

IN THE MATTER of The Films, Videos, and Publications
Classification Act 1993

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IN THE MATTER of an Application for Review by United
International Pictures (New Zealand) of
a film entitled **SAVING PRIVATE**
RYAN

BEFORE THE FILM AND LITERATURE BOARD OF REVIEW

Sandra Moran (President)
W.K.Hastings (Deputy President)
Stephen Danby
Pamela Meekings-Stewart
Stephanie de Montalk
Bernadine Pool
Miles Rogers

MEETING at **WELLINGTON** on the 10th day of December 1998

APPEARANCES: Tim Ord for the Applicant

DECISION

United International Pictures (New Zealand) applied on 23 October 1998 under s.47(2)(d) of the Films Videos and Publications Act 1993 (the "Act") for a review of the decision of the Office of Film and Literature Classification (the "Office") dated 1 October 1998. The Office classified **SAVING PRIVATE RYAN** as objectionable unless its availability is restricted to persons 16 years of age and over. The Office also required a notice advising that the film "depicts graphic and realistic war scenes".

The Board received written submissions dated 6 November 1998 from the applicant and from the Office dated 27 November 1998. The Board also received from the Office on

10 December 1998 a submission in reply to the applicant's submission. The Board met on 10 December to view the film and to hear oral submissions from Mr Ord who represented the applicant. The Office declined the invitation to make an oral submission in addition to its written submissions.

The Board viewed the film and considered the written and oral submissions. In view of the statutory criteria set out in s.3 of the Act, and in view of the Bill of Rights Act, the Board was unanimous in its decision that the film SAVING PRIVATE RYAN be classified as "objectionable unless its availability is restricted to persons 15 years of age and over" with a note that it "depicts graphic and realistic war scenes". Reasons for this decision will be issued shortly.

DATED at Wellington this 11th day of December, 1998

Sandra Moran

President, Film and Literature Board of Review