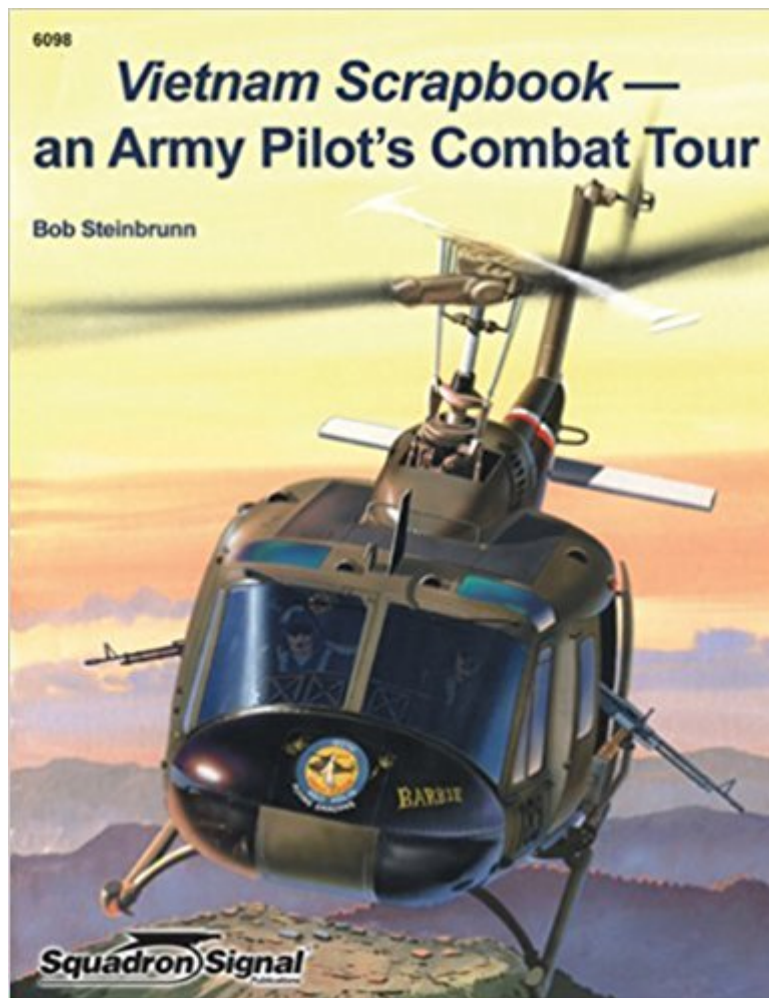




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Synopsis

In January 1966, Robert Steinbrunn entered the US Army for four memorable years. At Fort Rucker, Alabama, he received training in Bell helicopters, including the Huey and Iroquois (UH-1A, B, and D models). Afterward, he was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he was assigned to A Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry (the Ruthless Riders), flying the short-cabin Bell UH-1C gunship. After honing their reconnaissance skills in training, the 3rd and 7th Squadrons became the "eyes and ears" of the 4th Infantry Division, which was based at Camp Enari, Pleiku, in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Steinbrunn documented his time flying helicopters in Vietnam and has compiled his memories into this memorable book.

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Great personal stuff collected on the Vietnam war, book packed with interesting views of a tour of a chopper pilot

As a former combat medic with the 4th Inf Div in VN I am interested in reading about the pilots and crewmen that took such good care of us. They took us in and brought us out. They provided Dustoff, gun ships, re-supply, and low level scouting with the Loach. They were our life line. Bob Steinbrunn provides good insight into the life of an Army helicopter pilot with words and pictures. This book was especially interesting to me because the author like me, was in II Corp.

I have met Mr Steinbrunn on a couple occasions when I did work for him at his house. I noticed his

"retirement portrait" of him in front of his Life Flight helicopter and commented on it, and we chatted at some length about flying (I'm a fixed-wing Private Pilot) and his military experience in Vietnam. I'd served in the Army a couple of years after his Vietnam tour, and narrowly "escaped" being a door gunner, as well as narrowly missing a tour in SE Asia. I knew people who did both, and am (mostly) grateful for being spared. Bob's account of his duty tour, his descriptions of the aircraft and the missions he flew brought back many memories of people, (not so much places, as I did not have to go to Vietnam), and all things aircraft. If you are interested in Vietnam War history, by all means, read this personal account!

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