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From the wilds of Africa in 'Hattari', John Wayne now switches to the exotic South Seas for his new comedy-adventure film, *'Donovan's Reef'* in Technicolor and opening at the Theatre. Directed by John Ford, the cast also includes Lee Marvin, Dorothy Lamour, Elizabeth Allen and Cesar Romero.

John Wayne plays the role of "Guns" Donovan and "Donovan's Reef" is the name of his saloon situated on a tropical island. Donovan is a Second World War hero who remained on the island after the Japanese surrendered. In addition to the saloon, he also owns a small fleet of sailing ships that transport passengers and goods from island to island. With him on the island is his old war buddy, Dr. Dedham, played by Jack Warden, who stayed behind to build a hospital and treat the natives' ailments. Lee Marvin plays "Boats" Gilhooley, another ex G.I. who is the island's most notorious drunkard, brawler, and bum. Although Gilhooley and Donovan are close friends, they can never resist the opportunity to fight with each other—and in the process—they usually wreck Donovan's saloon.

Romantic interest for John Wayne and Lee Marvin is provided by lovely Elizabeth Allen and everybody's favorite, Dorothy Lamour. Elizabeth Allen is perhaps best known as the girl who said "And away we go" on the old Jackie Gleason Show. Since then she has appeared in many stage and TV roles, the most notable of which was Juliet in Peter Ustinov's "Romanoff and Juliet." This is her first featured role in a motion picture. Dorothy Lamour seems right at home in a South Sea movie, no doubt because she became famous as the "Sarong Girl" and appeared in scores of movies set in the Tropics.

Elizabeth Allen plays Amelia Dedham, Dr. Dedham's daughter. She is a very proper Bostonian who travels to the island to check up on her father who never returned to Boston after the Second World War. Before long she meets Donovan, and soon falls in love with his brawling, masculine ways. She also has to fight off the attentions of Cesar Romero, who plays the fortune-hunting, foppish governor of the island. Dorothy Lamour plays Fleur, the local torch singer. Fleur wants to marry and

settle down with Gilhooley who loves her but loves booze and fighting with Donovan more than anything else.

"Donovan's Reef" was directed by John Ford who is internationally famous for his work in action and adventure films. Under his direction "Donovan's Reef" emerges as a beautiful and very colorful movie, full of the John Wayne brand of action and also packed with comic and heartwarming situations. Elizabeth Allen adds considerable charm and sophistication to the movie, and it is very amusing to see Lee Marvin, the star of TV's "M-Squad", play the role of a dumb-but-lovable, brawling beachcomber.

"Donovan's Reef" was produced by John Ford Productions, released by Paramount Pictures, and is based on original material by Pulitzer Prize winning author, James Michener.

PUBLICITY

SYNOPSIS

This is the story of life on a South Pacific island where two ex-Navy men, John Wayne (“Guns” Donovan) and Jack Warden (Dr. Dedham) have stayed following the last World War, Wayne to operate a bar and night club known as Donovan’s Reef, and Warden to marry a lovely Polynesian princess, raise a family and carry on his medical practice. Another shipmate, Lee Marvin (“Boats” Gilhooley) arrives later; and he and Wayne continue their brawling friendship. Trouble comes with the arrival of beautiful, haughty Elizabeth Allen (Amelia Dedham) to find her father (Jack Warden), who had neglected to return home to Boston after the war. Warden’s friends, including sultry Dorothy Lamour (Fleur), an entertainer at Donovan’s Reef, plot to save his reputation; and the results are dynamic, often hilarious and always heart-warming.

CAST

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| “Guns” Donovan | JOHN WAYNE |
| “Boats” Gilhooley | LEE MARVIN |
| Dr. Dedham | JACK WARDEN |
| Amelia Dedham | ELIZABETH ALLEN |
| Andre | CESAR ROMERO |
| Fleur | DOROTHY LAMOUR |

CREDITS

Produced and Directed by John Ford; Cinematographer—William Clothier; Unit Production Manager—Don Robb; Art Direction—Hal Pereira and Eddie Imazu; Film Editor—Otho Lovering; Sound—Hugo Grenzbach.

RUNNING TIME: 112 MINUTES