

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of study

Movie is one of the popular cultures and the modern art works that provides a new direction to literary studies, because popular culture examining literature as a particular culture practices. (Culler 1997, 43). From movie the writer know about some literary works. One of the movies that writer analyzes is *Hacksaw Ridge*. This movie is directed by Mel Gibson and it based on a true story of conscientious objector Desmond T. Doss, played by Andrew Garfield. Mel Gibson is one of the filmmakers and also an actor. He is best known for action hero role. In his movie, Gibson creates different characteristics for each role. One of the roles that the writer is interested in is Desmond T. Doss.

The writer uses this movie because it portrayed of pacifism by the main character. This analyzes give the reader more knowledge about the pacifist characters based on the theory of Pacifism.

This research focuses on the portrayal of Pacifism in the main character *Doss*, because the writer wants to reveal about his characteristic based on Pacifism theory and the function of this research is to emphasise the story inside of the movie and to deliver the message from the director to the audiences. Based on the research writer would like to analyze pacifism because it can increase a knowledge about the character of pacifism in this movie.

To ease the analysis, a brief synopsis about *Hacksaw Ridge* movie is necessary. *Hacksaw Ridge* is a movie created by Mel Gibson, released in 2016. This movie is a true story by Desmond T.

Doss. When he was a child, his brother and him make a joke and accidentally Doss attacked him by a stone and his brother even make him unconscious. After that, his father got angry and wanted to hit him with a belt but Doss mother hold on her husband to do that. Doss just a silent and looking a picture of a Ten Commandments and he saw one of that in a point 6 if they should not kill, because it is one of a big sins.

Day by day, he grow up become a man. He met a girl named Dorothy. Dorothy is a nurse, and one day Doss falling in love with her. At that time, Doss said if he was interested with medical work.

Doss was enlisted in the army to serve a combat medic. His father Tom, who was a World War I veteran, was deeply upset by the decision. Before leaving the city, he proposed Dorothy, and asked her to marry him. He become an army now and placed under the command of Sergeant Howell. He does not want to join in a shooting training because of his belief and he also does not want to work on Saturday because Saturday is a Sabbath to him. Therefore, Sergeant Howell and Captain Glover attempt to discharge Doss for psychiatric reason but overruled, as Doss religious beliefs do not constitute mental illness.

Finally Doss can join as a combat medic because his father gives a letter and stating his son's pacifism is protected by an Act congress. Doss assigned in unit 77th Infantry Division. During a battle of Okinawa, Doss lost his friend, Smithy and others. Howell and his squad soldiers got an injured on battlefield. While the Japan attacked them, Doss heard the cries of dying soldiers and decided to return to save them, carrying the wounded to the cliff's edge and pull down them by a rope that has been tied. Doss returned to save the people include saving his enemy as well.

Captain Glover tells Doss that the men have been inspired by selfness and that they will not launch the next attack without him. With reinforcements, they turn the tide of battle.

In literary study, the contribution of this analyzes for literature students is to know about the character of pacifist. Therefore, this research can open our mind to the pacifism and increase knowledge insights about the character based on pacifism. Moreover, the writer uses Philosophical approach because this movie is discusses about Pacifism and have a Christian's value as seen in the Pacifist. On the other hand, the literature students can add their knowledge from philosophical side because towards the Pacifism itself, it has a value to a belief of someone and moral ground. This becomes the reason why the writer wants to discuss about the Portrayal of Pacifism reflected in the main character *Doss* in *Hacksaw Ridge* movie.

1.2 Research Question

Based on the background that has been stated before, the researcher formulates the issue as follow:

How is the portrayal of pacifism as reflected in the main character Doss on *Hacksaw Ridge* movie?

1.3 Research Objective

Based on the research question above, the objective of the study in this research is to reveal the portrayal of pacifism in the main character Doss on *Hacksaw Ridge* movie.

1.4 Uses of Research

The research will be useful for the researcher and the readers theoretically and practically.

1.4.1. Theoretical Uses

The researcher hopes this analysis will enrich the reader's knowledge. Generally, related to literary work. Therefore, it will increase audience's knowledge to comprehend about literature and become one of the references for the one who attract to analyze movie.

1.4.2. Practical Uses

Practically, this research increases the knowledge of the readers about the Pacifism towards the characters in this movie and this analysis will give the insight for the real life based on the movie analyzed.

1.5 Scope of the research

To limit the discussion, the writer focusess on the description of the characteristics of Pacifism as reflected in the main character *Doss*. Moreover, the characteristic of Desmond T. Doss are Nonviolence and moral consideration.

The source of this research is the movie of *Hacksaw Ridge* and the data are taken from the dialogue in the movie.