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GENERAL SOURCES

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Development of Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces under U.S. guidance and support.


Largely through eyes of Creighton Abrams; and his lecture of the same title delivered 17 Mar 2006 at TX Tech, UA853.V41.S67.


See also:
- Stanton, Vietnam Order of Battle, pp. 274-75.
CIVILIAN IRREGULAR DEFENSE GROUP (CIDG)

   Notes lessons applied to Desert Shield/Storm, pp. 34-39.


   US Mil Provincial Hosp Asst Program at Special Forces Camp near Cambodian border, 1966-67, by participant doctor.

   About half of this study devoted to CIDG.

   Extensive but scattered coverage; see index.

   Scattered coverage.


   Scattered coverage; see index.


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And other such reports, various dates.

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And draft of proposed plan, 10 May 1969.

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And annexes and changes.


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See Sec 2, p. 131 (7 intros w/US personnel).
KIT CARSON SCOUTS

Former Viet Cong who acted as scouts for US forces in uncovering VC supplies, etc.


See also:
-Bibliography on Scouts in Reconnaissance.

US CONTACT WITH THO TRIBE

The Tho, also known in Vietnam as the Tay, constitute the largest ethnic minority group in Vietnam and are located in the extreme northern provinces of North Vietnam. The 1954 partition into North and South Vietnam caused some Tho to flee into South Vietnam, perhaps between 5,000 and 15,000. See:


Unfortunately, no info was uncovered on the location of Tho refugees in the south or on their contact with American forces. Although US Special Forces worked closely with mountain tribes of South Vietnam, chiefly Montagnards, a search in our Special Forces holdings disclosed no reference to the Tho.
MONTAGNARDS


REGIONAL FORCES/POPULAR FORCES (RF/PR), SOUTH VIETNAM, 1964-75

Originally the Civil Guard and Self-Defense Corps, they were re-designated RF/PF in 1964 and integrated into ARVN. During early American involvement, RF/PF protected their home villages, like militia. Later, particularly after American withdrawal began, they were attached to the South Vietnamese Army and used beyond home areas. See:


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