

# Vietnam War US & Allied Combat Equipments (Elite)



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## Synopsis

During the years of the Vietnam War, U.S. forces used three major types of equipment sets, with numerous modifications for particular circumstances. Different equipment was also used by Special Forces, the South Vietnamese, and other allied ground troops. *Vietnam War US & Allied Combat Equipments* offers a comprehensive examination of the gear that U.S. and allied soldiers carried strapped around their bodies, what the gear contained, and what those items were used for. Fully illustrated with photographs and artwork detailing how each piece of equipment was used, and written by a Special Forces veteran of the conflict, this book will fascinate enthusiasts of military equipment and will be an ideal reference guide for reenactors, modelers, and collectors of Vietnam War memorabilia.

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## Customer Reviews

Gordon L. Rottman joined the Army in 1967, volunteered for Special Forces and completed training as a weapons specialist. He served in the Fifth Special Forces Group in Vietnam. He was a Special Operations Forces scenario writer at the Joint Readiness Training Center for twelve years and is now a freelance writer in Texas. Adam Hook studied graphic design and began his work as an illustrator in 1983. He specializes in detailed historical reconstructions, and has previously illustrated Osprey titles.

In this Osprey title, Elite #216, "Vietnam War US & Allied Combat Equipments", author Gordon

Rottman gives the reader an exposition on the equipment of combat soldiers during the Vietnam War. In this small book, the author basically gives you everything a soldier might wear, carry, eat, what he carried his equipment in and on. Every bit of web gear, belts, suspenders, canteens, magazine pouches, weapons, field rations are included in this book. The author not only gives the reader this, but also tells the story of how this equipment changed over time to better meet the challenges of the Vietnamese environment. There's also locally-made equipment adopted by some units at some times. Author Rottman even includes equipment of ANZAC troops as well as Vietnamese soldiers. The author, an SF veteran of the conflict even gives the reader an idea of what soldiers really carried under the realistic circumstances, regardless of regulations. This small volume is fairly good for what it does and offers a good idea of everything a soldier in the Vietnam conflict had on his body and in his hands as well as how it worked...or, sometimes didn't. I would have preferred some first-hand accounts, but the author's own experience is certainly considerable. Four stars.

An army that expected to fight the Soviets in Central Europe for the fate of the world ended up fighting the Viet Cong and North Vietnam half way around the world, in the very much different environment of Southeast Asia. Jungles, rice paddies, and the Central Highlands called for different combat equipment. Author Gordon Rottman surveys what was worn by the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps, and their allies. "Vietnam War US & Allied Combat Equipments" is an Osprey Elite Series book. The author served in the conflict. Adam Hook provides some excellent supporting illustrations. For a military still wearing surplus equipment from World War II and the Korean War, Vietnam required some adaptations in load carrying equipment and survival loads. The author walks the reader up through several generations of modifications to web gear, packs, and other equipment items. The text is in sufficient detail to guide a collector, while the narrative is interesting enough to be a trip down memory lane for veterans who lived the times and used the equipment. Highly recommended as a concise but knowledgeable introduction to the topic.

not a big book on this era. It is great for those who have equipment or trying to reenact

thank you

Could have used a bit more detail in a few areas, especially about LINCLOE and some of the experimental items from Natick. Otherwise a great book with Mr. Rottman's experience providing an

excellent perspective on the items used in the conflict.

Good reference information.

Great book on Vietnam items

Great Reference Book

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