American Cinema II

War Movies / Vietnam



A bit of History

Cold War

- Vietnam War (American Official Intervention 1965-1973)
- 2.7 m served, 60.000 died
- Vietnamese casualties: around 3 m

Low morale after the first years
Drugs
War crimes (e.g. Mai Lai, 1968)

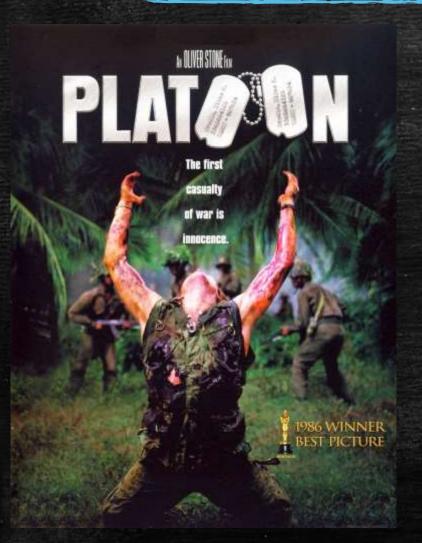
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A true story of innocence lost and courage found.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF "FATAL ATTRACTION."

The most frightening thing about Jacob Singer's nightmare is that he isn't dreaming.

Jacob's Ladder

Why are these movies more critical against the war?

Elements of training camp movies

- A tyrannical/tough leader
- Demanding exercises
- Bullying/pranks
- Weekend passes (fights and girls)
- Successful (or not...) graduation

Two things to take into consideration

Homosocial bondingFeminization of the enemy