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CLASSICS FOR THE FUTURE

CRY OF BATTLE

1963 / 99:00 / B/W / War/ Action/ Drama

Director: Irving Lerner

Starring: Van Heflin, Rita Moreno, James MacArthur



SYNOPSIS:

The war with Japan broke out the day that Dave (James MacArthur) arrived in the Philippines. He's young, 'green', and ill-equipped for the rigors of war. Joe (Van Heflin) did not grow up as a sheltered rich kid like Dave - he's a survivor, experienced in war and everything else in life. Brutal and uncouth, guilty of rape, murder and betrayal, Joe is everything that the youthful civilized recruit hates. But he's got a thing or two to learn from the veteran if he's going to survive, and this he does. But the rivalry doesn't end there. It gets considerably more heated when Sisal (Rita Moreno) enters the scene. Predictably, Joe wants to possess her and Dave falls in love with her. Joe, fighting the Japanese, the guerillas and himself, now has a battle with Dave over the girl. Dave can't abide the idea of killing his mentor over love, but treachery, at least treachery in war, could be the honorable way.

REVIEWS:

"An earthy, colorful 'heavy' performance by Van Heflin..." 7 October 1963 Variety