W6720 WORD OF HONOR (USA, 12/6/2003) [TV]

Credits: director, Robert Markowitz; writers, Jacob Epstein, Leslie Graf, Jean-Yves Pitoun, Tom Topor; novel, Nelson DeMille.

Cast: Don Johnson, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Sharon Lawrence, John Heard, Arliss Howard, Jesse Johnson.

Summary: Legal melodrama set in the U.S. in the 1990s. Benjamin Tyson (Johnson), a middle-aged executive, husband and father, sees his comfortable world upended when his Vietnam service becomes searing news after 30 years. A magazine article, based on the account of a former soldier now dying of cancer, depicts a brutal attack on a neutral hospital in Hue during the Tet Offensive by the platoon Tyson led as a young lieutenant. The Army recalls Tyson to active duty to stand trial for murder. Tyson, confronted by Army authorities anxious to save face, a threat to his marriage, and entangled, furthermore, in his own past lives and present sense of guilt, must call on all his cleverness and inner toughness to fight his case. He is defended by lawyer J.D. Runnells (Howard), himself a Vietnam vet.

Byrne, Bridget. “Don Johnson and son play Army officer accused of war crime in TNT movie drama” Associated Press (Dec 1, 2003), Entertainment news, BC cycle.


“Word of honor” Hollywood reporter (Dec 5, 2003), p. ?

“Word of honor” People 60/23 (Dec 8, 2003), p. 44.

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