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Dear Sir


On page 2 of the Winter 1991 selection booklet, there is a picture of 5 helicopters landing in Vietnam. I have attached a copy of the picture.

I was in the flight, in the 4th aircraft, #572, flying in the left seat. The picture was taken at Dau Tieng on June 14th, 1972, by an Associated Press photographer. The unit was Company A 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division.

I want an 8X10 copy of this picture for personal use. Can you tell me how to get one?

Sincerely,

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**MacArthur promised
to return.
One guerrilla leader
made it possible.**

Lieutenant Ramsey's War

*by Edwin Price Ramsey
and Stephen J. Rivele*



**More true tales of
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Hunter Killer Squadron

**Aero-Weapons, Aero-
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Vietnam 1965-1972**

*Matthew Brennan,
Editor*



■ FEATURED SELECTIONS

In 1941, Edwin Ramsey volunteered for the 26th Cavalry, Philippine Scouts, based on the island of Luzon. The scouts had a reputation as the Army's country club. A gifted horseman, Ramsey transferred so he could play on their polo team.

The Japanese, however, had a different agenda. Their invasion at Lingayen Gulf quickly overran the U.S. Army, in spite of many individual acts of both personal heroism and military daring—including Ramsey's leading of the last mounted cavalry charge in U.S. history.

His army defeated, its commander retreated to Australia, Ramsey chose to join the fledgling Luzon Guerrilla Force. He and his fellow officers were schooled in "conventional" tactics. They turned to the only training manual available to them, *Mao Tse-tung on Guerrilla Warfare!*

Ramsey rose in rank until he commanded the entire force—a 40,000-

man underground army devoted to the destruction of the Japanese invaders. This earned him another "promotion." He was awarded first place on the death list of the chief of the Japanese counterintelligence corps, the infamous General Baba.

For three years Ramsey eluded the Japanese while his forces waged a war of sabotage and espionage. He constantly courted death, which at times was no more than a bayonet's length away. All was in preparation for the return of MacArthur, a day signaled by a radio message...*Unleash maximum possible violence against the enemy!* Ramsey and his force complied.

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When the Philippines fell, many surrendered, some escaped. A brave few chose to fight on.

Lieutenant Ramsey's War

by Edwin Price Ramsey
and Stephen J. Rivele



After three years of guerrilla warfare, Ramsey (center front) weighed less than a hundred pounds. Unable to support the weight of a pistol around his waist, he carried a snub-nosed .38 across his shoulder.



**"Going to the field with the crazy 9th Cav was something else again."
—Infantry Platoon Leader, Alpha Troop**

Hunter Killer Squadron

Aero-Weapons, Aero-Scouts, Aero-Rifles: Vietnam 1965-1972

Matthew Brennan, Editor

"Crazy" may have been one word for it, but going to the field with the 9th Cav's 1st Squadron meant you were going where the action was. They lived up to their nickname—"Headhunters"—almost every time out. When you saddled up with a 1/9 Red Team in a Huey or AH-1 Cobra, a White Team in a light observation chopper, or a Blue Team aero-rifle platoon you knew what you were in for. And so did Charlie.

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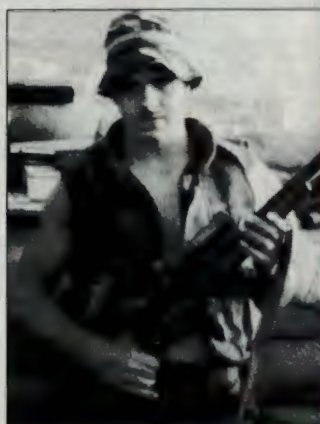
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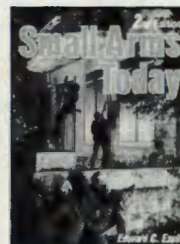
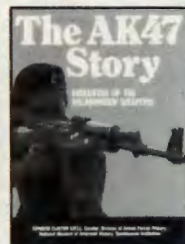
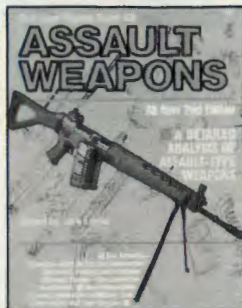
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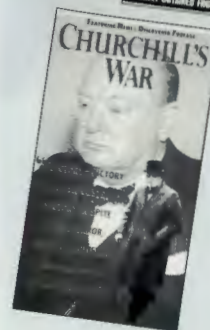
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