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The Longest War

What was one of the most costly wars in history? The Vietnam War cost the United States billions of dollars and suffered over 350,000 casualties. The Vietnam War was the longest war in United States history. The United States fought this war to free Vietnam which was taken over by the communist known as the Viet Cong.

The First Cavalry Division was the United States first ever air mobile division. This division was sent home after World War II only to be geared up and sent to Vietnam. On board the USNS Buckler, they spent most of their time training for jungle warfare.

The First Cavalry would never have seen combat had it not been for the helicopter. The helicopter could fly in wave after wave of men into battle. It could also carry wounded out as well

Some of the weapons used by the First Cavalry and other divisions ranged between heavy and light weapons. Two heavy weapons used were

the Browning 50 and 30 caliber machine guns. Other weapons used were the .45 automatic pistol, the M-16 assault rifle, and the M-203 grenade launcher. All of these were used by the Americans and South Vietnamese to overcome the Viet Cong.

The Vietnam War is referred to as the longest War the United States ever fought. It took thousands of lives to free Vietnam from communist control. The brave souls that died in Vietnam will never be forgotten by their families.

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