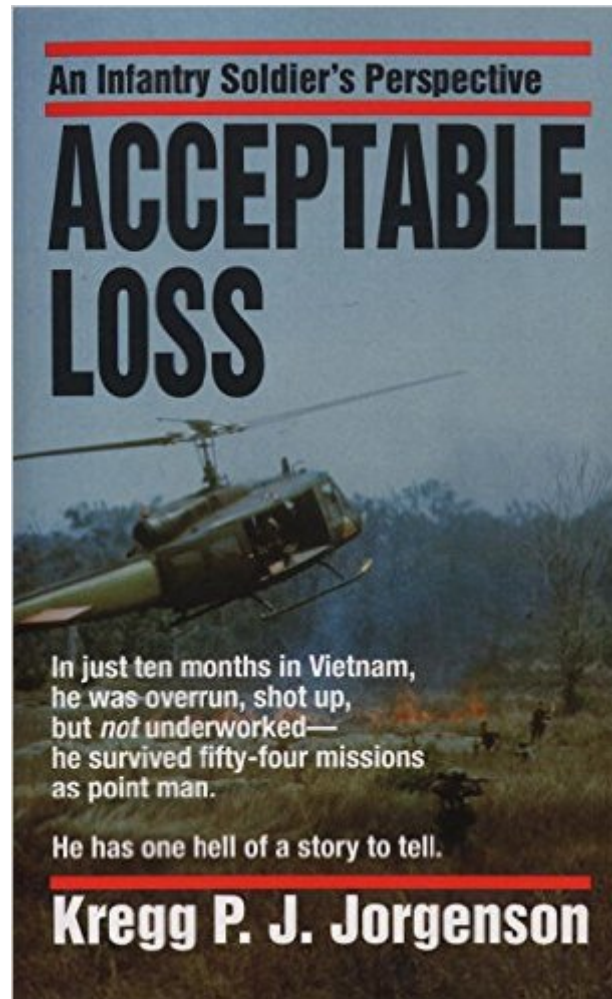


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The true-to-life story of a Ranger who volunteered to serve on a Blue Team in the Air Cavalry, racing to the aid of soldiers who faced the same dangers he had barely survived in the jungles of Vietnam. Whether enduring NVA sniper attacks, surviving "friendly" fire, or landing in hot LZs, Jorgenson discovered that in Vietnam you never knew whether you were paranoid or just painfully aware of the possibilities.

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This is one of the best personal accounts of the Vietnam War. Gregg Jorgenson is one of my heroes, but also one of America's, he is decorated with the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and 3 Purple Hearts. Gregg Jorgenson (KJ) tells his story how he lived it. KJ started his service in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division, while at the retraining center he decided to join the Ranger company of the 1st Cavalry Division. After a short training period he started going out on patrols and soon got into his first firefight. A short while later his patrol got into a more serious firefight that saw the ATLC and his best friend killed in action and another team member wounded. KJ and his team leader performed admirably, getting the whole team extricated under fire while fighting off the NVA. Even though that KJ felt that he had failed his teammates and his best friend, the division decided that the Team Leader and KJ deserved the Silver Star. Having lost confidence in himself as a Ranger, KJ decided to quit the Rangers, he transferred to a troop (aka Apache) of the 1st/9th. First he tried out the scouts, but his stomach could not handle the rollercoaster rides, he decided to join the infantry platoon of Apache troop, the Blues. Here he served as a squad leader, and he did not mind walking point, some said

that he enjoyed it. His service in an Apache troop got him into several firefights, that saw him wounded two more times and earning a bronze star for valor. He also had the disputed honor of being shot on camera while in a shootout with an NVA pointman, KJ killed the NVA pointman but was hit in both legs during the process. So KJ had the "honor" of being called "the sarge who likes to walk point", making him a national hero in an afternoon.

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