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result was the m16 often jammed making the rifle about as effective as a muzzleloader in the words of one officer men were killed in combat because they couldn't return fire until the malfunction was cleared congress investigated and the rifle and its ammunition were incrementally modified greatly improving its reliability over the next few years troop training was also improved but the damage to the m16's reputation could not be undone and many soldiers remained deeply skeptical of their rifle through the war's end misfire combines insider knowledge of u.s. army weapons development with firsthand combat experience in vietnam to tell the story of the m16 in vietnam even as it details the behind the scenes development tests and debates that brought this rifle into service the book also describes men and m16s in action on the battlefield never losing sight of the soldiers who carried m16s in the jungles of vietnam and all too often suffered the consequences of decisions they had nothing to do with why would a unique group of ibm corporation bachelors choose to leave good stateside jobs and risk their lives to work in a war zone what are their stories during and after the war this book describes a u.s. military sponsored mission gives insight into the business side of war and relates the adventures of dedicated professionals read about how data processing was used to monitor and manage the air and ground war this is the story of ibm's role in southeast asia during the vietnam war and of the men who laid their lives and careers on the line to support a war that was fought with the help of extensive onsite data processing approximately 250 ibm wild ducks were handpicked for these overseas assignments they worked with lived with and played with the military while installing and servicing ibm equipment utilized by all services throughout south vietnam thailand and the philippines some ibmers remained overseas after the war some brought vietnamese brides home and some returned to traditional ibm careers all felt a deep patriotic duty to the united states and its intended role in southeast asia they all learned about wartime chaos danger love life and death ibm's mission escalated and de-escalated in parallel with that of the u.s. forces by 1973 most u.s. nationals had withdrawn along with the military's computing equipment in 1975 the author took part in an interesting but failed effort to assist ibm vietnamese employees escape the communists during the fall of saigon the story of how our own u.s. embassy held these ibmers hostage in saigon is told for the first time each book in this series offers all the statutes legal opinions and studies a student needs to structure a cohesive argument on a given controversial topic issues are presented from multiple points of view sidebars cite law and opinions to aid in critical analysis paratextual questions encourage reader engagement and all sources are fully documented and grouped by the side of the argument analyzes the controversy over gun ownership in america how does the second amendment's right to bear arms fit into the modern world does the state have an interest in restricting the licensing or sale of firearms to the public excellent honest and realistic edward murphy's meticulous research is unflawed and his writing style is novel like san antonio express news a no holds barred account highly recommended military magazine in june 1967 general william westmoreland sent the 173d airborne brigade to dak to a mountainous region in the deadly central highlands here the 173d found itself locked in mortal combat facing tremendous odds against a professional well trained enemy hidden under triple canopy jungle and deeply entrenched in fortified positions bunkers and tunnels edward f. murray captures the conflict in all its horror and heroism in this graphic account drawn from letters diaries official reports and interviews with more than eighty veterans of the campaign outmanned exhausted often cut

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A Shau Valor

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LBJ's Hired Gun

2007

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Misfire

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Gun Control

2009

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Pay Any Price

1988

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Dak To

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World Armies

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The Long Journey Home from Dak To

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The Leatherneck

1997

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Green Beret in Vietnam

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The M3 "Grease Gun"

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