

TIE Case File 101

Spatial-temporal coordinates: Vaux-sur-Somme, France, Earth;

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Target successfully acquired. Richthofen is outfitted with Federation technology, which we may be able to reverse engineer: device in cerebral-optical nerves improves flying ability, though this device is customized to Richthofen specifically, and also includes some impulse controls that should be dealt with if Richthofen is to be of any use to us. Device implanted by Federation agents in 1917, when subject was being treated for head wound.

Six Federation agents were active in spatial-temporal location. Our first concern was that they were aware of our mission. Then perhaps that there was heavy Federation involvement throughout World War I. However, our scout was able to follow their temporal signatures, and pinpoint their activities as being localized in 1917 Germany and 1918 northern France. Their assignment involved Richthofen specifically.

Although it may be purely coincidental that the Federation and the Alliance showed interest in the same spatial-temporal coordinates (and perhaps it's not surprising, given Federation technology apparently caused a notable change to the timeline through their interference here), it does lend credence to the philosophical theory regarding the confluence of temporal events.¹

It is my belief that we managed to avoid personal identification by any of the Federation agents, though it is possible that they caught sight of the captain during a brief exchange of gunfire. Visual identification of the agents is impossible, as all seemed to be equipped with state-of-the-art custom disguises; they each assumed at least two identities that bore no resemblance to one another during the course of the operation, first posing as nurses and later as members of the Australian Imperial Force (and in one case, a farmhand).

However, the Federation did detect the presence of future technology that was not their own, and witnessed the TIE Fighter (piloted by DASCAs) travel at speeds in excess of those possible for the period-appropriate ambulance that it was disguised as at the time. They may have put that down to the presence of booster technology applied to a contemporary vehicle, but there is the danger that they may have greater knowledge of the TIE Fighter, depending upon how thorough a reading their agent was able to take.

Ultimately we determined that the mission of the agents here was to retrieve the Federation technology once Richthofen was shot down, so as to remove any trace of their activities. Further, DASCAs was able to pinpoint the location of the shooter of Richthofen, which did not map onto any of the historical placements of British or Australian troops -- our engineer confirmed upon viewing the wreckage that the bullet had to have come from future technology.

The captain was able to slow down the Federation team from reaching the crash site for long enough for the scout and engineer to remove a neutrino tracking device from

Richthofen and to place it into the body double that we had obtained to leave in Richthofen's stead. The Federation will be aware that there was tampering due to the disappearance of their neural circuitry, but there should be no disruption to the timeline.

While our scout did an admirable job in conducting amateur surgery to both stabilize Richthofen and to remove the tracking device that had been implanted in his skull, I feel that it would be in the best interest of the Alliance to assign a doctor to the crew of the TIE Fighter for future missions.

1. The theory, put forward by the philosopher Pklar-qen, is that the space-time continuum has a tendency toward self-repair. When there are multiple paradoxical elements (such as time travelers) in the universe, the odds increase geometrically that those elements will come together to common points in space and time. Others have dismissed this theory as being explainable as particular times and places of significance naturally attracting more interest as destinations.