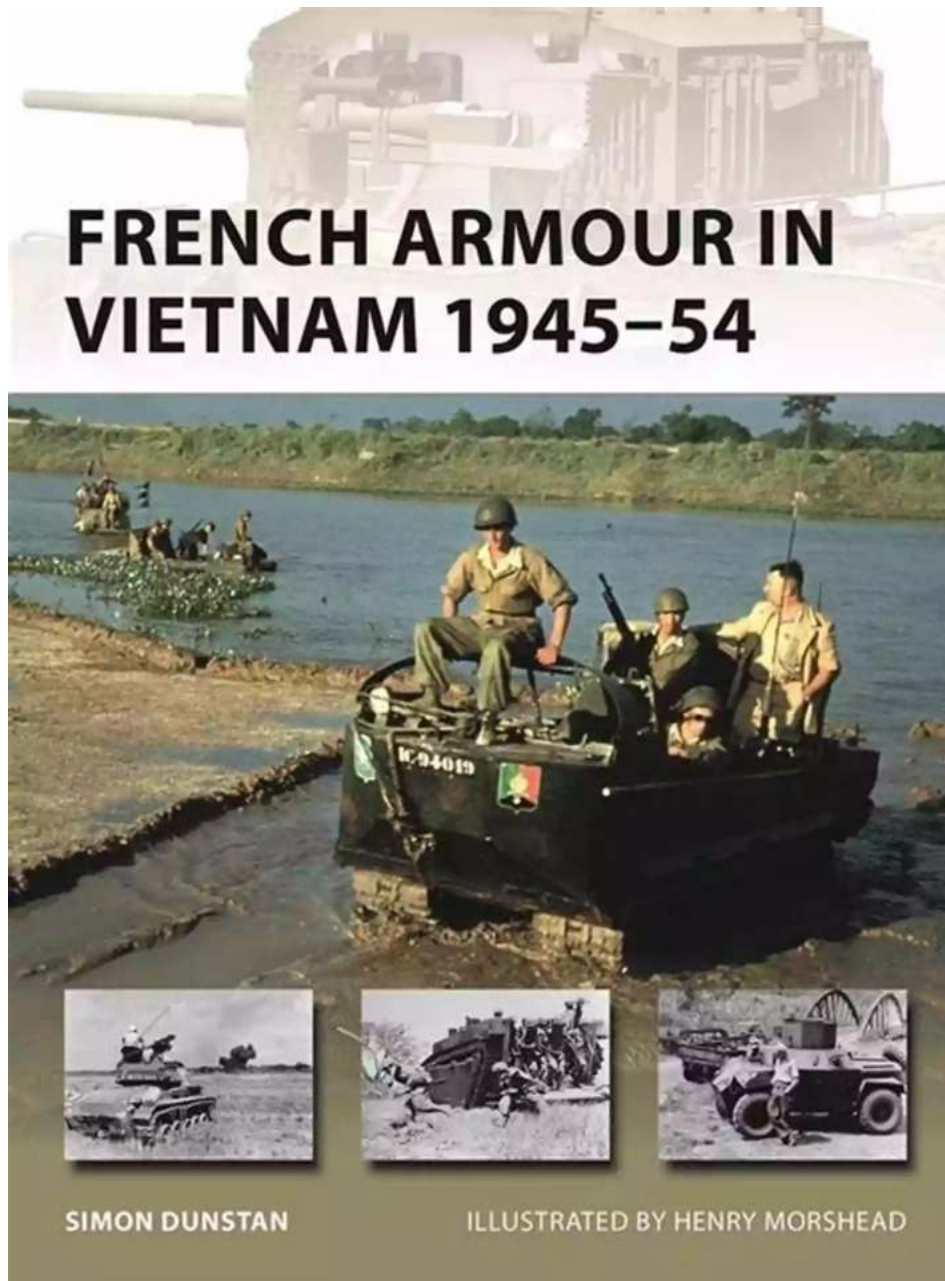


The Untold Stories: French Armour In Vietnam 1945-54



In the annals of military history, the Vietnam War holds a significant place. While much is known about the involvement of the United States and other key players, the role of the French Army in Vietnam from 1945 to 1954 remains largely untold.

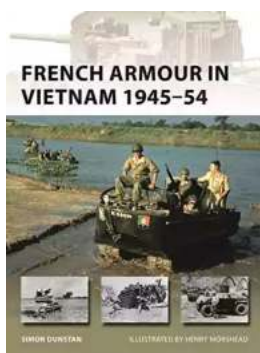
In this article, we delve deep into the events of that period to uncover the story of French armour in Vietnam - a story that has often been overshadowed.

The Forgotten Armoured War

When we think of the French Army's involvement in Indochina, images of infantry battles, guerrilla warfare, and the Battle of Dien Bien Phu come to mind.

However, the role played by armoured vehicles in this conflict is often overlooked.

In their book "French Armour in Vietnam 1945-54," authors Simon Dunstan and Peter Sarson shed light on the often forgotten but vital aspect of the French war effort.



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The Birth of the French Armour in Vietnam

Following World War II, the French Empire sought to regain control of its colonies in Southeast Asia, particularly Vietnam. The establishment of "Colonial Artillery and Tank Training Section" in 1945 paved the way for the development of a dedicated armoured force in Vietnam. As French troops encountered resistance from the Viet Minh, the importance of armoured vehicles became undeniable.

In their book, Dunstan and Sarson provide an in-depth analysis of the tanks and armored vehicles used by the French in Vietnam, including the legendary M24 Chaffee light tanks, M8 Greyhound armored cars, and AMX-13 medium tanks. They meticulously detail the specifications, tactical employment, and challenges faced by French tank crews during the war.

