

THE TUNNEL WARFARE AS THE SECRET OF THE VICTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR

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- In the every age of history, militarism finds itself different ways and kind of warfare since the aim of militarism is defending national interests and maintaining status quo.
- The Vietnam War is the most important precedent of strategic defence for the whole military history. During the Vietnam War, The Cu Chi Tunnels built firstly in 1948, were serving as an unity of life with all kind of facilities as hospital, school, accommodation as well as battleground.

VIETNAM TUNNELS TO WAR AND SURVIVE

After 2nd World War, these tunnels were digged at first under the French dominion, then Ho Chi Minh wanted them to expand against US intervention policy.

These tunnels which are about 250 km. locating in the deep of forest, were used as shelters for Vietnam people under the American bombing and became life units to survive as well as they were battlegrounds.



At deep of these very tiny and narrow war tunnels, it is seen that Vietnamese people succeeded to survive.



They were included hospital, school and any other daily necessity.







THE TUNNEL WARFARE



These tunnels with very difficult life conditions, were included many traps at the exit or entrance of the tunnels — against

American military

ENDING THE KINGDOM

In spite of technological and military superiority, USA was suffered defeat in Vietnam.

This defeat was not just a war defeat for USA with special military forces, it was also a starting point to lose trust

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Due to financial subvention for the Vietnam War, USA was faced to a new world reality except than the budget deficit problem. This was decreasing trust in USA and caused to end monetary system established in 1945 by the Bretton-Woods Agreements which declared 'dollar' as the world money.

VIETNAM WAR AT THE BASE OF THE WORLD IN 60'S AND 70'S...

As a result of the Geneva Conference in 1954 whose aim was to provide peace in Indochina, Vietnam is divided into two division as South and North Vietnam and planned to unify by the elections projected to realize in 1956.

DOMINO THEORY ENOUGH TO WAR !

During the Cold-War era, fear of communism caused USA to swamp in Vietnam.

According to the Domino Theory described in the US National Security Council (NSC), in case of existing communism in any Asian country, there is danger to jump to other countries and the core of US foreign policy was preventing this danger in the countries with potential of communism.

DOMINO THEORY ENOUGH TO WAR !

In accordance with the Domino Theory, since existence of communism in any Asian country leads danger to widening over the continent, 3 billion people were died and 4 billion people were injured in Vietnam.

8 June 1972, Trang Bang/ South Vietnam
Photographer Huynh Cong (Nick) Ut won Pulitzer prize





SOME

PICTURES

OF AGENT ORANGE VICTIMS



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However, Vietnam wasn't so easy target as thought, Vietnamese guerrilla war succeeded to overcome US technological and military power.

THE TUNNEL WARFARE AS VICTORY

nam War Tunnels are a product of military ge

A photograph of a rusted metal tank hull, likely an M41, with white-painted text. The text reads: "AMERICAN M41 TANK WAS DESTROYED BY A DELAY MINE IN 1970". The tank is positioned in front of a dense forest of green trees.

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During the guerrilla war gone on in the North Vietnam, two main reasons of US defeat:

- hard conditions of forest war
- absolutely tunnels which were used as military base as well as shelter.

CONCLUSION

The Vietnam War showed that the human intelligence is stronger than the advanced technology and provides victory in spite of developed armaments.

The Vietnam Tunnels were placed as an important precedent of urban warfare by leading strategic excellence.

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