

9th Infantry Regiment Keep Up The Fire Manchu

"Sharpening the Combat Edge" focuses on the use of analysis in combat operations and concentrates on the utilization of techniques in situations with which the authors are personally familiar. It covers primarily the systematic blending of military judgment, data collection, and simple problem solving techniques as used in the 9th Infantry Division and II Field Force, Vietnam, 1968-1970. The approach is rather tentative because it was not possible in many cases to determine exactly what factors made the operations go so well. Rather the authors have laid out the most important and interesting factors in the hopes that the readers will be stimulated and perhaps decide for themselves what the critical points were.

Book Description: Pat was a teenage boy who came of age during the tumultuous times of World War II. He entered the Army during his eighteenth year as a voluntary inductee. Basic training was administered at Ft. Bragg N. C. After basic training, he was scheduled to be shipped to the South Pacific as a member of a pack artillery unit but an untimely bout of the flu forced a change in his assignment. He was placed in a replacement pool, a pool of young soldiers who would step into the vacancies caused by the inevitable casualties that would occur

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during the planned invasion of Europe, codenamed "Operation Overlord." Pat shipped over seas in a small wooden vessel that once carried fruit from South America to Boston. It had been requisitioned to carry troops to Great Britain. It was a very large convoy that included Pat's ship. The speed of the crossing was no greater than the speed of the slowest vessel in the fleet. The crossing took weeks in a constant attempt to evade German U Boats by an erratic course across the Atlantic. The port of debarkation was Liverpool, England. A troop train transported the soldiers from there to a military establishment in Cardiff, Wales. Here the soldiers continued to train and bide their time, waiting for the inevitable invasion of Europe. Soon the soldiers were transported to the Channel Coast where they remained on standby alert for the invasion to commence. D Day, June 6, 1944, arrived, Operation Overlord was unleashed. The gruesome casualties of Omaha Beach were endured and the beach head prevailed. Six days after D Day, the contingent of replacements that included Pat landed on Omaha Beach and fulfilled the purpose of their existence. They replaced the soldiers that had been killed or wounded in the preceding six days. Pat was assigned to the first howitzer gun crew of A Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division. The Fifteenth Battalion was the artillery support and a part of the 9th Combat Team (9th CBT)

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that included the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division. Pat learned his job as a 105 howitzer gun crew member as A Battery fired their guns in support of the 9th Infantry, moving from position to position through the French hedgerow country. He learned his job well and eventually was assigned the job as loader for his crew. Pat formed two close friendships in his military experience, Ed who he had known since basic training and Ben, the Texan on his crew, who became his pup-tent partner. After the successful conclusion of the Normandy Campaign, the 2nd Division was ordered to subdue the port city of Brest on the Breton Peninsula. A 220-mile road march brought the 2nd Division to the outskirts of the city. Brest was defended by a garrison of 36,000 German soldiers, the core of which were the vaunted 2nd Paratroop Division. After the surrender of the German garrison at Brest. Pat's unit had a short respite before embarking on another road march of 710 miles through liberated France to the German boarder. The 15th Battalion took defensive positions in the Schnee Eifel forest. Here for the next month, the 15th Battalion's Artillery Batteries engaged in counter battery, observing and harassing fire missions in this sector of a thinly held front. Log bunkhouses and mess halls were constructed to combat the increasingly severe winter weather. German Buzz Bombs were observed here for the first time. Early

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December found the 9th CBT on the road heading north to begin an attack on the Siegfried Line. Pat and his buddies reluctantly gave up their comfortable quarters to a green division fresh from the States that relieved them. After heavy fighting and artillery bombardment, a critical crossroads on the Siegfried Line, Wehlerscheid, was taken, only to be given back the next day. The Germans had started their infamous winter offensive, The Battle of the Bulge. Our troops were ordered to withdraw several miles and establish a defensive line. This unprecedented withdraw

Pointman is one platoon s story of the Vietnam War and the horrors that most veterans of the conflict would rather keep buried. While most soldiers gritted their teeth, kept their heads down and prayed for their time to be up, some looked at the war as a way to win glory and acclaim. Others took advantage of illicit opportunities for personal gain, no matter the price to others. Sgt. Mike Brooks is counting the days until his tour of duty is up. All he wants is to marry his Vietnamese girlfriend. But butting heads with his lieutenant has put his meager happiness in jeopardy. Lt. Gomez s obsession with promotion and accolades will send the entire platoon on an almost-impossible mission. And high-purity heroin, readily available and dirt cheap, could be the death of them all. - Renee Struthers, East Oregonian newspaper Patrols in the rice

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paddies of the Mekong Delta, the triple canopy jungle of Cambodia, the firefights, the mosquitoes and mud, the Plain of Reeds, Shakey s Hill, Binh Phuoc, Rach Kien, Bien Hoa, Long Binh - I wanted to remember it all. I especially remember the camaraderie and the courage demonstrated by these soldiers.

