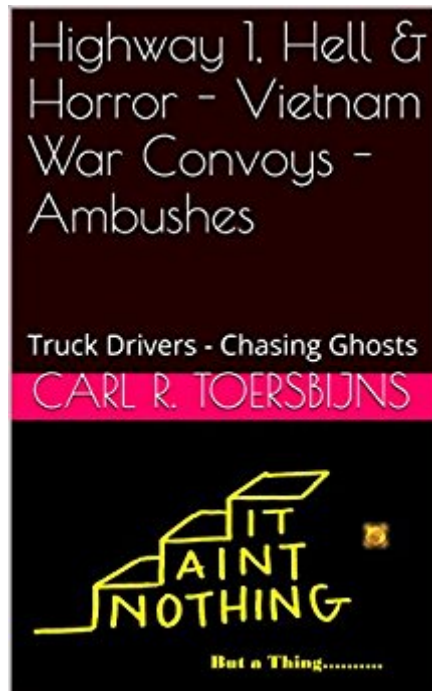


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# Highway 1, Hell & Horror - Vietnam War Convoys - Ambushes: Truck Drivers - Chasing Ghosts -



## Synopsis

Revised and amended - Highway One â€” Vietnam War is a short story about the convoys that risked the daily ambushes by the enemy hidden alongside the roads in Vietnam. The art of tactical transportation was never designed for guerilla warfare where there were not front lines and not rear lines. This was the first non-linear war the United States fought in such numbers and transportation was about to take a metaphoric change that adapted to the enemyâ€™s will to inflict damage to the essential chain of supplies and equipment for our troops. The infantry units had already moved inland and were setting up base camps. A complex convoy protective system was activated in Vietnam. Its mission was to provide all the expertise and equipment needed to clear the various ports of cargo and move it along to inland destinations. That mission soon overwhelmed the command's assets and capabilities, in addition, individual support commands received tactical truck units as they arrived in Vietnam so that they could carry out their missions more effectively. This is a short story of an experience I shared while assigned as a convoy medic with the 23rd Americal Division in the I & II Corps northern provinces of South Vietnam. Ambushes were the most common type of attack in this war. This book outlines the method of counteracting ambushes and formations, ideologies and reasons for such methods as Vietnam had no front lines, rear lines and was a non-linear battle 24/7. The second part of the book deals with ghosts and ambushes - the rationale, the preventive methods implemented and formations used to avoid trapped situations. In the end, this book is and always will be another influence to what is considered to be my personal PTSD recovery cycle of the war. It is a collection of thoughts, experiences, nightmares as well as the reflections of many great and brave comrades that I will never forget. This book is far from perfect, as I minimized names on purpose, generalized incidents and dealt only with the realities and not the political opinions of such matters. That is covered in my other books, however, there is one chapter, titled â€œThe Vulnerabilities of a Medicâ€• that covers my mentality, my status as a combat medic being in a conflict and being 19 years old. I refer to child soldiers because many of us who fought there weren't even old enough to vote. I also cover the fact that as a medic, we were often handed the responsibilities of treating the enemy who was at times, mere children themselves and aged between 12 and 15, contrary to international law but as we learned quickly, the enemy broke all the rules of engagement in this war. The realities, atrocities, and the happenings don't deserve names out of respect for the fallen. That is something I have been dealing with privately â€” there are few identities or explanations. I chose to leave the past be as I struggle with its ongoing images inside my head triggered by sounds only unique to those of war.

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I rode "shotgun" on Marine convoys in RVN in 1969-70. The Army's budget was a lot bigger than ours, so they always seemed to have the latest equipment and lots of it. Anyway, the only Marine "gun-truck" I ever saw had a single 50 mounted on a pole welded to a 6x's (six-by) bed near the cab. It was an open truck and a squad of Marine grunts also sat in the back in case of trouble. We had 0 Mps along that I recall. As for the book: I usually am only interested in Marine stuff, but I read this one because it's the only one I know of that focuses on the convoys - I thought. The writing wasn't very good - a lot of typos and run-on sentences, (did anybody edit?) but also drifting from topic to topic. And I sometimes wondered if the author was just trying to fill the pages to make it look book length. It ends-up 80 pages. I see the author is a prolific writer. But I haven't read any of his other stuff - maybe it's better. So, I thank you for your RVN service, but this is not a book I'd recommend.

The author was a combat medic, making him a hero; thank you for your service. I was expecting a first person account about life as a logistics troop in Vietnam. What I got was an ambling, redundant, essay on the nature of all aspects of the Vietnam war, with no significant personal accounts. It was

difficult to read because the author is unschooled in both sentence structure and punctuation. Rambling 100 word sentences, with no actual subject, seemed to be the norm. Lacking personal accounts, there is nothing new or worthwhile in this book. It would be best used in high school English class, as a bad example.

The Author tells in a text book like manner the dangers of those engaged in the vulnerable and herculean mission of moving essential war supplies in the Vietnam war environment, devoid of linear battle lines and writ of peril. I certainly gained wider understanding of the often unmentioned dangers that medics, transportation and supply personnel, MP's and other support personnel encountered in the Vietnam War. The book falls short, however, in terms of the personal accounts the Author highlights and it therefore reads like an instruction manual and can be dull and uninspiring.

This jumble of words and phrases doesn't qualify to be called a book. It appears that the author was in Vietnam, but very clearly cannot write or express ideas in a meaningful way.

Out started out great but it seems the story was cut short. I served on the rivers in vier man for 4 and a half years I hauled supplies to various units

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