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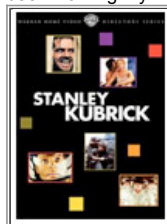


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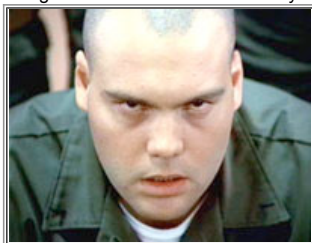
Warner's latest **Stanley Kubrick DVD collection** (the third one from the studio in under a decade), **Stanley Kubrick: Warner Home Video Directors Series**, was released last week and I've been working my way through the set's



fine complement of supplements. Each of the five films--*2001, A Clockwork Orange, The Shining, Full Metal Jacket* and *Eyes Wide Shut*--are accessorized with a nice bunch of extras, the majority of them

created by veteran DVD producer Gary Leva. The slew of commentaries and featurettes are highlighted by a cavalcade of Kubrick performers, including *Clockwork Orange*'s Malcolm McDowell, *2001*'s Keir Dullea and Gary Lockwood, R. Lee Ermey from *Full Metal Jacket* and Sidney Pollack from *Eyes Wide Shut*. They're all enthusiastic and thoughtful as they discuss their experiences with the Kubrick, as are the filmmaker's frequent producer Jan Harlan and his widow Christiane Kubrick.

For my money (alright, I got a free press copy!), the best supplemental moment comes from Vincent D'Onofrio, who portrayed *Full Metal Jacket*'s unforgettable Marine-made killing machine Leonard "Gomer Pyle" Lawrence. D'Onofrio



talks about Kubrick's directing style and his obsession to detail, yes, but he's also proud to declare that Kubrick and *Full Metal Jacket* served as his sole professional launching pad.

"Stanley made my career--there's no question about that. I've

done over 50 films because of him--because of that part, because Stanley cast me," says D'Onofrio. There is no other reason why I'm working."

Call me sentimental, but I gravitate to earnest proclamations like that one. It sorta reminds me of what Treat Williams said a few months back on a featurette regarding his experiences on Sidney Lumet's *Prince of the City*.

"Sitting here 25 years later talking about the DVD is one of the most exciting things I could imagine this year," he said. "It makes my day--it makes my year."

Some filmmaker with low self-esteem (are there any of those out there?) oughta snap these two guys up, crank out an indie, and sit back and suck up some praise when the DVD

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