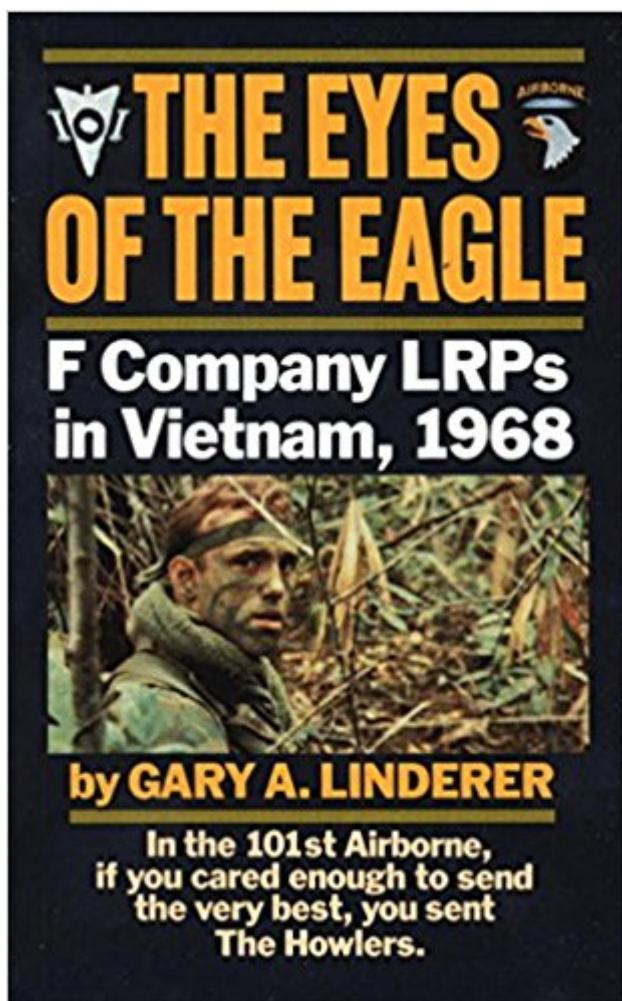


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# Eyes Of The Eagle: F Company LRPs In Vietnam, 1968



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They did it and saw it all. Gary Linderer volunteered for the Army, then volunteered for Airborne training. F Company pulled reconnaissance missions and ambushes, and Linderer recounts night insertions into enemy territory, patrols against NVA antiaircraft emplacements and rocket-launching facilities, the fragging of an unpopular company commander, and one of the bravest demonstrations of courage under fire.

This was a very interesting and great Book. The Author really was a brave man during the battles he endured in Vietnam. LRPS are definitely braver than most in the Army. I enjoyed this book very much. Would have liked to read about the last six months of the Authors tour of duty.

I have not read it yet, but I scanned it and it looks great

Great book

This book was nothing short of one terrific account of what it was like to be an LRRP (LURP) during the Vietnam War. It seems so easy for people to think of 1968 as the year of turmoil at home in the USA with an unfavorable populist view of the war within the Republic of Vietnam. What is often viewed on the macro consideration of this time frame is the lost micro view of individual people. Here we have a personal account of the war from one man, a hero (not by his own account), a soldier who was also someone's son and brother. Military personnel who decide to write on their personal accounts of war, battles and other such related activity should take a page from Mr. Linderer. His writing style is easy to understand and follow and he simply "tells the story" with next to no personal opinion on "liberals" or "conservatives"; instead his main objective as an individual is to assist his team and platoon and to do his part to attempt (in vain) to win the war he volunteered to go fight. The book starts out with the brief familiar scenes of innocence, a desire for manhood, and a willingness to "do the right thing." We witness his transformation from level headed civilian to soldier to LURP with enough detail to keep us interested but not so much as to detract the reader from the story this author wants to tell. Along the way there is danger, laughter, tears, honesty, openness of heart, and courage for self and soldier buddies. As I was once a Marine (fulltime but Marine for life) - I found it most honorable that Mr. Linderer would periodically reference, and give credit toward, other branches of the U.S. Military and their special outfits solely designed for high danger tasks and missions. As a reader of history and more specifically military history I found this book a simple pleasure to cover an account of a war that had little press support in a Post Tet Offensive period in our history. To a large degree, Mr. Linderer and many other U.S. Army Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coastguardsmen were simply ignored and had to find and fight a whole new battle after getting home (this part is not in the book) as most of us have read stories of people such as these after their discharge

from the military during Vietnam; but, I had the pleasure to have worked with many that stayed in the military after the Vietnam War ended. Any person that has a knack for continuous education in history and military reading should pick up this book. It's less than 240 pages and they fly by when you sit to read.

Interesting read. Held my attention throughout. The Vietnam war was a terrible. I was in the US Navy from 1964-1968.

Informative book by someone on the front lines. Was there with the 101st during the same time periods and can relate to the areas describe by the author.

Good

Great read

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