
- **Dr. Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb**
- **Green Berets**



“Thirty Seconds over Tokyo” (1)

- **Based on memoirs of then-Lt Ted Lawson, pilot of Doolittle aircraft #7**
 - Published in 1943
- **Movie filmed at Auxiliary (Peel) Field #4 in 1944**
 - **Spencer Tracy - Lt Col Jimmy Doolittle**
 - **Van Johnson – Lt Ted Lawson**
 - **Robert Mitchum - Copilot Crew #3 Lt Bob Gray**
 - **Robert Walker - Gunner-engineer Cpl David Thatcher**
 - **Lt Dean Davenport – Copilot, Crew 7; Tech advisor**





“Thirty Seconds over Tokyo” (2)



**Crew #7, Lawson,
2nd from left**



**Doolittle Raiders and B-25
Eglin Field , Mar 1942**



**Doolittle B-25s near Hanger 68
Eglin Field , Mar 1942**



**B-25 Short Takeoff
Peel Field #4, 1944**



“12 O’clock High” (1)



- **Strategic Bombing Campaign of Germany**
- **Based on real story of 306th Bomb Group**
 - **Commanded by Col Charles Overacker**
 - **Replaced by Col Frank Armstrong on orders of Lt Gen Ira Eaker, Cmdr 8AF**





“12 O’clock High” (2)

- **Real-life counterparts**

- Col Frank Armstrong – Gen Savage – Gregory Peck
- Gen Ira Eaker – Gen Pritchard – Milliard Mitchell
- Col Charles Overacker – Col Davenport – Gary Merrill



**Gregory Peck
as Gen Savage**



B-17 crew from movie

**Gen Savage
briefing 918 BG**



“12 O’clock High” (3)



- **Grassy, cracked asphalt airfield like those of SE England during war**
 - **Filmed at Duke Field 1948-49**
 - **Take-off/landing scenes filmed at Ft Rucker, AL**



Davidstow Airfield



**401st Bomb Group,
RAF Deenethorpe**



**Smeatharpe Airfield
Upottery, England**

“12 O’clock High” (3)



“Shoo-Shoo baby”

- Use of Eglin’s B-17 drone squadron
 - Only complete B-17 unit in 1948



“Memphis Belle”



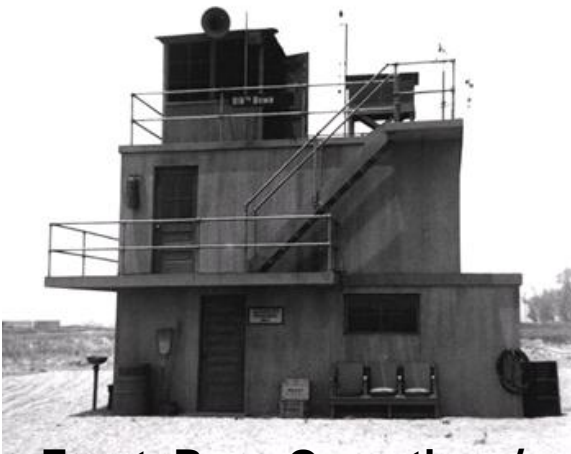
“12 O’clock High” (4)



- **Construction of several “base” facilities for movie**



**Restored Base Operations/
Control Tower, Thorpe Abbotts**



**Front, Base Operations/
Control Tower**



**Back, Base Operations/
Control Tower**



“Twelve O’clock High (4)



B-17G 44-83592 Paul Mantz crash landing, Ozark AAF, Alabama, June 1949 12 O’Clock High



Paul Mantz “crash landing” Eglin B-17G at Ozark AAF, AL Jun 1949

From left, Gary Merrill (Davenport), Hugh Marlowe (Gately), Dean Jagger (Stovall), and Gregory Peck (Savage)



When Hollywood Ruled The Skies Bruce Orriss

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The crew of the *Leper Colony* meeting it's angry new aircraft commander, Lt. Col. Ben Gately played by Hugh Marlowe

Source: Bruce Orriss, *When Hollywood Ruled the Skies*



“12 O’clock High” (6)



- **TV Series from Sep 1964 – Jan 1967**
 - **Gen Savage – Robert Lansing**
 - **Capt (later Col) Joe Gallagher – Paul Burke**



**Base Scene
from TV Series**

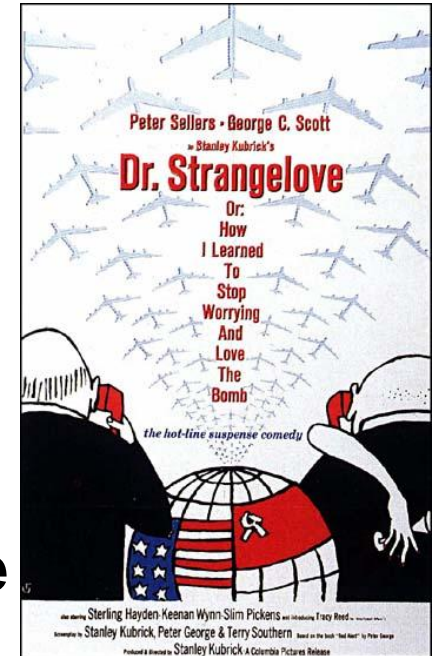


**“Piccadilly Lady”
from TV Series**



“Dr. Strangelove” (1)

- **1964 Black comedy directed by Stanley Kubrick**
 - Insane general tries to start a nuclear war while politicians frantically try to stop it
- **Major Actors and Characters**
 - Peter Sellers – RAF Gp Capt Mandrake
US President Muffley
Nuclear Expert Dr. Strangelove
 - George C. Scott – Gen “Buck” Turgidson
 - Sterling Hayden – Brig Gen Jack Ripper
 - Slim Pickens – Maj T. J. “King” Kong
- **Received 4 Oscar nominations, 10 other wins**





“Dr. Strangelove” (2)



Top Left: Gen Turgidson on the phone in “SAC Headquarters”
Top Right: Maj T. J. “King” Kong riding nuclear bomb into Soviet Union



Left: Destin East Pass



“The Green Berets” (1)



- **1968 movie about the Army’s Green Berets during Vietnam War**
 - Col Mike Kirby – John Wayne
 - Journalist George Beckworth – David Janssen
 - South Vietnamese Capt Nim – George Takei
 - Sgt Petersen – Jim Hutton
- **Strongly anti-communist and pro-Saigon to counter antiwar sentiment in US**



So you don't believe in glory. And heroes are out of style. And they don't blow bugles anymore. So take another look—at the special forces in a special kind of hell—

THE GREEN BERETS



JOHN WAYNE DAVID JANSSEN JIM HUTTON

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“The Green Berets” (2)



A-1 Sky Raiders



AC-47 “Puff the Magic Dragon”



**Vulcan Mini-guns,
AC-47 Gunship**