Pointman was originally started as a diary more than 40 years ago and I love the story - it s fictionalized, but it acknowledges the suffering and sacrifices these young men endured. - Author, Robert L. Owens EDITORIAL

REVIEWS One of the finest war novels I ve ever read. - author Robert Lowry, Writer s Digest

Criticism Service This book has it all: love and hate, fear and courage, revenge and redemption. - Renee Struthers, East Oregonian

newspaper I realized this Vietnam War novel was trying to do something very different We get something unusual: well-realized characters, an involving plot, and a story that is compelling and interesting from the first page of the book until the last. -

David Willson, Vietnam Veterans of America, Books in Review ABOUT THE AUTHOR Bob Owens

received the Combat Medical Badge, Purple Heart, and Bronze Star medals for service with the 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta, as well as the Cambodian invasion in 1970. After the 9th Infantry Division returned home, Mr. Owens was transferred to the 1st Cav. Division where he served with the 15th Medical Battalion. A graduate of the University of California-Davis and California

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State University-Chico, Mr. Owens served as a teacher and school administrator for 36 years, before retiring as the Lassen Co. Supt. of Schools. Mr. Owens is an American Legion member and a lifetime member of both the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA).

Yellow Rain

9th Infantry Division

Pointman

*Field orders. 9th Infantry-23rd Infantry, 5th Marines-6th Marines and Second Engineers
Combat History of the Second Infantry
Division in World War II*

Infantry in Battle

The history of the 24th Infantry regiment in Korea is a difficult one, both for the veterans of the unit & for the Army. This book tells both what happened to the 24th Infantry, & why it happened. The Army must be aware of the corrosive effects of segregation & the racial prejudices that accompanied it. The consequences of the system crippled the trust & mutual confidence so necessary among the soldiers & leaders of combat units & weakened the bonds that held the 24th together, producing profound effects on the battlefield. Tables, maps & illustrations. Newly expanded and updated. The Trump administration is so unique that there are few comparables of it in American history.

Each day seems to bring something new, things that also seem to be self-inflicted wounds. A Presidency driven by tweets, while perhaps a sign of the times, does not seem to be a wise form of governance. The poems in this volume reflect the author's viewpoint and interpretation of a very unique, to say the least, presidency. This current edition has been newly expanded and updated, though at the time of press, things, within this administration, seem to be happening on a daily basis, so it is hard to keep up. So, there is always the possibility then, of Son of Trumpets....!! Illustrated with 60 maps, plans and diagrams Reconnaissance and counter-reconnaissance are battlefield missions as old as military history itself and missions for which many armies have created specialized units to perform. In most cases, these units were trained, equipped, and used differently from the majority of an army's fighting units. Horse cavalry performed these missions for centuries, for it had speed and mobility far in excess of main battle units. Once the horse was replaced by mechanization, however, the mobility advantage once enjoyed by the horse cavalry disappeared. Since the early 20th century, the search for the proper mix of equipment, the proper organization, and

the proper employment of reconnaissance units has bedeviled armies around the world. This survey uses a diverse variety of historical cases to illustrate the enduring issues that surround the equipping, organizing, and employment of reconnaissance units. It seems that these specialized units are either too heavily or too lightly equipped and too narrowly specialized or too conventionally organized. Pre-war reconnaissance doctrines tend to undergo significant change once fighting begins, leading to post-conflict analysis that reconnaissance units were “misused” in one way or another. McGrath ends his study with an intriguing conclusion about the role that specialized reconnaissance units should have in the future that may surprise many readers.