The Challenges of French Armour

As the French Army advanced in Vietnam, it faced numerous challenges. The unforgiving terrain, dense jungles, and cunning guerilla tactics employed by the Viet Minh posed significant obstacles. The authors explore how French tankers adapted their tactics and utilized their vehicles to navigate the treacherous landscapes and combat an enemy that excelled in hit-and-run tactics.

One of the most notable engagements featuring French armour was the Battle of Na San in 1952. French forces, including tanks, were tasked with defending the isolated outpost against a massive Viet Minh assault. Dunstan and Sarson provide an in-depth account of the battle, highlighting the determination, skill, and sacrifices of the French tank crews.

The Legacy of French Armour in Vietnam

As the French involvement in Vietnam drew to a close with the defeat at Dien Bien Phu in 1954, the legacy of their armoured units lived on. The experiences of French tankers in Southeast Asia shaped the development of armoured warfare doctrines in subsequent conflicts. Dunstan and Sarson delve into this legacy, examining how the lessons learned during this period influenced future military strategies.

Their book is not just a historical account but also an analysis of the tactical and operational aspects of armoured warfare in a challenging environment. It provides

a unique perspective on a frequently overlooked aspect of the Vietnam War and sheds light on the bravery and resilience of French tank crews in the face of adversity.

The New Vanguard 267: A Commendable Resource

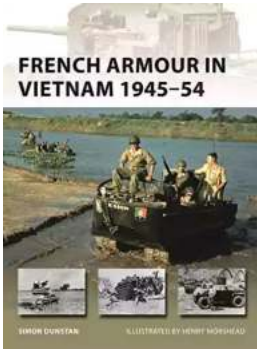
"French Armour in Vietnam 1945-54" is part of the acclaimed New Vanguard series published by Osprey Publishing. This series is known for its meticulous research, detailed illustrations, and expert analysis. The authors, Dunstan and Sarson, have contributed significantly to this reputation by delivering a comprehensive study that is both engaging and informative.

With over 240 pages, including historical photographs, diagrams, and color plates, this book provides a visually captivating experience. Whether you are a military history enthusiast, armor aficionado, or simply curious about the untold stories of the Vietnam War, this installment of New Vanguard is a must-read.

The story of French armour in Vietnam from 1945 to 1954 is an untold one, overshadowed by other narratives of the Vietnam War. Authors Simon Dunstan and Peter Sarson have meticulously researched and presented a captivating account of the French armoured contribution in their book "French Armour in Vietnam 1945-54." It is a story of resilience, adaptability, and the often unsung heroics of French tank crews who faced immense challenges in a challenging environment.

So, if you strive to uncover the forgotten aspects of history, immerse yourself in the untold stories of French Armour in Vietnam 1945-54 - a vital chapter that deserves recognition in the saga of the Vietnam War.

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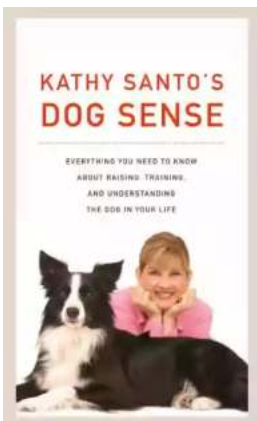


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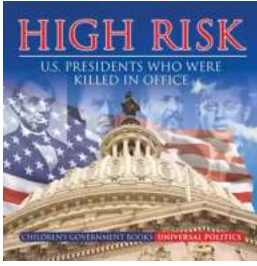


French experience with armour in Indo-China dated back to 1919, when it sent FT-17s to the colony, followed by a variety of armoured cars. After World War II, French troops were equipped with a motley collection of American and cast-off British equipment until the outbreak of war in Korea saw an increase in military aid. This included large numbers of the M24 Chaffee light tank, along with amphibious vehicles such as the M29C Weasel and LVT4 Buffalo, to conduct operations in coastal and inland areas that the Viet Minh had previously thought immune to attack. France's armour was a key part of the battle against the Viet Minh right up until the last stand at Dien Bien Phu.



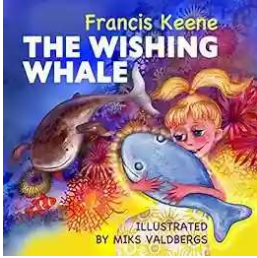
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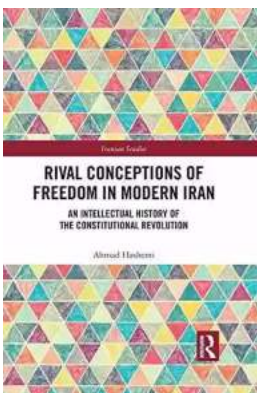
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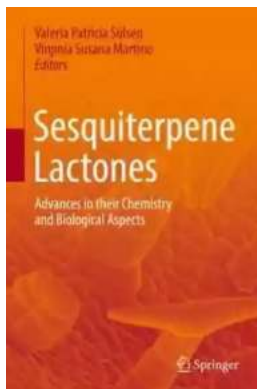
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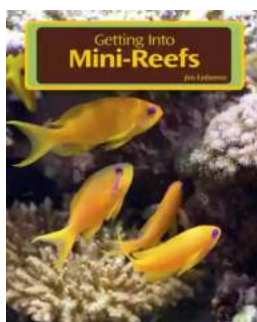
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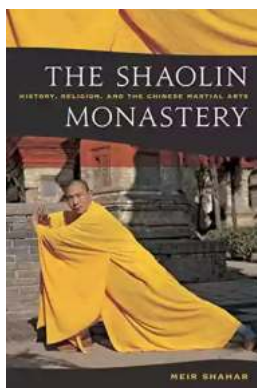
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