

Ripcord: Screaming Eagles Under Siege in Vietnam, 1970

In the bloody spring of 1970, the 101st Airborne Division's Screaming Eagles found themselves under siege at Firebase Ripcord, a remote outpost in the A Shau Valley of Vietnam. For three weeks, the paratroopers endured relentless attacks by a determined North Vietnamese Army (NVA) force. Outnumbered and outgunned, the Screaming Eagles fought back with unwavering courage, determination, and a fierce sense of camaraderie.



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by Keith William Nolan

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Ripcord: Screaming Eagles Under Siege in Vietnam, 1970 is a gripping account of that epic battle, as told by the paratroopers who fought there. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the Vietnam War or military history.

The Battle for Firebase Ripcord

Firebase Ripcord was a small, isolated outpost located in the A Shau Valley, a strategic crossroads near the Laotian border. The firebase was home to a company of paratroopers from the 101st Airborne Division's 506th Infantry Regiment. On March 31, 1970, the firebase came under attack by a large NVA force. The NVA attackers were well-trained and well-equipped, and they quickly overwhelmed the firebase's defenses. The paratroopers were forced to retreat to a small bunker, where they were surrounded by the NVA.

For three weeks, the paratroopers endured relentless attacks by the NVA. The NVA attackers used mortars, rockets, and small arms fire to pound the bunker, and they repeatedly tried to storm the position. The paratroopers fought back with everything they had, using their rifles, grenades, and bayonets to keep the NVA at bay. They were also supported by airstrikes and artillery fire, but these were often ineffective due to the dense jungle canopy.

As the siege wore on, the paratroopers began to run out of food, water, and ammunition. They were also exhausted and demoralized. But they refused to give up. They knew that if they did, they would be killed. So they fought on, with unwavering courage and determination.

On April 14, 1970, the NVA launched a final, desperate attack on the firebase. The paratroopers fought back with everything they had, and they eventually repelled the attack. The NVA were forced to withdraw, and the siege was finally broken.

The Aftermath of the Battle

The battle for Firebase Ripcord was a costly victory for the Screaming Eagles. They lost 37 men killed and 92 wounded. But they also inflicted heavy losses on the NVA, killing an estimated 400 enemy soldiers. The battle was a turning point in the Vietnam War, and it helped to restore the morale of the American troops.

The paratroopers who fought at Firebase Ripcord were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for their heroism and bravery. They are considered to be some of the most elite soldiers in the world.

The Book *Ripcord*

Ripcord: Screaming Eagles Under Siege in Vietnam, 1970 is a gripping account of the battle for Firebase Ripcord. The book is written by Keith Nolan, a former paratrooper who fought in the battle. Nolan's writing is clear, concise, and engaging. He brings the battle to life with vivid descriptions and personal anecdotes.

Ripcord is a must-read for anyone interested in the Vietnam War or military history. It is a story of courage, determination, and sacrifice. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

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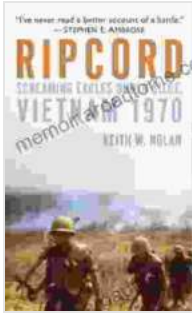
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