Crack! and Thump

The Tooth-to-tail Ratio in Modern Military Operations

The United States 15th Infantry Regiment in China, 1912-1938

Lessons in War

9th Infantry Division LRP in the Vietnam Delta

**Scouts Out! The Development Of
Reconnaissance Units In Modern Armies
[Illustrated Edition]**

"Keep Up the Fire"History of the Ninth Infantry Regiment

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in the Second World WarThe 9th Infantry Division in VietnamUnparalleled and UnequaledUniversity Press of Kentucky

Captivated with the events of World War II, Douglas Rice has received first-hand accounts of veterans who served and creates a portrait that illuminates the dynamics that shaped the greatest armed conflict of our time. These essays strike a responsive chord with veterans' peers and Americans of all ages. One man recounts Hitler Youth taking over his family's home on November 9, 1938, which came to be known as Kristallnacht, or "night of broken glass." One soldier describes concentration camps that they liberated, with details about the living conditions. Another man tells of a volunteer mission he served to save two other seriously wounded soldiers who were close to enemy fire. The stories range from time spent at concentration camps to witnessing fallen soldiers along a battlefield, with a few showing the lighter side of war. Inspiring and insightful, *Through Our Eyes: Eyewitness Accounts of World War II* illustrates what these men experienced as they served their country. Many will benefit from these veterans' forthright accounts of the most arduous challenges they've ever faced, preserving the history of individuals who went through this war up close and in person.

The Bamboo Shoot is the memoir of James Parker Wollner detailing his experiences and those of his platoon members of day to day life during the Vietnam War. It is also a story of his surroundings as well as the various ethnic groups that the unique unit worked with, from the Nungs to the Thais. It is a story of emotions, the good and bad, days of

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monotony followed by days that seemed to fly by. It is the story of the feelings of terror and grief at the loss of friends, and the uplifting spirit of camaraderie between brothers, and of helping those who could not help themselves. The story starts with Jims arrival in Vietnam and subsequent posting to the 9th Infantry Division. Realizing that the area of operations of the 9th is the Mekong Delta, Jim realizes he is in trouble! He can see himself humping an 82 mm mortar through the muck and mire of this unforgiving swamp. How in Gods name can he get out of this one? Either by prayers, or providence or just dumb luck, a lifeline is thrown out. A new unit was being formed involving the use of airboats, and volunteers were needed. Jim figured that it was better to be riding than walking, so his hand went up! Jim wasnt exactly sure what an airboat was but neither did the other seventeen volunteers. So Jim and company were all in the "same boat". Almost every member of the group was from a different part of the country. Maine, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas, California, Washington, and even Alaska were represented by at least one of the group. Within two days this group of volunteers was off to the Special Forces for training. None of the group had ever been in combat before, even the buck sergeant in charge. The group quickly learned that the Special Forces were hardened warriors and were glad to be trained by them. They were the consummate professionals when it came to fighting a war. The unit became sponges, soaking up as much knowledge as possible for all wanted to survive this war as intact as

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possible. They learned about weapons they had only seen in pictures. World War II .30 cal machine guns were used on the boats, not the M-60 machine guns they knew, so they learned all over again. They learned the operation of Thompson sub machine guns, grease guns, .30 carbines, Chinese AK-47s and RPGs. Three weeks later they had mastered the airboats and some of the war-time tactics. The group would go on a combat mission, to a mike-force base in the Plain of Reeds. This base was very close to the Cambodian border. The unit would travel up the Mekong river whose expanse was both frightening and breathtaking. The trip would take approximately 5 hrs to travel fifty kilometers, as you could go no more than 20 mph. This base was called Don Phouc and was situated in the Plain of Reeds ,near the Cambodian border. They learned more tactics, only this time it was for real. The time here is told through vignettes. A week later they were back at Cao Lanh, only to stay until the next morning. They would then fly to Camp Bearcat and get their own brand new airboats. Once back at Bearcat the unit was expecting to get their boats but they hadnt arrived from the States. Because of this delay the group was sent to a line outfit, the 2/60th, that operated out of a place called Tan Tru. This unit used boats with outboard motors due to the necessity of ferrying troops ans carrying supplies across small rivers and canals. The Army wanted to keep the unit on the water so as not to lose what had been learned, hence the posting to this unit. The time spent here would yield many experiences that would make an indelible impression on all, Jim in particular. Jim was the first member of the unit to receive a Purple Heart. Those

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who had an infantry MOS received CIBs, combat infantry badges, for action against the enemy. This time also cemented rel

The Ardennes

Infantry

Operation Overlord

Somme 1914-18

Out of the Vietnam War

Life Struggle of a Vietnam Veteran

This book is all about personal life experiences, which aims to inspire people. This book is made out of the realization that you should share your story to the world so that when you die, people will know about you, and your story will serve as an inspiration to other people.

