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The Recon Marines were the elite fighting force of the US Marine Corps in Vietnam. They were tasked with carrying out the most dangerous missions, including reconnaissance, sabotage, and assassination. These men were highly trained and skilled, and they were known for their courage and determination.

This book tells the story of these brave men and their extraordinary heroism. It is a gripping account of the challenges they faced and the sacrifices they made. It is a must-read for anyone interested in military history or the Vietnam War.

The History of the Recon Marines

The Recon Marines were first formed in 1955. They were originally known as the Force Reconnaissance Companies, and they were tasked with gathering intelligence and carrying out special operations. In 1965, the Force Reconnaissance Companies were renamed the Recon Marines.

The Recon Marines played a vital role in the Vietnam War. They were involved in some of the most important battles of the war, including the Battle of Khe Sanh and the Tet Offensive. They also carried out numerous reconnaissance missions and sabotage operations.

The Training of the Recon Marines

The Recon Marines were highly trained and skilled. They underwent a rigorous training program that included weapons training, combat tactics, and survival skills. They were also trained in how to operate in a variety of environments, including jungles, mountains, and deserts.

The Recon Marines were also known for their physical fitness. They were required to pass a physical fitness test that included running, swimming, and weightlifting.

The Missions of the Recon Marines

The Recon Marines carried out a variety of missions in Vietnam, including:

- Reconnaissance: The Recon Marines were tasked with gathering intelligence about the enemy. They would often go out on long-range patrols to gather information about enemy positions, strength, and equipment.
- Sabotage: The Recon Marines were also tasked with carrying out sabotage operations. They would often destroy enemy equipment,

- supplies, and infrastructure.
- Assassination: The Recon Marines were sometimes tasked with assassinating enemy leaders. These missions were often very dangerous, but they were also very important.

The Legacy of the Recon Marines

The Recon Marines played a vital role in the Vietnam War. They were a highly trained and skilled fighting force that carried out some of the most dangerous missions of the war. They were known for their courage, determination, and heroism.

The legacy of the Recon Marines lives on today. They are still considered to be one of the elite fighting forces in the world. They continue to carry out dangerous missions in a variety of environments around the globe.



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