J2640 JARHEAD (USA, 2005)

Credits: director, Sam Mendes; writer, William d. Broyles, Jr.; memoir, Anthony Swofford.

Cast: Jake Gyllenhaal, Scott MacDonald, Peter Sarsgaard, Jamie Foxx.

Summary: War film set in the U.S. and the Persian Gulf region just before and during the 1991 Persian Gulf War with Iraq. Based on the memoir by Anthony Swofford, the film follows members of a Marine scout/sniper platoon from basic training to the Iraqi desert. “Swoff” (Gyllenhaal) is a third-generation Marine enlistee. Sergeant Sykes (Foxx) is a Marine lifer, Vietnam veteran, and leader of the scout platoon.

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