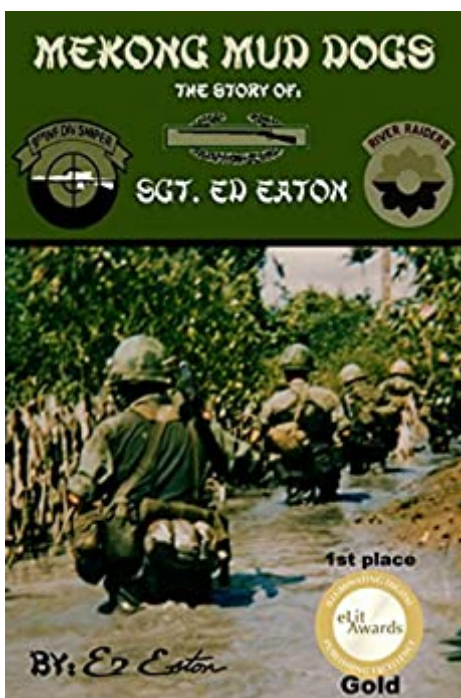


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# Mekong Mud Dogs: Story Of: Sgt. Ed Eaton



## Synopsis

An eLit Gold 1st place award winner with a 4 Star Clarion Review:Written about in books, magazines and highlighted in the History Channel Film: "Snipers: Deadliest Missions"! Ed tells his story of being a Platoon Sgt. and Sniper with the River Raiders of the Mekong. His stories include the one which garnered him a recommendation for the Medal of Honor.

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## Customer Reviews

If you have never read anything about the Vietnam War as fought in the Delta, you should read this book. I had a friend who served in this theatre and this telling reflects what he told me about it. The war in the Delta combined all the worst aspects of the War in Vietnam and then doubled down on it. Think of a miserable situation and then make it worse! The get shot at! Daily. This is how it was for these soldiers and little light has been shed on their extra difficult time in country. This book will make you glad you didn't go to this war, or if you did, missed this part of it. I gave it three stars because the writing suffers from too little writing experience and not very good editing. The writing gets better from about the middle of the book onward. This is probably the writers first effort. You do

get the difficulty of the experience and the intense emotions and struggle that combat inculcates in its' participants and why vets may behave in unpredictable ways when they get out of combat.

The experiences Sgt. Eaton went through in Vietnam is a good read for anyone interested in what it was like for the guys who fought down in the Delta, the southern most part of Vietnam known as IV Corps. Although the beginning of the book isn't to well written it does get better as it goes along. Although I believe his story is a true experience it seems to my thinking anyway that some of the incidents and attitude toward killing the VC he had described were maybe just a tad exaggerated. Is the reason I gave it a four star rather than five. But I do recommend this book to anyone wanting to read more about combat in Vietnam. .

Ed and I arrived in Bravo Co. the same day, although we hadn't yet met... We were just a bunch of FNG's, scared & green. Our baptism came at 3AM when the ship exploded. Got this book yesterday and read it non-stop. Love Ed's writing style..."just say it as u saw it"...no concern for where it "landed". I had forgotten so much of what Ed relates in this book (maybe that was good). This is a must read for anyone who wants to understand combat in Vietnam. Merf, Bravo Company Forever, 3/60th 9 Infantry Division.

This book is a remarkable record of Ed Eaton's service during the Vietnam War, & his deplorable treatment by some US citizens upon his return. This appalling & unacceptable reception was also experienced by Australia's Vietnam veterans, & it was not until 3rd. October 1987, that a "Welcome Home Parade" was held in Sydney for them. Ed does not gloss over incidents which can depict him in a negative manner, nor does it glorify his actions in the conflict. This is a "tell it all as it happened" book, which makes it so interesting. The aspect that I found to be most entertaining in this book, is the detailed information recorded during his service. Thank you Ed, for both your service to your country, & the effort expended in writing your personal narrative.

Ed Eaton is a colleague of mine. We are both Mud Dogs and were in B co. 360. The big difference is that I left Nam in 1967 and Ed arrived in Jan. 1968. We also had different jobs; I was the medic for 1st platoon and Ed was a platoon sergeant/sniper. His book is amazing in a couple of ways. He has the singular talent of capturing the reader and keeping him/her glued to the story. The cardinal rule for a writer is to take care of the reader. In other words don't leave incidents hanging or surprising a reader with something out of the blue. The man has no literary background or training,

which makes his accomplishment even more noteworthy. We all think we are writers until we actually sit down and apply the time and discipline to get the job done. As far as authenticity, it don't get more real than Mekong Mud Dogs. Will (doc) Farris

Not too bad. Not "well-written," but who figures a grunt would be a writer anyway? Appears to be an honest and frank account of one unremarkable soldier's experiences while serving in Vietnam, which is exactly what I was looking for. It resonated well with me.

Ed Eaton does a remarkable job in his writing of Mekong Mud Dogs by putting the reader right there. You not only get the stories of what he experienced but he lets you in on what it smelled, felt, and tasted like. In a sense, you are there also. His experience begins as any...wondering what things will be like. Full of anxious thoughts and feelings about how this tour will be. The book then follows the eye opening realities of war. Lastly, he speaks of his present day perspective on all of this. It's an easy read and will not take long to get through. I have shared it with quite a few people who have also purchased the book

I had the awesome experience to serve with Ed and I consider him one of my best friends! Although the language is a little strong, you must consider that the time we served there was a living hell and our experiences gave way to emotions and language that we don't use today. The book is very factual as I was there and can attest to Ed's accounting of the experiences as I served along side of him in the most difficult of times. Great guy and great book. It's a shame he never got his Medal of Honor. He sure deserves it!

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