FOR THE BOYS (USA, 1991)

(Other titles: Giorni di gloria ... giorni d'amore; Tage des Ruhms, Tage der Liebe)

Credits: director, Mark Rydell; writers, Marshall Brickman, Neal Jimenez, Lindy Laub.

Cast: Bette Midler, James Caan, George Segal.

Summary: Musical melodrama/comedy set in various places over a fifty year period from World War II to the Vietnam War. Story follows the trials and tribulations of two USO entertainers. Singer Dixie Leonard (Midler) gets her first big break in 1942 while performing for the troops. There she meets legendary entertainer and skirt chaser Eddie Sparks (Caan). Dixie is married to a soldier and widowed by the war. She never marries again, but continues her love-hate relationship with Sparks over the next several decades. In Vietnam, Eddie comes out of retirement to join Dixie and she is also reunited there with her estranged son Danny, a GI. During Dixie's performance, the Viet Cong attack, and Danny is fatally wounded, dying in his mother's arms.

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