We Few: A Special Forces Group in Vietnam



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The Vietnam War was a bloody and costly conflict that lasted for over a decade. American forces were involved in the war from 1964 to 1973, and during that time, they suffered heavy losses. One of the most effective units in the American military during the Vietnam War was the Special Forces. These elite soldiers were trained in unconventional warfare and counterinsurgency, and they played a vital role in the war effort. One of the most famous Special Forces groups was We Few.

We Few was a six-man Special Forces team that was deployed to Vietnam in 1965. The team was led by Captain Charles "Charlie" Beckwith, and its members included Sergeant Major Roy Benavidez, Sergeant First Class Gary Gordon, Sergeant First Class Michael Spann, Sergeant First Class James Rowe, and Sergeant First Class Donald Ruiz. We Few was assigned to a remote area of South Vietnam, where they conducted unconventional warfare operations against the North Vietnamese Army (NVA) and the Viet Cong (VC). The team's mission was to sabotage enemy supply lines, gather intelligence, and train local forces. We Few was also involved in direct combat operations, and they often found themselves outmatched by the enemy. Despite the odds, We Few fought bravely and effectively, and they quickly became one of the most respected Special Forces teams in Vietnam.

In 1966, We Few was involved in a major battle that became known as the Battle of Dong Xoai. The battle began when the NVA launched a surprise attack on a South Vietnamese Army outpost near Dong Xoai. We Few was called in to assist the South Vietnamese forces, and they quickly found themselves surrounded by the enemy. The team fought bravely, but they were outnumbered and outgunned. Eventually, they were forced to withdraw, but not before they had inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

The Battle of Dong Xoai was a major turning point in the Vietnam War. It was the first time that the NVA had been able to defeat a Special Forces team in combat. The battle also showed that the Special Forces were not invincible, and that they could be defeated if they were not properly supported.

Despite the setback at Dong Xoai, We Few continued to fight in Vietnam. The team conducted numerous successful operations, and they played a vital role in the American war effort. In 1967, We Few was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its actions in Vietnam. In 1968, We Few was disbanded, and its members were reassigned to other units. However, the team's legacy lived on. The Special Forces continued to fight in Vietnam, and they played a vital role in the American war effort. The Special Forces also continued to use the unconventional warfare tactics that We Few had pioneered.

Today, We Few is remembered as one of the most elite Special Forces teams in American history. The team's members were brave and dedicated soldiers, and they fought valiantly for their country. We Few is a reminder of the sacrifices that American soldiers have made in order to defend freedom and democracy.

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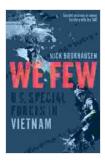


We Few team members in combat



Further Reading

- We Few: A Special Forces Team in Vietnam by Dick Couch
- Special Forces in the Vietnam War by the History Channel
- Special Forces by Military.com



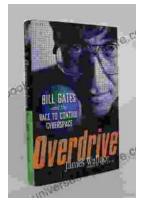
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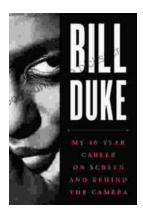
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