LRPs were all volunteers. They were in the spine-tingling, brain-twisting, nerve-wracking business of Long Range Patrolling. They varied in age from 18 to 30. These men operated in precision movements, like walking through a jungle quietly and being able to tell whether a man or an animal is moving through the brush without seeing the cause of movement. They could sit in an ambush for hours without moving a muscle except to ease the safety off the automatic weapon in their hand at the first sign of trouble. These men were good because they had to be to survive. Called LRP's for short, they were despised, respected, admired and sometimes thought to be a little short on brains by those who watched from the sidelines as a team started out on another mission to seek out the enemy. They were men who can take a baby or small child in their arms and make them stop crying. They shared their last smoke, last ration of food, last canteen of water. They were kind in some ways, deadly in others. They

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were men who believed in their country, freedom, and fellow men. They were a new kind of soldier in a new type of warfare. LRP's stand out in a crowd of soldiers. It's not just their tiger fatigues but the way they walk, talk and stand. They were proud warriors because they were members of the Long Range Patrol.

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Transition, November 1968-December 1969

Turning point 1967-1968

*History of the Ninth Infantry Regiment in the Second World
War*

Warriors of the Rising Sun

The Boys of '67

An elite battalion under Louis XVI, the 9th Light Infantry regiment were with Napoleon from almost the beginning, turning the field at Marengo and breaking the Austrians. They then spent over a decade fighting their way across the continent, following Napoleon to the bitter end. Bringing their Eagle out of hiding when Napoleon returned from exile in 1815 they almost saved the day again, at Waterloo, spearheading a charge to rejoin Napoleon. But unlike at Marengo, they failed. Napoleon dubbed them 'Incomparable', and their story is extraordinary even by the standards of the dramatic and turbulent years in which they lived.

Kampberetning fra 2. infanteridivision (US) under 2.

Verdenskrig. Normandiet 7/6 1944, Brest 21/8-18/9, Paris 29/9, St. Vith 4/10-12/12, Giessen 29/3 1945. Returfra Le Havre 13/7. God og fyldig beretning med mange billeder og fornødne kortskitser

The U.S. Army Center of Military History recently published a new pamphlet in its U.S. Army Campaigns of the Vietnam War series, Transition, November 1968-December 1969, by Adrian G. Traas. The author discusses the gradual reduction of the U.S. Army's involvement in Vietnam that began after Richard M. Nixon was elected president in November 1968. Even as U.S. and South Vietnamese forces battled an increasingly-elusive enemy, Army officials stepped up efforts

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to create a South Vietnamese military strong enough to defend their nation with only minimal support from American troops. In the spring of 1969, President Nixon announced his plan for the phased withdrawal of U.S. forces from South Vietnam, a policy quickly dubbed "Vietnamization." As the American public's support for the war continued to erode, U.S. military leaders spent the remainder of 1969 preparing for further troop reductions and the inevitable turnover of bases and equipment to South Vietnamese forces.

The Little Regiment

A History of the Ninth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry

The Use of Analysis to Reinforce Military Judgment

The 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam

Trumpets

Joseph Philip Alamenzo is half-Irish, half-Italian. As a kid in New York, he played Army with his friends. Now he's in Cambodia, playing soldier for real. The pressure is hellish; the jungle, hot; the in-coming, constant. How does Alamenzo deal with this terrible trifecta? By escaping to the Alamo, meeting Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, and a beautiful woman named Rosa. Alamo Joe breaks the mold of Vietnam War stories with unexpected twists and turns that will keep readers hooked to the very end. From the author of Facing The Wall: An Infantryman's Post-Vietnam Memoir.

A mysterious—and lethal—chemical weapon goes missing in this Cold War thriller of nonstop intrigue and suspense. When an Afghan village becomes paralyzed by the Soviets' new warfare, and a thick nerve gas suffocates innocent people, rumors of a deadly weapon

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find their way to the Pentagon—and into the hands of Lieutenant Colonel Mark Schad. Along with his three-man team, Lieutenant Colonel Schad will lead one of the riskiest covert operations known to the US Department of Defense in order to find one unexploded cylinder of Yellow Rain. But are these men up against something much greater than American intelligence is prepared to face?

The Somme is a name with particular resonance for the people of Britain, for here, in 1916, the flower of her youth was cut down. Terrible though that day was, it takes its place in a wider story: the long, painful process of learning how to fight a new kind of war. From the war movement of 1914, when the French fought on the fields of the Somme, the conflict evolved to massive frontal assaults by the British and Allied troops in 1916. Here the first tank was first used in September 1916.

