O6335 OPERATION DUMBO DROP (USA, 1995)

Credits: director, Simon Wincer; writers, Gene Quintano, Jim Kouf; story, Jim Morris.

Cast: Danny Glover, Ray Liotta, Denis Leary, Doug E. Doug.

Summary: War comedy set in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam in the 1960s. In a Montagnard village, a veteran Special Forces Captain (Glover) is about to be replaced by a newly arrived, by-the-book West Point graduate (Liotta). In retaliation for the villagers’ cooperation with the Americans, the Viet Cong kill the villagers’ elephant. The two captains, a resourceful supply officer (Leary) and a couple of unlucky enlisted men are then sent on a mission to purchase and transport a new elephant to the remote village in order to retain the villagers’ loyalty.

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