

## Section 3

Option F - Conflict in Indochina 1954-1979.

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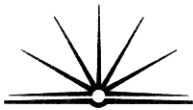
b). The strategies and tactics used by soldiers in Vietnam between 1960 and 1975 ~~was~~ proved to be effective for capturing the enemy, ~~but~~ and unfortunately, had a major effect on the people and villagers of Vietnam.

There were many strategies and tactics used by soldiers in Vietnam during the stated years, from all parties involved.

The Viet Cong soldiers were well trained in Viet strategy, and were able to undermine and undercut the soldiers of the ARVN and ~~related~~ related Armies, including the NVA.

The Viet Cong were sneaky in their attacks, and managed to attack the Americans from 'the inside'.

By disguising themselves as villagers, they could live in



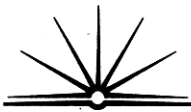
the villages, spying on the ARVN troops, and could therefore plan 'surprise' attacks. ~~The result~~ It was with ease that the V.C troops could ambush American soldiers, and retain control over the villagers.

Though the ARVN and NVA were quick to ~~catch~~ <sup>pick</sup> up on the tactics of the VC, and embraced a few of them themselves.

Although ~~the~~ <sup>all</sup> Vietnamese ~~had~~ soldiers had a knowledge of the land and its jungles, the American troops responded the best way they knew how - bombs and herbicides which ~~was something~~ <sup>were tactics.</sup> the Vietnamese would struggle to match.

These ~~more~~ particular strategies and tactics proved effective in uncovering V.C. hideouts and soldiers in the jungles. They were becoming easier to trap, and were not as heavily armed as the ARVN.

~~These~~ American tactics however proved to be fatal for the vietnamese villagers. The herbicides etc added to an already wasting land (due to the 'on ground' fighting), and the air raids only caused ~~to~~ a



heightened amount of damage.

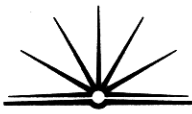
The effects of the herbicides and related tactics ~~are~~ from ~~the~~ ~~the~~ between 1960 and 1975 are still strongly displayed today. The land is slowly recovering, and will take a long time. ~~The~~ Large portions of the ground is not suitable to be able to grow crops in, and has lead to the fall of grown goods.

Cancers such as leukemia have occurred as an effect of these ~~the~~ tactics, and is extremely common among survivors.

~~Abnormalities~~ Abnormalities and ~~deformities~~ <sup>deformities</sup> are <sup>still</sup> being carried on through birth ~~from the effects of~~ from the genes of the past generation who were present at the times of ~~where~~ the herbicides etc being used.

Such a tactic might have proved successful at the time of the ~~war~~ ~~of~~ Vietnam war (between 1960 and 1975), but the after effects of such strategies have proved fatal to the civilians of Vietnam.

Other tactics and strategies including everything from traps, fake raids, to ~~holding~~ taking over villages and

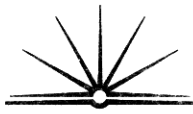


holding hostages. These were ~~practised~~ were put into practice by all soldiers of the war, though some groups exercised them at different levels.

The strategies of the Americans of burning villages for im not sure what reason, proved to be only effective of destroying lives and communities.

The V.C were extremely good at concocting strategies in order to destroy their enemy. Their whole operation hinged upon using strategy and tactics to see them through. Their V.C's style and approach of fighting Guerrilla warfare - proved to be effective for them until the ARVN and NVA realised that the only way they would be able to defeat them was to fight back the same way. They also realised that ~~they~~ were their Armies were more effective in the air, and could strike harder from such positions.

Not only did the ARVN troops attack their opponents, ~~they also used~~ their tactics allowed them to seize them with more ease - yet they destroyed so many innocent lives in the process.



Of all the ~~fast~~ strategies and tactics used by ~~the~~ the soldiers ~~of the~~ in Vietnam between 1960 and 1975, they all proved to be effective in attempting to destroy each's enemy - yet the consequences of so many of them are still living on today in the people of Vietnam, their memories, and in the country they call home.

These strategies may have been effective in the time of war, but it is obvious that little or no thought was ~~even~~ exercised in the ~~prode~~ process of producing such horrific actions, and how it could leave effects on Vietnam for generations, ~~are~~ or even centuries, to come.