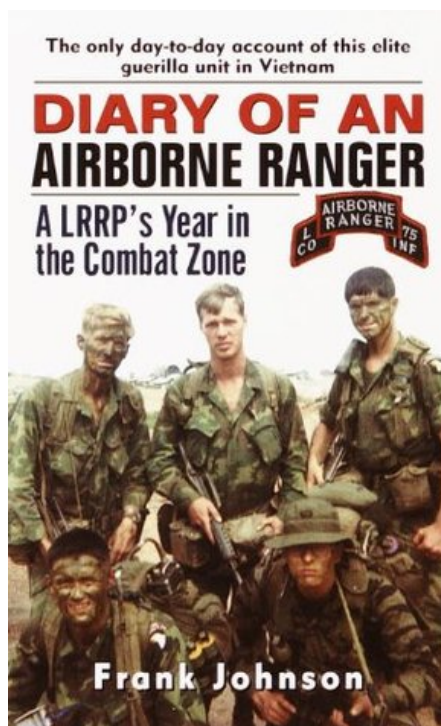




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Perhaps the most accurate story of LRRPs at war
ever to appear in print!

When Frank Johnson arrived in Vietnam in 1969, he was nineteen, a young soldier untested in combat like thousands of others--but with two important differences: Johnson volunteered for the elite L Company Rangers of the 101st Airborne Division, a long range reconnaissance patrol (LRRP) unit, and he kept a secret diary, a practice forbidden by the military to protect the security of LRRP operations.

Now, more than three decades later, those hastily written pages offer a rare look at the daily operations of one of the most courageous units that waged war in Vietnam. Johnson served in I Corps, in northern Vietnam, where combat was furious and the events he recounts emerge, stark and compelling: walking point in the A Shau Valley, braving enemy fire to rescue a downed comrade, surviving days and nights of relentless tension that suddenly exploded in the blinding fury of an NVA attack.

Undimmed and unclouded by the passing of years, Johnson's account is unique in the annals of Vietnam literature. Moreover, it is a timeless testimony to the sacrifice and heroism of the LRRPs who dared to risk it all.

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Heather Danielle says

I LOVED this book! I couldn't put it down. I loved how it was written, uncensored! It made me laugh, and had parts I almost cried. It made me have an even greater respect for people who served in Vietnam. This is a MUST READ book for any LRRP/LRRS!

Glenette says

An interesting account of the author's tour in Vietnam as a Ranger.

Frank Sullivan says

I understand this book was written from a diary but I found myself wanting to read the rest of the story. Good book just needed the rest of the story.

Kolton says

Diary of an Airborne Ranger was a very inspiring and motivational book for me. It took me into the book, and I felt like I was living the everyday challenges and experiences told throughout this novel. The author really explained his life in the war so well, that there were times during my reading that I forgot I was sitting on my bed in my room and not in Vietnam. This is a very powerful and moving book that really gave a true insight as to what went on during the Vietnam war. I would definitely recommend this book to all my classmates. even if they aren't interested in to war novels like i am, this was still an excellent book that I think a lot of people would enjoy. I really wish there would be sequel to this book because i really liked it, but the author has written other war novels similar to this one, and i plan on reading them as well. Overall, this was an excellent book, one of my favorites, and I would a absolutely recommend this book to just about anyone.

Jarrold says

The age of the author is unmistakably young, which gives this its charm for sure.

Susheel John says

This book is literally a compilation of a LRRP's activities during the Vietnam war. It offers authentic insight into a soldier's life at the time. A real "view from the trenches" type of book. It is, of course, very American

as is seen from how the Vietnamese are referred to. One thing to note is that this was written by a soldier who wanted to be in combat. Of course, as diary entries go, there is quite a bit of repetition but that's also what makes it All the more authentic.

Josh Logan says

I thought that this book was really good. It showed you some of the things a US Army Airborne Ranger went through during the Vietnam War. It shared his thoughts on what was going on during the war. He also wrote about how the guys in his patrol unit became like family.

Dennis says

The best!!
