S2630 THE SAND PEBBLES (USA, 1966)
(Other titles: Canonero del Yangtze; Kanonen Boot am Yangtse-Kiang)

Credits: director, Robert Wise; writer, Robert W. Anderson; novel, Richard McKenna.

Cast: Steve McQueen, Richard Attenborough, Richard Crenna, Candice Bergen, Mako.

Summary: War melodrama set in China in 1926. Describes the experiences of the crew of a United States Navy gunboat stationed on a river in China during the 1926 Nationalist Revolution, focusing on a sailor (McQueen) who deserts his ship to be with an American missionary (Bergen). Described as an allegorical Vietnam War film by Hözl and Peipp in their Fahr zur Hölle, Charlie!

“Cinema: ... A slow boat to China” Time 89 (Jan 6, 1967), p. 96.
Holzl, Gebhard and Peipp, Matthias. Fahr zur Hölle, Charlie! [GB] (p. 302)
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Peipp, Matthias (see under Holzl, Gebhard)
“The sand pebbles” American Film Institute catalog [GB] (Entry F6.4226)


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