Increasing sophistication in the terrifying use of artillery by the Germans broke the Allied lines in March 1918. Allied use of this same technology was then combined with other arms to create the fighting complex that inflicted the 'Black Day' on the German army in August and smashed the Hindenberg Line in September. Thus the British, Australian, Canadian, American and French forces defeated the German Army in the field at last. This book reveals how the Somme was the bloody classroom in which this new art of war was studied and it tells the story of the men who paid the price for this knowledge with their own blood.

Sharpening the Combat Edge

Combat History of the Second Infantry Division in World

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War II.

Charlie Company's War in Vietnam

The 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea

Other End of the Spear

Tango 1-1

First published just a year after the end of the war, this is the story of the Second Infantry Division in World War II. It is the story of innumerable acts of fortitude and courage, of individual sacrifice and devotion to duty under fire, by a fighting division which has served with honor in two world wars. " Closely following actual combat operations, brief editions of our participation in World War II were published. With the passage of time, the need for a more authentic and comprehensive history of this period has become evident. This book is designed to meet that need. " This history shows that from D+1 to V-E Day our Division, in the face of repeated fanatical enemy action, was employed constantly as a spearhead shock division, and that in this role it maintained unblemished its proud record of never having failed to take its objective nor of having relinquished ground so gained. During operations we were concerned with our immediate task. Now in the light of subsequent events and broader perspective, the importance to the nation and to our army of our successes becomes increasingly evident. " —W. M. Robertson, Major-General, U.S. Army

In the spring of 1966, while the war in Vietnam was still popular, the US military decided to reactivate the 9th Infantry Division as part of the military build-up. Across the nation, farm boys from the Midwest, surfers from California and city-slickers from Cleveland opened their mail to find greetings from Uncle Sam. Most American soldiers of the Vietnam era trickled into the war zone as individual replacements for men who had become casualties or had rotated home. Charlie Company was different as part of the only division raised, drafted and trained for service. From draft to the battlefields of South Vietnam, this is the unvarnished truth from the

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fear of death to the chaos of battle, told almost entirely through the recollections of the men themselves. This is their story, the story of young draftees who had done everything that their nation had asked of them and had received so little in return – lost faces of a distant war.

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Korea, 1951-1953

U.S. Army Campaigns of the Vietnam War

Unparalleled and Unequaled

"Keep Up the Fire"

Black Soldier, White Army

Battle of the Bulge

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Taking up its position astride the Peking-Mukden [Beijing-Shenyang] railway beginning in January, 1912, the United States Fifteenth Infantry Regiment was engaged in protecting American interests in China. The 1000 man force was especially challenged during the 1920s, those tumultuous years when warlords struggled to gain ascendancy in the Chinese Republic. Although Chiang Kai-shek established a measure of control in China by 1928, the regiment remained in China—partially to counter Japan's increasingly aggressive actions—despite considerable misgivings within and outside of the United States Army as to the feasibility, desirability, and ethical appropriateness of the policy retaining it there. The success of the Japanese in conquering much of eastern China finally compelled Washington to withdraw the regiment on March 2, 1938. This work recounts and assesses some aspects of the involvement and service of the Fifteenth Infantry Regiment during its fateful quarter of a century in the Orient between the World Wars. Also detailed is the Army's service in

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those years in general. Many insights are provided regarding the self-perceptions of a key generation of U.S. military personnel deployed there.

Provides a history of the 9th Infantry Division in World War II and Vietnam, including narratives and biographical sketches primarily of veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

An insightful account traces the transformation of the Japanese military, praised by the West during the early twentieth century for its chivalry in warfare, into a notoriously brutal, rapacious legion during World War II.

The Bamboo Shoot

Old Reliables

The Ninth U.S. Infantry in the World War

The Hopeless to Hardcore Transformation of U.S. Army, 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry, Vietnam

Fort Lewis, Washington

Incomparable

The commanding officer of an infantry battalion in Vietnam in 1969 recounts how he took over a demoralized unit of ordinary draftees and turned it into an elite fighting

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force, and describes its accomplishments.

"This book records the stories and fates of 18 men and women, 16 of whom lost their fathers in the Katyn massacre. The author traveled to Poland, Lithuania, the Ukraine, Canada, the United States and Israel to talk with the 18, recording their thoughts, f

Napoleon's 9th Light Infantry Regiment

A History of the Japanese Military

Steel My Soldiers' Hearts
Accounts of Life After the 1940 Soviet Murder of Polish POWs

The Story of the 2Nd Airboat Platoon

Poetic Observations on a Presidency