K3440 KELLY’S HEROES (USA/YUGOSLAVIA, 1970)
(Other titles: Guerrieri; Stosstrup Gold; The warriors)

Credits: director, Brian G. Hutton; writer, Troy Kennedy Martin.
Cast: Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Don Rickles, Carroll O’Connor, Donald Sutherland.
Summary: War comedy set in France in 1945. Lieutenant Kelly (Eastwood) learns of a fortune of gold bars that the Germans have stashed in a small French bank, 30 miles into enemy-held territory. He recruits a rag-tag band of odd-ball soldiers and sets out to rob the bank, only to attract the attention of the division commander (O’Connor) who, monitoring the radio transmissions of Kelly’s task force, believes his men are making an all-out heroic attack on the German army. Described as a “dark comedy suffused with a Vietnam consciousness” by Robert C. Cumbow in Vietnam war films.

Cumbow, Robert C. “Kelly’s heroes” Vietnam war feature filmography (1992 draft) [GB] (p. 214) and Vietnam war films [GB] (Entry 310)
Holzl, Gebhard and Peipp, Matthias. Fahr zur Holle, Charlie! [GB] (p. 13+, 119, 283)
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Peipp, Matthias (see under Holzl, Gebhard)
Williams, Peter (see under Cole, Gerald)

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