REMEMBERING The Great War



Friday, April 7 Paths of Glory

In the third year of World War I, the erudite but morally bankrupt French general Broulard (Adolphe Menjou) orders his troops to seize the heavily fortified "Ant Hill" from the Germans. General Mireau (George MacReady) knows that this action will be suicidal, but he is willing to sacrifice his men to enhance his own reputation. Against his better judgment, Colonel Dax (Kirk Douglas) leads the charge, with appalling results. Directed by Stanley Kubrick.

Friday, April 14 Sergeant York

1957 · Not rated · 86 min · © MGM

Tennessee farmer Alvin York (Gary Cooper) is a conscientious objector because of religious convictions. Drafted and forced to go to boot camp when the US joins the war in 1917, he proves himself a born leader, yet still he balks at the thought of killing anyone. An understanding commanding officer slowly convinces the young pacifist that violence is sometimes the only way to defend democracy. He goes on to become the most decorated hero of World War I, putting his turkey-shooting skills to use against the Germans in the Argonne Forest.

 $1941 \cdot \text{Not rated} \cdot 136 \, \text{min} \cdot \mathbb{O} \, \text{Warner Bros.}$

WORLD WAR ONE ON FILM

Fridays in April at 12:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION

Free Popcorn & Lemonade

Friday, April 21 All Quiet on the Western Front

One of the most powerful anti-war statements ever put on film, this gut-wrenching story concerns a group of friends who join the Army during World War I and are assigned to the Western Front, where their fiery patriotism is quickly turned to horror and misery by the harsh realities of combat. Based on the classic novel by Erich Maria Remarque, the film stars Lew Ayres and won the 1930 Oscar for Best Picture.

1930 · Not rated · 140 min · © Universal

Friday, April 28 **Flyboys**

As World War I rages in Europe, and Allied forces in France, Italy, and England find their resolve quickly diminishing due to the overwhelming force of the German juggernaut, a handful of brave American soldiers volunteer to join their French counterparts in learning to fly and fighting for freedom from above as the true story of the legendary Lafayette Escadrille comes to the screen. James Franco stars as a young Texas rancher who signs up to serve, and Jean Reno plays the role of the squadron's French commander.

2006 · Rated PG-13 · 140 min · \bigcirc MGM

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