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The movie ends with a ceremonial where soldiers cry to a German woman singing.

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Analysis  
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from the  
movie

The historical  
context

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- Paths of Glory first projected in March in 1930  
- Very controversial - direct criticism towards the French army  
- One of the first screen and silent critics of the French army staff  
- Pressure and threat of reprisal from French and Belgian war veterans associations  
- Movie banned in several European countries (Switzerland, France...)  
- Released in France in 1975

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Stanley Kubrick's first movie at Singareni Collieries and was banned in certain countries.  
It got as much credit as a success and a disaster. Supporting roles based on real events (British soldiers such as they had an aneurysm in death).  
Made his debut movie with Susan Strasberg (November 1930-1974).  
Movie about anti-war in Europe the experience between of higher hierarchy (like highlights on war film) and soldiers in the classic war movies. The battle is between animals and soldiers from Singareni Collieries.

Conclusion

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- Kubrick gave his vision of WWI and all of its aspects through the movie.  
- Paths of glory, more a movie about the absurdity, the futility of war, than a war movie -> war near movie of Singareni Collieries, glorify the soldiers, patriotism -> war propaganda, but actually it's the criticism of war and conditions of life that it brings.  
- Paths of glory and Shoulder arms, two movies that offer us two different visions from two different eras.  
- pessimistic vision vs optimistic.  
- vision of the army not really fighting for Paths of glory if Shoulder arms releases the German army, heroic vision of the French soldiers (heroless).  
- Characters qualify his position -> correct side.  
- Paths of glory, very realistic and gloomy, Shoulder Arms, rather naive and comical.  
- Kubrick denounces a war of chaos.  
- concerning Shoulder Arms, the major themes are not similar.  
- Chaplin's movie achieved great success, in opposition to Paths of glory.  
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- The attack fails and three soldiers are tried for cowardice
- Colonel Dax defends them in court but they are sentenced to death
- Boulard finds out, thanks to Dax, that Mireau ordered the artillery commander to shoot his own troops and is investigated
- The movie ends with an emotional scene where soldiers cry to a German woman singing



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- Stanley Kubrick's fourth movie
- infamous in Europe and even banned in certain countries
- Didn't get as much merit as expected and deserved, disappointing results
- based on real events (invokes WWI themes such as french soldiers sentenced to death)
- Inspired from sub-lieutenant Jean-Julien-Marius Chapelant (executed october 11th 1914)
- movie about anti-militarism exposing the inhumaine behaviour of higher hierarchy (also highlights Colonel Dax's resistance )
- Unlike classic war movies, the battle is between generals and soldiers from the same camp

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