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The true story of the battle of Xom Bo II that was fought on June 17, 1967. It was a battle that pitted Five hundred 1st Infantry Division soldiers against 800 to 2000 Viet Cong from the 271st Regiment. The bloody clash took the lives of 39 Americans and seriously wounded 150 more. It is the minute by minute story of what happened that day in the steamy jungle and the story of the men who fought so valiantly to survive the ambush. It is the story of the loved ones left behind and the wounded who struggled to become whole again. It's a story that is the result of talking to many of the survivors of the battle and the wives, brothers, sisters, or friends of those who were there when over 8000 artillery rounds rained down around LZ X-Ray to dislodge the entrenched Viet Cong. June 17, 1967 is a story of war, men, and the loved ones. It is the story of the youth, culture and happenings that made the battle of Xom Bo II such an enigma for the summer of love in 1967. It is an angry story and a healing story that will bring feelings to the surface and tear at your heart.

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Thomas Lee says

Wanted to like this book but the narrative was not well written

This is an important event but this book is neither a great narrative providing great first hand accounts nor is it a solid chronicle of events.

I wanted to like it but it was simply hard to follow

Paula Czech says

An absolute must read about a Vietnam War battle that received minimal attention. The author captures the vivid battle scenes and the heroism of thirty nine young warriors who defended the freedoms we Americans take for granted. Paula Czech

Bill Elston says

One battle among many battles in a loosing proposition

An excellent first hand account of a horrible battle that took far too many young lives. Poor planning, bad Intel and the improbable attrition method of claiming victory by US command. A very good book, an enjoyable history lesson.

Bob says

Very good book that could have been great had it been the beneficiary of quality editing.

Mike Fuljenz says

So many gave so much . . . , I appreciate the dangers and the tragedies that so many endured. I believe this book accurately describes the day's events, but the reader is reminded that it is difficult to impossible to capture the most RAW components of what a battle like this is like. Unlike the real thing, reading a book you don't feel that numbing tension in your gut, the fear and you can't smell death all around you.

Bless them and bless David Hearne. Thank you for your service!

michael joseph paoletti says

Excellent read, felt I was there. Great visuals of what was going on in the US st the time. Super.

See above. Yahoo messenger and very good morning my beautiful wife of your own home from work with you guys doing

Jennifer Wulf says

This was a serious read for me, and was very enlightening. Thank you David Hearne for all that you and your comrades went through. Words cannot express enough the appreciation I have for the brave men who laid down their lives for our country.

Pam Truax says

June 17, 1967 - Battle of Xom Bo II by David Hearne is the story of a Vietnam Battle - one in which Hearne fought.

The battle begins with two battalions marching into a landing zone called LZ X-Ray. As the men approach the landing they are pretty confident that they will make it through. Men and weapons strong-- there is no way the Viet Cong will attack. Wrong--thus begins the ambush and attack that will last for hours and claim hundreds of lives and even more wounded.

Vietnam 1967 - Hearne is First Lieutenant Artillery and marching into Xom Bo II with his battalion and another. Hearne actually views the upcoming landing area as scenic--until the first man is hit and word begins to spread through the ranks of men that they are being ambushed. Thus begins the most personal and up close look at the men and happenings of that day - a complete and all encompassing account of the battle, the men, the casualties and the heroics.

America 1967 - disdain and disgust concerning the war in Vietnam, love children, music, drugs. What a far cry from the world that Hearne and his fellow countrymen are serving in. Hearne has masterfully covered the war, life in America, and possibly the most personal account of a battle that has ever been written. The personal side of June 17, 1967 is overwhelming. Hearne has researched, met with survivors and survivors relatives as well as the relatives of those that did not survive.

Several things will keep you riveted to this book, but none more than the complete and detail description of the day. Hearne brings the reader right into the ranks of the entire battle.

Excellently written - heartfelt throughout.

A must read!!!!

