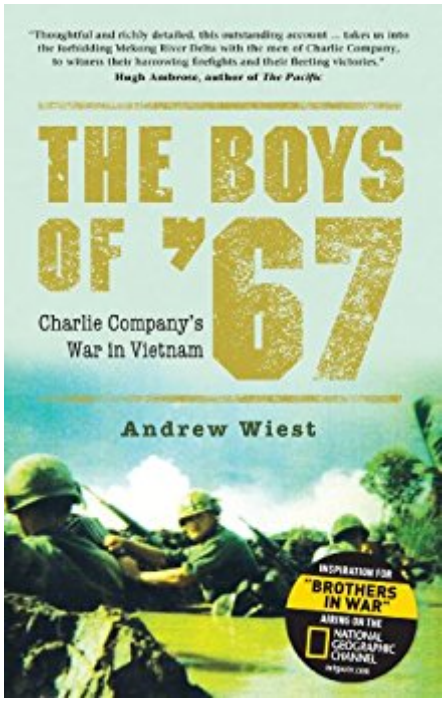
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Synopsis

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 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 Ã¢â ¬â œ lost faces of a distant war.

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The fact of the matter is that not one of the front lines warriors that had the duty to fight, remained the same after the harrowing experience. For someone who never had a part on an armed conflict it

is very hard to feel what our courageous troops had to endure on a day to day basis. The Boys of ’67: Charlie Company’s War in Vietnam, by the very able author Mr. Andrew West, is the story of one singular company while serving in Vietnam. Is like getting to know each and everyone in Charlie Company, including glimpses of their lives before shipping out to Vietnam. An account as real as this one makes a person that never had to fight a war, realize that there is no aspect of the daily conflict that is worth being cheerful about, with the exception, perhaps, of those who remained alive at the end of the day being a little on the cheerful and thankful side.The book follows closely all the battles, letters to their loved ones, parts of their past when they were just unsuspecting teenagers unaware of what was to come their way, the string of their lives before, during and after. I know for a fact that these Americans deserved the outmost recognition, sort of the recognition given to our troops these days, but instead when those that returned to their homeland, expecting relief and appreciation, they found themselves being judged and maligned by their own countrymen. No welcome home they found, only accusations of this and that, by a segment of the population who felt themselves morally superior than them. To me that has always been a crock of crap, for how easy is to protest, condemned and act as if one is better than those that answered the call of their nation and fought in a war that basically they would have preferred not to fight. I am not talking, of course, of the many courageous gung-ho that like their counterparts in the history of war, were dying to join and not miss the war. Only to learn later, that perhaps it was not the most brilliant of choices. No one left unscathed, either physically or mentally, that is for sure, from Vietnam. Those that did were probably on a rear assignment with pressed uniform, and a swimming pool to cool off the day’s heat, while those like The Boys of ’67: Charlie Company’s War in Vietnam took on the brunt of a war that has been proven over and over, was badly fought, and critically commanded. Those who protested the war and run away from enlisting, have very little to say, because at the end of the day is the Armed Forces that keep this country strong, not their whining and criticism. Powerful book, a little slow at times, but filled with anecdotes and careful research. 4 Stars.

I didn’t love the writing format, but understanding what the soldiers and their families went through was worth the reading. I’m ashamed at those who treated the returning soldiers so terribly. Protest wars if you don’t agree, but NEVER those who have to fight them. It was sad to see how hard it was for all those who suffered with PTSD and had little to no help. What their families went through was also hard to read. It’s important that we keep history like this alive. Maybe we will be less apt to repeat some of the mistakes. Maybe.

Excellent book describing in detail the episodes of Carlie Company. The trials and tribulation of this group of soldiers is very informative and illustrative of the joys and complications of life.This emphasizes the social impact that the Vietnam War had on the culture of the United States. This impact is still being felt in 2017.

This book should have been considered for a Pulitzer prize for such an in-depth accounts into the lives of all the men that served in Charlie company. The author painstakingly delved into their hopes, their fears, their triumphs, and their worst nightmares. The families were not overlooked and you almost want to lash out at the author for being so completely thorough. I am filled with both joy and sorrow for those that survived, but, came home totally overwhelmed by their experiences. I am ashamed of how some of our heroes were treated upon their return home from the war. This book should be mandatory reading by every elected official in Washington, lest , we forget the sacrifices that have to be made when we send our men and women off to war. We must never forget the pain the families suffer, also. Just read this book and you will know everything you need to know about war and the price that has to be paid. Welcome home to all that served and are still alive with their memories.

I had a little difficulty following all the different stories, it seemed it bounced around a lot. I served in Nam in last of 67 and first three months of 68. It was very interesting to me and brought back a lot of memories. Both good and bad. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to have a small idea of what its like to be there. I didn’t realize until recently those young boys were fighting for their country because they had been brain washed to think we were trying to do what the communist were doing. They didn’t realize we were supposed to be helping them. When politics get in the way as it did in Nam no one really wins but the politicians and big businesses.

I was in Vietnam during 1966-1967. I wasn’t sure I wanted to relive some disturbing things I experienced as a 19 year old. But, the book told a tremendous story of a GREAT group of men. Telling a hard story in a proper way, helps bring a lot of closure to those who never really came to grips with the awfulness of war.When we returned from our tour of duty, we weren’t received with the accolades that others have received. Instead, we were called names and chided. I know I never really wanted to talk about or remember that time for at least 30 years; and then, only, very little.I have to admit, I really enjoyed the book. Mr. Wiest told a hard story, but brought truth and honor to those who died and those who returned home.

This a great book that has a lot of personal information. While reading, I felt like I knew these men who had been through so much. Reading the letters and knowing how their families dealt with the returning veterans was very insightful.

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