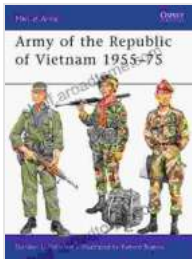


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The Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) was the ground force of the Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam) from 1955 to 1975. It was the largest and most powerful military force in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.



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The ARVN was created in 1955 after the French withdrawal from Vietnam. It was initially trained and equipped by the United States, and its officer corps was modeled on the American military. The ARVN grew rapidly in size and strength, and by 1965 it had over 200,000 troops.

The ARVN fought alongside the United States and its allies during the Vietnam War. It played a major role in the fighting, and its troops were often praised for their bravery and resilience. However, the ARVN also suffered heavy losses, and by the end of the war it had lost over 200,000 troops.

The ARVN was disbanded after the fall of Saigon in 1975. Many of its soldiers were killed or captured by the North Vietnamese, and the rest were forced to flee the country.

Organization

The ARVN was organized into four corps areas: I Corps (northern Vietnam), II Corps (central Vietnam), III Corps (southern Vietnam), and IV Corps (the Mekong Delta). Each corps was commanded by a lieutenant general.

The ARVN also had a number of specialized units, including the Airborne Division, the Ranger Command, and the Special Forces Group. These units were often used for special operations and counterinsurgency warfare.

Equipment

The ARVN was equipped with a variety of weapons and equipment. Its standard rifle was the M16, and its other weapons included the M60 machine gun, the M79 grenade launcher, and the M203 grenade launcher. The ARVN also had a number of armored vehicles, including the M113 armored personnel carrier and the M41 Walker Bulldog light tank.

Training

The ARVN was trained by the United States, and its training program was based on the American model. The ARVN's officer corps was particularly well-trained, and many of its officers attended the United States Army Command and General Staff College.

Combat experience

The ARVN fought in a number of major battles during the Vietnam War, including the Battle of Ia Drang, the Battle of Khe Sanh, and the Tet Offensive. The ARVN also played a major role in the fighting in the Mekong Delta.

The ARVN was a well-trained and well-equipped force, but it was no match for the North Vietnamese Army (NVA). The NVA was a larger and more experienced force, and it was backed by the Soviet Union and China. The ARVN also suffered from a number of problems, including corruption, poor leadership, and low morale.

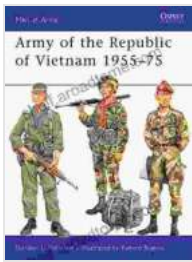
As a result, the ARVN was unable to defeat the NVA. The NVA eventually won the Vietnam War, and the ARVN was disbanded in 1975.

Legacy

The ARVN is a controversial force. Some people view it as a heroic force that fought bravely against the NVA. Others view it as a corrupt and ineffective force that was ultimately responsible for the fall of South Vietnam.

Regardless of one's views on the ARVN, there is no doubt that it was a major player in the Vietnam War. The ARVN fought bravely against the NVA, and its troops suffered heavy losses. The ARVN also played a major role in the fighting in the Mekong Delta, and it helped to keep the NVA from overrunning South Vietnam.

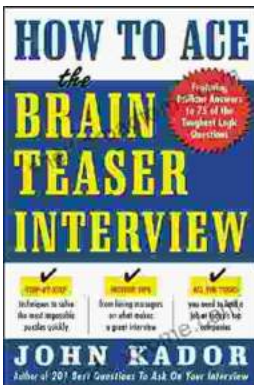
The ARVN is a complex and controversial force, but it is also an important part of the history of the Vietnam War.



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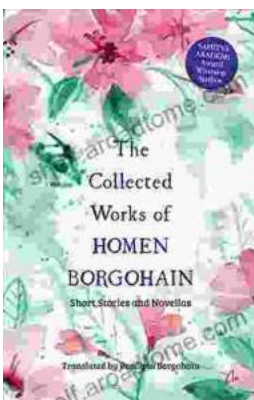
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