

G4600 GLORY BOY (USA, 1971)

(Other titles: My old man's place; The old man's place)

Credits: director, Edwin Sherin ; writer, Stanford Whitmore ; novel, John Sanford.

Cast: Arthur Kennedy, Michael Moriarty, Mitchell Ryan, Topo Swope, William Devane.

Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary California. Vietnam veteran Trubee Pell (Moriarty) returns to his father's northern California farm with two other soldiers: Jimmy Pilgrim (Devane) an aimless loser; and a hard-bitten sergeant named Martin Flood (Ryan). The farm and the relationship between father and son has deteriorated. Pilgrim brings a friend, Helen (Swope), to the farm, where she is assaulted by Flood. Pilgrim wounds Flood in retaliation. Flood seems to repent and while he recovers, Trubee and Helen fall in love and with Pilgrim make plans to revive the farm. When Trubee goes to town, however, Flood again attacks Helen, mortally wounds Trubee's father, but is finally shot to death by the dying man. As his father dies, Trubee surveys the old man's place, now his.

Adair, Gilbert. Hollywood's Vietnam [GB] (p. 63-4, 209)

_____. Vietnam on film [GB] (p. 92, 95, 180)

Devine, Jeremy M. Vietnam at 24 frames a second [GB] (p. 76, 88, 205, 299)

[Glory boy] Cinema TV today n.9981 (May 20, 1972), p. 58.

[Glory boy] Filmfacts 14 (1971), p. 410.

[Glory boy] Films and filming 18/9 (Jun 1972), p. 58.

[Glory boy] Hollywood reporter 216/44 (Jun 29, 1971), p. 5.

[Glory boy] Monthly film bulletin 39/461 (Jun 1972), p. 119.

"Glory boy" Motion picture guide (edited by Jay Robert Nash and Stanley Ralph Ross) Chicago : Cinebooks, 1985. (v. 3, p. 1038)

Greenspun, Roger. "The screen: 'Glory boy'" New York times (Jun 30, 1971), p. 35.

Holz, Gebhard and Peipp, Matthias. Fahr zur Holle, Charlie! [GB] (p. 187, 272)

Lanning, Michael Lee. "My old man's place" Vietnam at the movies [GB] (p. 277)

Muse, Eben J. The land of Nam : the Vietnam war in American film [GB] (p. 58, 247)

Peipp, Matthias (see under Holz, Gebhard)

Sarris, Andrew. [Glory boy] Village voice 16/30 (Jul 29, 1971), p. 45.

Schwenk, Melinda. "Glory boy" Viet Nam war films II [draft] (1996?)

_____. "The Vietnam veteran in four films released between 1969 and 1973" Unpublished paper – Annenberg School for Communication, Univ. of Pennsylvania, 1995.

Smith, Julian. Looking away (book) [GB] (p. 148, 164-68, p. 170-71)

Verr. "Glory boy" Variety (Jun 30, 1971), p. 29.

Walker, Mark Edward. Vietnam veteran films [GB] (p. 86)

Williams, Tony. "Glory boy" Vietnam war films [GB] (Entry 239)