

Flying Tigers Over Cambodia: The Hidden Chapter of the Vietnam War



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Memoir of the 1975 Phnom Penh Airlift** by Larry Partridge

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A Mission Cloaked in Secrecy

During the tumultuous years of the Vietnam War, a covert mission unfolded in the neighboring country of Cambodia. The United States Air Force dispatched a squadron of elite pilots known as the Flying Tigers to provide air support to the Cambodian government in its struggle against communist insurgents.

This mission, shrouded in secrecy, has remained largely unknown to the public. Yet, the Flying Tigers' actions in Cambodia were nothing short of extraordinary. They flew perilous missions, often in harrowing conditions, to protect the innocent and help shape the course of the war.

The Unbreakable Bond with the Cambodian People

Beyond their military objectives, the Flying Tigers forged an unbreakable bond with the Cambodian people. They came to respect the resilience and spirit of this nation, and they witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of the war on civilians.

The Flying Tigers established schools and clinics, and they provided much-needed aid to the local communities. Their presence brought a glimmer of

hope to those who had endured years of conflict and hardship.

Profiles of Courage and Sacrifice



The Flying Tigers who served in Cambodia were a diverse group of men, each with their own unique story to tell. Among them was Captain Jack Broughton, a highly skilled pilot who led numerous successful missions. Broughton's unwavering determination and infectious optimism inspired his fellow Tigers.

Another notable figure was Lieutenant Colonel John "Pappy" Boyd, a seasoned combat veteran who had flown over 600 missions in World War

II. Boyd's experience and wisdom proved invaluable to the Flying Tigers, and his leadership helped them overcome countless challenges.

Tragically, not all Flying Tigers returned home from Cambodia. Captain William "Bill" Long was shot down and killed in action during a reconnaissance mission. His sacrifice served as a reminder of the risks these men faced every time they took to the skies.

A Legacy of Honor and Remembrance



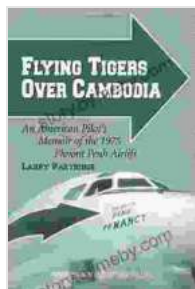
Today, the legacy of the Flying Tigers over Cambodia remains a source of pride and inspiration. Their bravery, sacrifice, and compassion have left an

enduring mark on the history of the Vietnam War.

In 2015, a memorial was dedicated in Cambodia to honor the Flying Tigers who served there. The memorial stands as a testament to their courage and the unbreakable bond they forged with the Cambodian people.

The story of the Flying Tigers over Cambodia is a gripping tale of heroism, resilience, and sacrifice. It is a story that has remained hidden for too long, but now it is finally being told.

Through their unwavering determination and deep compassion, the Flying Tigers made a profound impact on the lives of the Cambodian people. Their legacy continues to inspire us today, reminding us of the power of human courage and the importance of reaching out to those in need.



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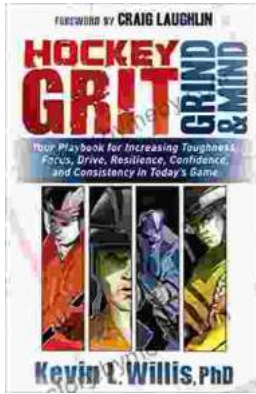
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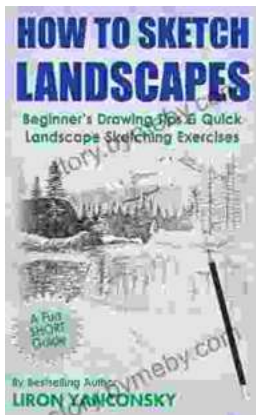
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