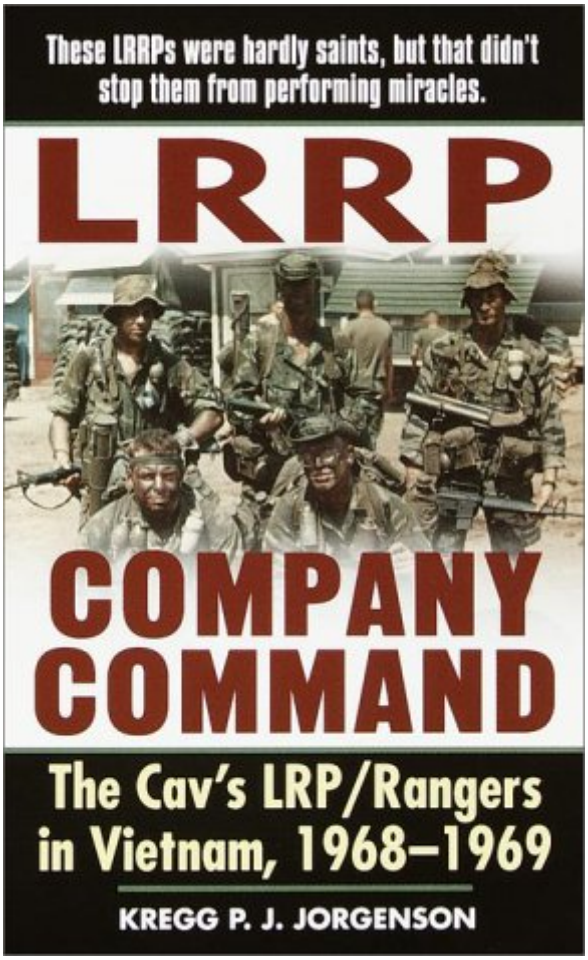
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Synopsis

A gripping account of ordinary men with extraordinary courage and heroism who had one last chance to make goodÃ¢â ¬â •and one helluva war zone to do it in. Ã Â The new commander of the Company E, 52d Infantry LRRPs, Capt. George Paccerelli, was tough, but the menÃ¢â ¬â„¢s new AO was brutal. It was bad enough that the provinces of Binh Long, Phuoc Long, and Tay Ninh bordered enemy-friendly Cambodia, but their vast stretches of double- and triple-canopy jungle were also home to four crack enemy divisions, including the Viet CongÃ¢â ¬â„¢s notorious 95C Regiment. Only the long-range patrols could deliver the critical strategic intelligence that the 1st Cav so desperately needed. Outmanned, outgunned, far from safety, these LRRPs stalked the enemy to his lair, staging bold prisoner snatches and tracking down hidden jungle bases. Hiding in ambush, surrounded by NVA, these teams either pulled off spectacular escape-and-evasion maneuvers in running firefightsÃ¢â ¬â •or died trying.

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Incredibly well written book about life in Vietnam as a LRP. After reading several books on life as a

soldier in Vietnam this book really hit home about the truly terrifying everyday activities of a soldier. Long Range Patrol was definitely the scariest outfit in the military you could sign up for. They were all volunteers absolutely the bravest men to come down the road. If the Vietnam conflict interest you this book is a must read !

One of the best Vietnam era books I've read. Not a lot of the political back biting that, although factually accurate, weighs the story down. A story about great people doing heroic things in horrible circumstances.

Compared to other books about LRRP's; which I've found to be mostly accounts of troops in contact and non stop action, this had a lot of detail about life as a LRRP commanding officer. I gave it 3 stars because I was expecting more about patrols in "deep kimchi" with the enemy.

The book was much less about long range patrol experiences, and much much more about how great Capt George Paccerelli was. Paccerelli's name is mentioned, on the average, 3 times on each page of this publication. Yes, other people were referred to, but mostly in regard to those Capt Paccerelli was issuing advice or orders to. I bought the book as a way to learn what variety of situations long range patrols got in & out of during their assignment in Vietnam. What I got was a biography of Paccerelli's Vietnam experience, including his words, phrases & thoughts on various related aspects of LRRP.

Organizational processes first part of book followed by the actual LRRP operations which I enjoyed more of course! The bravery and skill of these amazing troops inserted into Indian country on their own is exciting reading!

In the process of reading it now and it appears to be a very good read. I will know more as I continue on but at present it is holding my attention and that is all I ask for in a good read.

I learned about the Lurp mission and how the Commander turned a good unit into a outstanding unit. The examples of some specific missions did clarify and explain the unit, however, I would have liked to have learned about more missions, and about other aspects of life for that unit. R&R, or even the thoughts or letters of the grunts and what the felt and thought. This book scratches the surface and I have the feeling, the story has only been partially told. I'm extremely proud to be a

American when I read about men such as this. Thanks for leading the way LRRP Rangers!

This was a very well written book and gave very good detail to each event. It showed he gallantry of a very good team under the most adverse of circumstances.

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