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The men who served with in the 1st Infantry Division with F company, 52nd Infantry, (LRP) later redesignated as Company I, 75th Infantry (Ranger) --engaged in some of the fiercest, bloodiest fighting during the Vietnam War, suffering a greater relative aggregate of casualties than any other LRRP/LRP/Ranger company. Their base was Lai Khe, within hailing distance of the Vietcong central headquarters, a mile inside Cambodia, with its vast stockpiles of weapons and thousands of transient VC and NVA soldiers.

Recondo-qualified Bill Goshen was there, and has written the first account of these battle-hardened soldiers. As the eyes and ears of the Big Red One, the 1st Infantry, these hunter/killer teams of only six men inserted deep inside enemy territory had to survive by their wits, or suffer the deadly consequences. Goshen himself barely escaped with his life in a virtual suicide mission that destroyed half his team.

His gripping narrative recaptures the raw courage and sacrifice of American soldiers fighting a savage war of survival: men of all colors, from all walks of life, warriors bonded by triumph and tragedy, by life and death. They served proudly in Vietnam, and their stories need to be told.

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Ed Burnette says

Thought Provoking

While this book clearly speaks of what soldier's life was like during the Vietnam war, and the relationships developed; it was the last chapter titled The Last Team that tied everything together. During our current times, those thoughts and sayings are more true today than ever especially the part were we must teach our children the past and the cost of freedom.

Robert says

I made the mistake of checking out the audiobook version from the library without noting that it was an abridged version. The reader was good but the narrative was much too truncated.

Ernest Carter says

Very good read

A very good down to earth read on the war in Vietnam from a ordinary soldiers point in a not so ordinary unit

Tyler Barker says

I have read multiple accounts of the Special Forces. This one was unique with multiple individual stories from a heros tour in Vietnam. The book shows how overused the Rangers were and misused. It also gives you another account that even the soldiers were frustrated and didn't know why they were fighting. The Army lingo and trade words gets old.

Rick says

It is kind of hard to rate something like this. It is a personal account of one soldier and his Ranger/Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) unit with the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam, based in Lai Khe. I was also in Lai Khe a year earlier so much of it is quite familiar to me. Although I had nowhere the combat experience of this soldier it was quite disheartening to me to hear that the powers to be would often discount the reports of the LRRPs of the locations of enemy soldiers when the LRRPs were actually in contact (in combat) with the enemy! I was in a Military Intelligence Platoon and those same powers to be would often discount our intelligence when we had enemy units located, sometimes right outside of our perimeter. Very sad.

