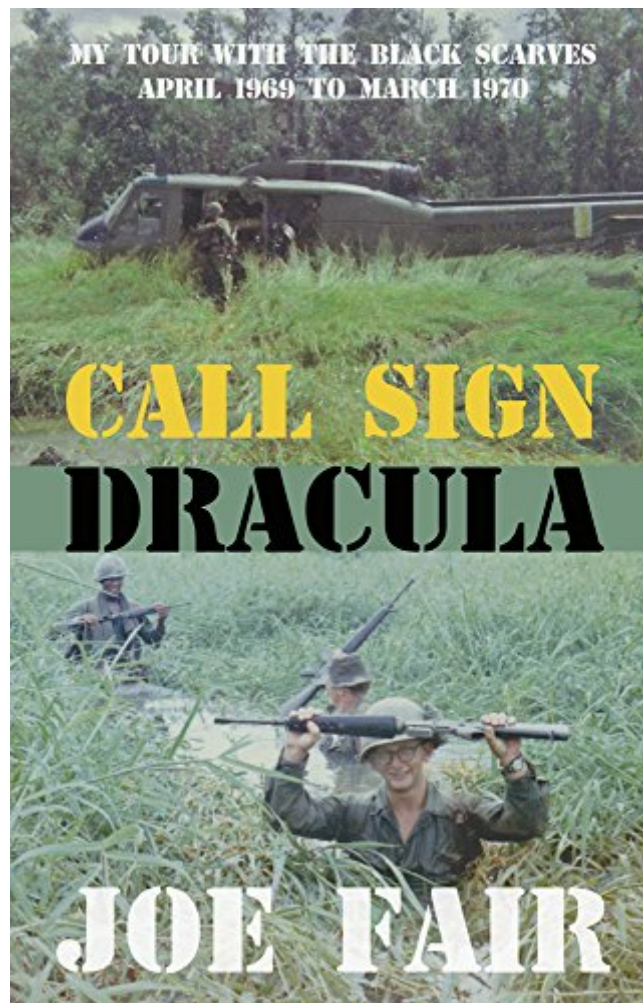




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Call Sign Dracula: My Tour With The Black Scarves April 1969 To March 1970



Synopsis

"Call Sign Dracula" provides an outstanding, valuable and worthy in-depth look into the life of a US Army Infantry soldier serving with the famed 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One) in Vietnam. It is a genuine, firsthand account of a one-year tour that shows how a soldier grew and matured from an awkward, bewildered, inexperienced, eighteen year-old country "bumpkin" from Kentucky, to a tough, battle hardened, fighting soldier. You will laugh, cry and stand in awe at the true life experiences shared in this memoir. The awfulness of battle, fear beyond description, the sorrow and anguish of losing friends, extreme weariness, the dealing with the scalding sun, torrential rain, cold, heat, humidity, insects and the daily effort just to maintain sanity were struggles faced virtually every day. And yet, there were the good times. There was the coming together to laugh, joke, and share stories from home. There was the warmth and compassion shown by men to each other in such an unreal environment. You will see where color, race or where you were from had no bearing on the tight-knit group of young men that was formed from the necessity to survive. What a "bunch" they were!... then the return to home and all the adjustments and struggles to once again fit into a world that was now strange and uncomfortable. "Call Sign Dracula" is an excellent and genuine memoir of an infantry soldier in the Vietnam War.

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great company-sized unit story written by a guy who lived through it. told as everyman would have and in a fashion that all can understand. a tale of personal growth and comradeship typical of any war. i served in this company during the first 1/3 of joe fair's tour and am mentioned in the book, but this in no way diminishes my ability to fairly judge the merits of this book, quite the contrary. i can validate the facts and feelings , having been there at the time. thomas h. drake us army infantry 1968-69 republic of south vietnam.

I bought the book because Lai Khe was my base camp from March 1968 until March 1969 and I wanted to read what someone after me experienced There. Mr Farr didn't write much about Lai Khe. Which was not his story. I was hoping for more specifics and not so much generality's. But if was a good book, unfortunately I had already lived it.

Thanks Joe for sharing your experiences. Read the whole book the day I received it. Although my Vietnam tour (20th Engrs. Bien Hoa 68/69) was different, you did a great job of taking me back almost 50 years. I never forget those who were less fortunate than you and I. Take care Bro...

I highly recommend this book for anyone who wants an honest account of what it was like to have your boots on the ground in Vietnam, 1969. I wasn't there but I know Joe Fair; if he says it you can take it to the bank! This is not a book filled with guts and gore. I'd say it's a fair (no pun intended) balance of the good, the bad and the ugly. A real working man's account of some tough times! It feels like Joe is sitting right there and sharing his recollections with you personally. Great book and a great seller!!!

Extremely riveting. Hard to put down once you get started.

As described. Thank You

Excellent book so far. I'm half way through this book and I Love it. Must read for Anybody who has served with 3/1 BCT. "Duty first!!"

A little background before I tell you about Joe's book; I, like Joe, was a Black Scarf Battalion Grunt. You will hear Joe speak in the book about "Shake and Bake" NCO's. I was one of those in Mike Platoon of Delta Company. Joe was in Lima Platoon with Alpha Company. My year in Viet Nam ended the month after Joe came in country and, to my knowledge, our paths never crossed although we served in the same Battalion in all the same locations. All this leads me to say, "I KNOW that JOE KNOWS what he wrote about!" To me, the blessing of his book is that he wrote in it in a very "thoughtful" manner. That is, he didn't bludgeon the reader with the blood and gore and man's inhumanity to man that he could have and many others already have. Yet he quietly let you have a glimpse of the trauma that existed, not an overwhelming, choke-you-to-death, make-you-gag, kind of glimpse but enough to put a hint of the coppery taste of blood in your mouth. He also well-covered most of the conditions that led to the constant discomfort, fear, and health hazards that the troops endured in the field. His heart-felt descriptions of the strong relationships that always form between warriors in combat are well-done and not overstated nor melodramatic. I told him myself that, "The simplest way I could put it makes it sound uninteresting but it's far from that, especially for one who's worn those boots." I told him, "It was the most thoughtful book I've ever read about the infantryman's experience in Vietnam." His humility underlies every line in the book, and humility is one of the hallmarks of a true man, in my humble opinion. If you want simple, unembellished, honesty in a non-offensive but enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable read, this is it. Read CALL SIGN DRACULA. No Mission Too Difficult, No Sacrifice Too Great, Duty First! Noli Me Tangere. Delta Mike 5, Out.

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