**R2403 RAMBO III (USA, 1988)**

**Credits:** director, Peter MacDonald; writers, Sylvester Stallone, Sheldon Lettich.

**Cast:** Sylvester Stallone, Richard Crenna, Marc de Jonge, Kurtwood Smith.

**Summary:** Action/adventure film set in contemporary Afghanistan. The film opens with John Rambo (Stallone) living a secluded life in a Thai Buddhist monastery searching for inner peace. When friend and mentor Col. Sam Trautman (Crenna) visits to ask for his help in a top secret mission to Afghanistan, Rambo declines to enter another war. Trautman goes it alone and is captured by the Russians. When Rambo learns of his friend’s fate, he sets out to free Trautman.

Adair, Gilbert. *Hollywood’s Vietnam* [GB] (p. 133, 142)

[Reprinted in *Film review annual 1989*]


[Reprinted in *Film review annual 1989*]


[Reprinted in *Film review annual 1989*]


“Carolco may whip out ‘Rambo III’ for film’s guarantors at market” ‘Red heat’ may also be screened” *Variety* 330 (Feb 24, 1988), p. 15+ [2 p.]

Cliff, Paul. “Movie trax” *Film monthly* 1 (Feb 1990), p. 34.


[Reprinted in *Film review annual 1989*]

Devine, Jeremy M. *Vietnam at 24 frames a second* [GB] (p. 100, 284-5)


[Reprinted in *Film review annual 1989*]

Peipp, Matthias (see under Holzl, Gebhard)
“Rambo’ crew’s bounced checks during Israeli filming is causing confusion as to who’s to blame” Variety 329 (Jan 6, 1988), p. 7+ [2 p.]
“Rambo III: Four score or so millions to reach the market” Variety 331 (May 4, 1988), p. 6.
[Reprinted in Film review annual 1989]
[Reprinted in Film review annual 1989]
Sullivan, Jim. “‘Rambo III’: The mayhem as before” Boston globe (May 25, 1988), Arts and Film, p. 75.
Vallerand, Francois. “En attendant... vive les reeditons du kes introuvables retrouve” Sequences 147-148 (Sep 1990), p. 4-5.
Walker, Mark Edward. Vietnam veteran films [GB] (p. 75, 79, 81)
Wedel, Paul. “Rambo holds Stallone hostage” Miami herald (Jan 8, 1988), p. 5C.
Wilmington, Michael. “Movie reviews: Re-flexing those superhero muscles: ‘Rambo III’ regenerates the myth machine” Los Angeles times (May 25, 1988), Calendar, p. 1. [Reprinted in Film review annual 1989]
c2005 J.K.M. Enterprises