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WWI Commemoration Film Series

Gallipoli

Screening and Commentary

Thursday, October 23, 2014 | 6:30 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | CBC 155

Gallipoli is a 1981 Australian film directed by Peter Weir. The film received eight awards at the 1981 Australian Film Institute Awards and is considered one of the greatest anti-war films of its time. The movie provides a faithful portrayal of life in Australia in the late 1900s and captures the ideals and character of the Australians who answered the call to arms, as well as the conditions they endured on the battlefield. The film is set in 1915 with World War I raging. Great Britain, France and their allies are battling the German, Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires in what was to become one of the bloodiest conflicts in human history. Australia at this time was on the fringe of the vast British Empire. Young men enlist in the Australian Army to fight in The Great War in defense of Great Britain and the Empire. The Australians form part of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, known as the ANZACs. In an ambitious plan to capture the capital of the Ottoman Empire, Constantinople, the ANZACs take part in the ill-fated and ill-planned Gallipoli Campaign. The British Admiralty grossly underestimated the Ottoman troop strength in Gallipoli; whereby the ANZACs were decimated. During the course of the movie, the men slowly lose their innocence about the purpose of the war as they face its brutal realities.

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