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In *The Story of G.I. Joe* (William Wellman, 1945), war correspondent Ernie Pyle gives names and backstories to the otherwise anonymous American soldiers trudging past him on a dusty road in Tunisia. Among them are Joe McCloskey, who used to pull sodas in the corner drugstore; Harry Fletcher, a budding lawyer; and Danny Goodman, who supplemented his income by working at the gas station while studying medicine. “Here they are,” says Pyle (Burgess Meredith), “guns in their hands, facing a deadly enemy in a strange and faraway land.” Explosions fill the sky, punctuating his speech as Pyle finishes talking. Pyle’s description and this scene encapsulate three elements central to representations of World War II in American media. The first is the citizen soldier, the ordinary Joe, Harry, or Danny forced into swapping civilian life for a “baptism of fire,” as Pyle puts it, in foreign lands far from home. The second is implicit in Pyle’s description—the idea of World War II as not only a necessary war but also a virtuous one in which good and evil are easily distinguishable, and the American GI is unequivocally on the side of the former. The imagery of soldiers, weapons, and their spectacle effects are distinctive aesthetic markers that in turn define the third element—the visual construction of the war. In the past two decades, the citizen soldier has come to epitomize an entire generation, identified as the “Greatest Generation” because of its involvement in a conflict broadly characterized as a “good war.” From the books of journalist Tom Brokaw, who popularized the phrase “Greatest Generation,” to those of historian Stephen Ambrose, through films such as *Saving Private Ryan* (Steven Spielberg, 1998), *U-571* (Jonathon Mostow, 2000), *Windtalkers* (John...
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