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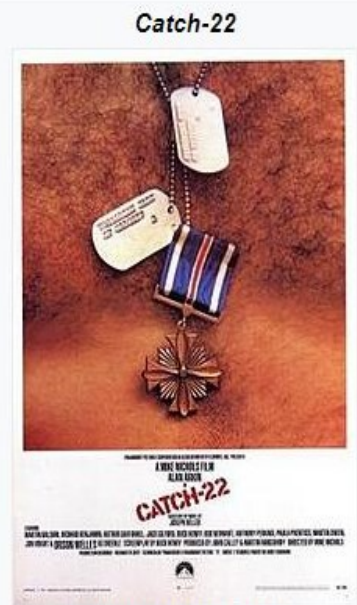
Languages: English, Italian

Filming Locations: San Carlos, Sonora, Mexico

Sound mix: 4 Track Stereo

Aspect ratio: 2.39:1

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Theatrical release poster

Directed by	Mike Nichols
Screenplay by	Buck Henry
Based on	<i>Catch-22</i> by Joseph Heller
Produced by	John Calley Martin Ransohoff
Starring	Alan Arkin Martin Balsam Richard Benjamin Art Garfunkel Jack Gilford Buck Henry Bob Newhart Anthony Perkins Paula Prentiss Martin Sheen Jon Voight Orson Welles
Cinematography	David Watkin
Edited by	Sam O'Steen
Music by	Richard Strauss
Production companies	Filmways Paramount Pictures
Distributed by	Paramount Pictures
Release date	June 24, 1970
Running time	122 minutes
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$18 million
Box office	\$24.9 million ^[1]

Storyline

Captain John Yossarian, a U.S. Army Air Force B-25 bombardier, is stationed on the Mediterranean base on Pianosa during World War II. Along with his squadron members, Yossarian is committed to flying dangerous missions, but after watching friends die, he seeks a means of escape.

While most crews are rotated out after twenty-five missions, his commanding officer, Colonel Cathcart keeps raising the minimum number of missions for this base before anyone can reach it, eventually to an unobtainable eighty missions; a figure resulting from Cathcart's craving for publicity, primarily a mention in the nationally syndicated Saturday Evening Post magazine.

Futilely appealing to Cathcart, Yossarian learns that even a mental breakdown is no release when Doc Daneeka explains the "Catch-22" the Army Air Force employs: An airman would have to be crazy to fly more missions, and if he were crazy, he would be unfit to fly. Yet, if an airman were to refuse to fly more missions, this would indicate that he is sane, which would mean that he would be fit to fly the missions, basically an impossible "damned if you do, damned if you don't" situation.

Yossarian is haunted, in several recurring flashbacks during the film, by the bloody death of Snowden, the young turret gunner on his B-25. After Snowden's death, Yossarian temporarily refuses to wear his uniform, which Snowden bled on. He shows up at a medal ceremony naked, and later morosely sits naked in a tree, where he is visited by Lt. Milo Minderbinder, who rapidly progresses from squadron supply officer to a capitalistic tycoon involved in black-market money-making schemes. The bomber squadron is populated by many additional comically strange characters. Major Major Major, the squadron's operations officer, is promoted to a squadron commander without ever having flown in a plane, and refuses to see anyone in his office while he is in, instructing Sergeant Towser that people can see him when he's out. The person had to wait in the waiting room until Major Major Major was gone, then the visitor could go right in.

Trapped by this convoluted logic, Yossarian watches as individuals in the squadron resort to unusual means to cope; Lt. Milo Minderbinder concocts elaborate black-market schemes while crazed Captain "Aarfy" Aardvark commits murder to silence a girl he raped. Lieutenant Nately falls for a prostitute; Major Danby delivers goofy pep talks before every bomb run and Captain Orr keeps crashing at sea. Meanwhile, Nurse Duckett occasionally beds Yossarian.

Nately dies as a result of an agreement between Milo and the Germans, trading surplus cotton in exchange for the squadron bombing its own base. While on a pass, Yossarian shares this news with Captain Nately's Whore, who then tries to kill him.

Because of Yossarian's constant complaints, Cathcart and Lt. Colonel Korn eventually agree to send him home, promising him a promotion to major and awarding him a medal for the fictitious saving of Cathcart's life; the only requirement being that Yossarian agrees to "like" the Colonels and praise them when he gets home.

Immediately after agreeing to Cathcart's and Korn's plan, Yossarian survives an attempt on his life when stabbed by Nately's Whore, who had disguised herself as a janitor. Once recovered, Yossarian learns from the chaplain and Major Danby that Captain Orr's supposed death was a hoax and that Orr's repeated "crash" landings had been a subterfuge for practicing and planning his own escape from the madness. Yossarian is informed that Orr ditched the plane and paddled a rescue raft all the way to Sweden on his last run.

Yossarian decides to ditch the deal with Cathcart, leaps out of the hospital window, takes a raft from a damaged plane and, while a marching band practices for the ceremony to award Yossarian the promotion and medal, he hops into the sea, climbs into the raft and starts paddling.

Cast

Main cast (as appearing in screen credits):

Alan Arkin as Captain John Yossarian (Bombardier)

Bob Balaban as Captain Orr (Bomber Pilot)

Martin Balsam as Colonel Chuck Cathcart (Group Commander, 256th Bomb Group)

Richard Benjamin as Major Danby (Group Operations Officer)

Susanne Benton as Dreedle's WAC

Marcel Dalio as Old Man in Whorehouse

Norman Fell as First Sgt. Towser (Major Major's Desk Clerk, later Acting Squadron Commander)

Art Garfunkel (billed Arthur Garfunkel) as Lt. Edward J. Nately III (Pilot)

Jack Gilford as Dr. "Doc" Daneeka (Group Flight Surgeon)

Charles Grodin as Captain "Aarfy" Aardvark (Navigator)

Buck Henry as Lt. Colonel Korn (Group XO / Roman policeman)

Bob Newhart as Captain/Major Major (Laundry Officer, later Squadron Commander)

Austin Pendleton as Lt. Col. Moodus

Anthony Perkins as Capt. Fr. Albert Taylor "A. T." Tappman (Chaplain)

Paula Prentiss as Nurse Duckett (Army Medical Nurse Corps)

Martin Sheen as 1st Lt. Dobbs (Pilot)

Jon Voight as 1st Lt. Milo Minderbinder (Mess Officer)

Orson Welles as Brigadier General Dreedle (Wing Commander)

Certification

Argentina:18 Australia:SOA (original rating) Australia:M (1984, re-rating) Canada:13+ (Quebec) Finland:K-16 France:12 (new rating) France:13 (original rating) Hungary:14 Hungary:18 (original rating) Iceland:12 India:A Ireland:15 Italy:VM18 Netherlands:18 (original rating) Netherlands:AL (2003, DVD) New Zealand:R16 Norway:15 (recommended rating) Norway:16 (1971, cinema rating) Poland:16 (TV rating) Portugal:(Banned) (1970-1974) Singapore:NC-16 Sweden:15 United Kingdom:X (original rating) United Kingdom:15 (video rating) United States:R (certificate #22141) West Germany:16

Sex & Nudity

Moderate

Violence & Gore

Moderate

Profanity

Mild

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking

Mild

Frightening & Intense Scenes

Moderate

