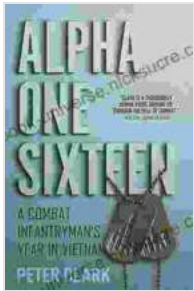


Combat Infantryman: A Year in Vietnam

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I was 19 years old when I was drafted into the Army in 1967. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I had never been out of the country before, and I had never even fired a gun. But I was young and patriotic, and I was ready to serve my country.

I went through basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. It was tough, but I made it through. I was then assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and sent to Vietnam.

I arrived in Vietnam in January 1968, just in time for the Tet Offensive. The Tet Offensive was a major offensive launched by the North Vietnamese and

Viet Cong against South Vietnam. It was one of the bloodiest battles of the war, and I saw a lot of combat during that time.

After the Tet Offensive, I was assigned to a reconnaissance platoon. We were responsible for patrolling the area around our base camp and looking for signs of enemy activity. We often went on long patrols, and we were always in danger of being ambushed.

One day, we were on patrol when we were ambushed by a group of Viet Cong. We were outnumbered, and we were pinned down. But we fought back, and we eventually drove the enemy off. I was wounded in the leg during the ambush, but I was lucky to be alive.

I spent the rest of my year in Vietnam fighting on the front lines. I saw a lot of death and destruction, but I also saw a lot of courage and determination. I learned a lot about myself during that year, and I came home a changed man.

I am proud of my service in Vietnam. I am proud of the men I served with, and I am proud of the country I fought for.

Boot Camp

Boot camp was tough, but it was also necessary. It taught me the basics of soldiering, and it prepared me for the challenges I would face in Vietnam.

We were woken up at 5:00 AM every morning and made to do physical training. We then had breakfast and went to class. We learned about everything from weapons to tactics to first aid.

In the afternoons, we did more physical training. We also practiced marching, drilling, and shooting. We were constantly being pushed to our limits, but we all knew that it was for our own good.

Boot camp was a challenge, but it was also a rewarding experience. I learned a lot about myself and about what I was capable of. I also made some lifelong friends.

The Front Lines

The front lines were a dangerous place, but it was also where I felt most alive. I was part of a team, and we were all fighting for the same cause. I knew that I could count on my fellow soldiers, and they knew that they could count on me.

We spent most of our time on patrol, looking for signs of enemy activity. We often went on long patrols, and we were always in danger of being ambushed.

We also spent a lot of time in firefights. Firefights were often chaotic and terrifying, but we always managed to come through them. I learned a lot about myself during those firefights, and I learned that I could handle anything.

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The Tet Offensive began on January 30, 1968, with a series of surprise attacks on major cities and towns throughout South Vietnam. The North Vietnamese and Viet Cong were hoping to overthrow the South Vietnamese government and force the United States to withdraw from Vietnam.

The Tet Offensive was a major challenge for the U.S. and South Vietnamese forces, but they were eventually able to repel the attacks. However, the Tet Offensive had a major impact on the war. It showed that the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong were still a powerful force, and it led to a decrease in public support for the war in the United States.

Hamburger Hill

Hamburger Hill was a small hill in the A Shau Valley of Vietnam. It was the site of a bloody battle between the U.S. Army and the North Vietnamese Army in 1969.

The battle for Hamburger Hill began on May 10, 1969, when the U.S. Army launched an operation to capture the hill. The North Vietnamese were well-entrenched on Hamburger Hill, and they fought back fiercely. The battle raged for 10 days, and the U.S. Army suffered heavy casualties.

The battle for Hamburger Hill was a controversial one. Some people believe that it was a pointless waste of lives, while others believe that it was a necessary victory. Regardless of one's opinion on the battle, there is no doubt that it was a bloody and costly affair.

Khe Sanh

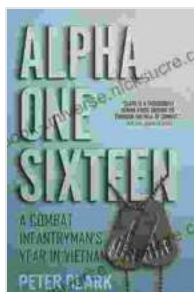
Khe Sanh was a U.S. Marine Corps combat base in the northwest corner of South Vietnam. It was the site of a major battle between the U.S. Marines and the North Vietnamese Army in 1968.

The battle for Khe Sanh began on January 21, 1968, when the North Vietnamese launched a siege of the base. The siege lasted for 77 days, and the U.S. Marines were constantly under attack. However, the Marines held out, and the North Vietnamese were eventually forced to withdraw.

The battle for Khe Sanh was a major victory for the U.S. Marines. It showed that the Marines could withstand any attack, and it boosted morale among the troops.

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The Vietnam War was a difficult and controversial war, but it was also a war that was fought for a noble cause. The United States and South Vietnam were fighting for freedom and democracy, and I am proud to have been a part of that fight.



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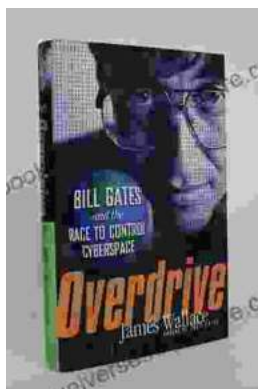
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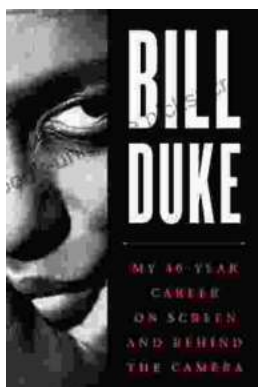
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