

Question 25 -(B)

Between: the time of 1960 to 1975 the tactics and soldiers used by soldiers in Vietnam were extremely effective and quite successful.

Both sides used many different tactics and strategies both effective in their own way.

The US had their ordinary weapons like the Vietnamese, and they had the advantage of aircraft, such as helicopters and aeroplanes.

"The Operation Rolling Thunder" was a well known tactic used by the US, which involved the use of aircrafts, they would bomb the Vietnamese from above, killing as many as they can.

They also had guns, rifles, grenades and certain traps, although these didn't succeed much, as the Vietnamese used the same.

The US used a strategy where they just ran for it, killing as many people as possible.



The Vietnamese Soldiers between 1960 and 1975 were more organised and more effective.

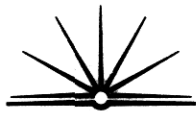
They had weapons much the same, but the odd few different ones, such as hand-made explosives, hand-made booby traps and the usual rifles, guns, grenades and they did not have the use of aircrafts.

Vietnamese Soldiers operated differently, more organised with their strategies and more efficient with their tactics.

They had a strategy which involved underground tracks and trenches where they could hide away from their opposition.

Guerilla fighting was an extreme and effective tactic used by Vietnamese Soldiers, it involved groups of about 4-6 men, running through the bush in which they camouflaged, because of the uniforms, being the same colour, and taking out U.S. Soldiers from down below.

The Vietnamese worked in small flocks



Compared to the U.S, they thought they'd be less to kill, if they all went in small groups.

Vietnamese dug holes into the ground, leading to tracks which they used to hide, Also trenches were made, its a small hole, in the ground, with a barrier made from sand bags to protect themselves from the enemy.

Trenches were mainly used by Vietnamese, although not always, these were very effective, as they protected the soldier, unless the opposition bombed directly in front of the trench, causing the entire trench to blow.

Although they were effective throughout the war, there were many health hazards involved with those who built them, such as lice, rodents, bacteria, and Trenchfoot, a disease which is caused by trampling around in cold, muddy water, which



Causes the sole of the foot to come away with the shoe.

Weapons, are the most commonly used, guns, machine guns, rifles, grenades and traps, used by both sides, killing the most amount of soldiers.

Throughout the period of 1960 to 1975, tactics and strategies used by both the U.S soldiers and the Vietnamese, were highly effective in their own way, but more so the Vietnamese, mainly due to their organisation and efficiency of their tactics and strategies.