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"The Call of Duty"

Two-reel Western

Featuring

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STEVE MOUNTAIN writes John Milton he is on his way to collect what Milton owes him. Milton is worried, for he cannot raise the money.

Bessie is Milton's only daughter and is beloved of Jerry Burke of the Northwest Mounted. He sees Milton is worried, and the girl tells him why. Jerry offers to help Milton with the money which he, Jerry, has saved up for—the girl!

Wanita, an Indian Squaw, arrives in the village, and, noted by Jerry Burke, buys a knife at the trading post.

Jerry leaves to arrest Pierre Le Brea, who in a fight had killed his partner. Wanita, the Indian squaw, overhears Jerry's plans to arrest LeBrea and hurries away. Jerry pursues the squaw, fearing she will warn the half-breed.

Mountain comes to the trading post after his money and tells Milton he could forget the debt if Bessie became his wife. Bessie overhears the conversation an dinforms Mountain she is promised to a better man. Mountain says nastily that he will be in to-morrow for the money.

After hours of hard rilding Jerry nears the cabin of the half-breed, but Wanita still holds the lead. Jerry and LeBrea fight in the cabin, and Jerry knocks LeBrea out. Wanita throws a knife at Jerry, but misses him. She swears she will have revenge on the policeman.

Milton has sent a messenger to the bank with Jerry's check for the gold which he owes Mountain. The latter intercepts the messenger and takes the money. Mountain hurries to the trading post and demands the money, which Milton is unable to pay, and then he tells Milton, "Make Bessie marry me and I will cancel the note." Milton angrily refuses and fights him. During the struggle Mountain is struck by a knife thrown by the Indian girl. Milton picks it up. Bessie and a trapper enter the room as Milton, knife in hand, is standing over Mountain's body.

Meanwhile Jerry has brought his prisoner in. The inspector tells Jerry to arrest John Milton for murder, the father of the girl to whom Jerry is engaged! The fight between love and duty surges within Jerry, but duty triumphs, and he resolves to carry out his orders.

Jerry finds a sack of gold in Mountain's clothes, and the sack is proven to belong to the man whom Milton sent to cash Jerry's check, but the knife used to kill Mountain corresponds with others in the showcase in the trading post! Jerry arrests Milton.

LeBrea, the half-breed, escapes froc the lock-up. Jerry recalls that he had seen the Indian squaw, Wanita, with a knife similar to those on sale at the trading post. He overtakes the half-breed, and after a fierce battle makes LeBrea his prisoner. In retaliation Wanita overcomes Bessie and places her in danger. When confronted by Jerry, Wanita confesses killing Mountain by mistake for John Milton, who had told the policeman where LeBrea, her husband, was hiding, and adds she will kill Milton's daughter if Jerry does not free LeBrea.

Jerry is enraged. He makes the squaw a prisoner beside her husband, and stars to search for Bessie. He is almost frantic, believing the girl, whom Wanita says she tied and left helpless in the forest, had perished there. But a trapper has discovered the girl and released her, and Jerry finds her at the trading post.

With Wanita's confession that she killed Mountain, Bessie's father is released from prison.

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