

The Montana Kid

US : 1931 : dir. Harry Fraser : : 59 min
 prod: : scr: Harry Fraser & G.A. Durlam : dir.ph.: Archie Stout
[Andy Shuford](#)
 Bill Cody; W.L.Thorne; G.D.(Gordon) Wood (De Main); John Elliott; Paul Panzer

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Speelfilm Encyclopedie review:

“Young Shuford’s father is gunned down and bandit Thorne grabs his ranch. Cody takes the boy under his wing and fights Thorne and his men to win the ranch back for the boy. Fraser wrote the story himself for this good Western, which was adapted by G.A.Durlam. Archie Stout was the cameraman. **1½ ”

The Moving Picture Boy entry on Shuford:

“William Shuford acted under his father’s name of Andy. He was a lithe, freckled, outdoor boy and a brilliant rider; but he also had narrow, "skinny" eyes which after a while made him an invaluable player of "mean" parts – for instance as a foe of Jackie Cooper in **"WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND"**. In most of his films of 1931-32, though, he is co-starring with cowboy Bill Cody (grandson of "Wild Bill") in the **"Bill and Andy"** series.

Shuford left the movies when he was 18, and enlisted in the Air Force. He served for many years, and won the British DFC during World War Two.”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. It seems fair to infer then this was the first of that **"Bill and Andy"** Western series. Other Western titles Shuford made in 31-32, most or all from that series, were: **"DUGAN OF THE BAD LANDS"**, **"HEADIN' FOR TROUBLE"**, **"OKLAHOMA JIM"**, **"A RIDER OF THE PLAINS"**, **"LAND OF WANTED MEN"**, **"LAW OF THE NORTH"**, **"MASON OF THE MOUNTED"** and **"TEXAS PIONEERS"**. He was 14 in 1931 (for which read 12 today) and also cropped up in titles like **"MOBY DICK"** (30) and **"THE CHAMP"** (32). I've not found a picture of him to date.

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