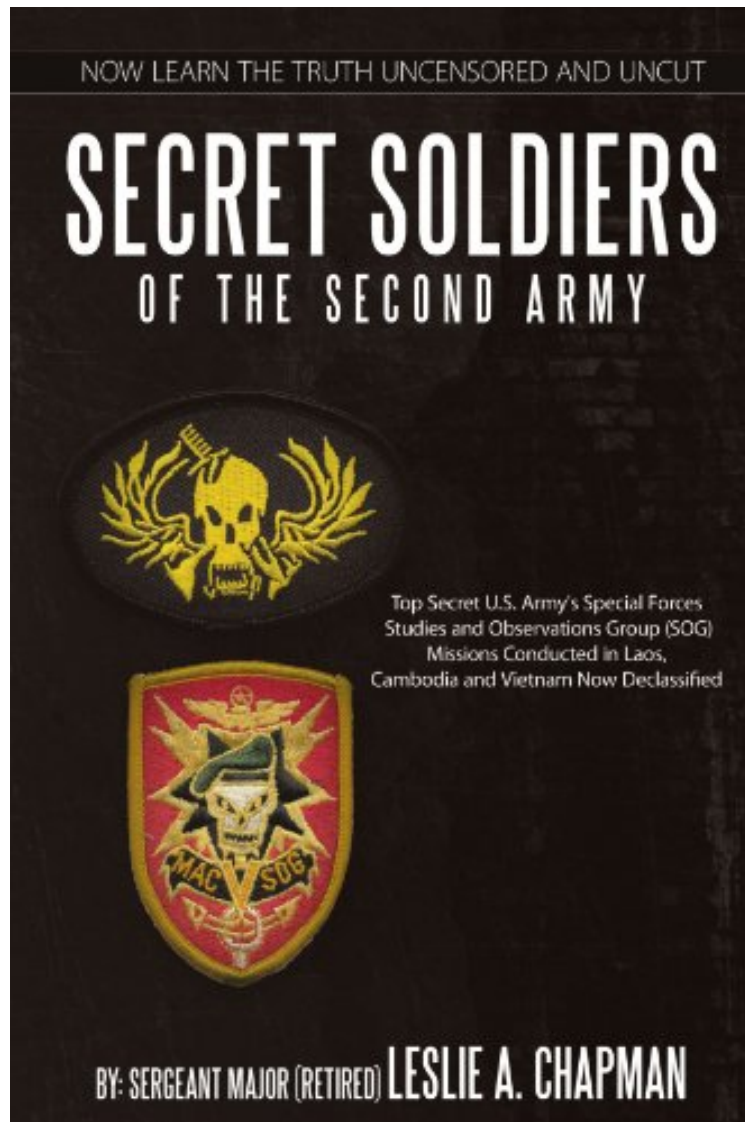


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gory but accurate account of secret missions By Covey Fac This book was very detailed and gave an accurate picture of those missions. I was a Covey pilot who flew with Les as my right-seater supporting other missions deep in enemy territory after he survived these missions. He had other missions which were not included in the book but were equally heroic.. As a Covey rider, he was always very professional and

added humor at times to lessen tension in very bad situations. His accounts in the book are gory but accurate. Yes, I agree there are proofing issues but I found them quite minor when the action was the key. I'd strongly encourage reading this book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Apparently edited by an 8 year old.... By J. Douglas Brown I have just today plowed through 17% of the book and decided to call it quits. The prologue is so horribly riddled with errors, including spelling and inappropriate word choices...that I felt I was back in the Air Force trying to break code rather than read a book. I can't believe that ANY literate adult edited this book after the first printing and passed it on for release to the public. Example: "I felt we were ponds in the war." I assume he meant "pawns". There are so many of these I couldn't help but feel the book was almost some kind of "assignment" the writer had where he was required to write 200 pages before he could go home for the weekend. I am a Vietnam vet.. I have respect for everyone who served there. I feel that this book is written for other Vietnam vets as the main audience likely to buy it...and they don't deserve a book of this low quality. I gave it two stars instead of one out of respect for this man's service.... 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great Story, poor proof reading. By Oly I recently bought this book, there is a little confusion involved do to his telling someone else's story at the beginning. After arriving at SOG the story gets very interesting, I guess Laos can do that for you. He certainly had a story to tell and it was hard to put down. It does lack a little in editing, and I'd say the proofreader may have been on vacation when the story hit his/her desk. It is possible however to follow the train of thought, so I still have to say it is a five star story! Proofreading not so much!

The book starts out picturing a young man who foolishly wants to go to war where he in vision's himself receiving all these high class medals for heroism but never once taking into account what it is going to take physically and mentally to get those medals. He's constantly playing a head game within himself and those that surround him. He like so many other young men of past eras are trying to be something that they're not and that small initial lie grows into a tremendous reputation that he has to live with and soon regrets that he's known by such. Come walk with the author and his brothers of the sword through the dark, humid, unforgiving jungles of Vietnam and experience the death, destruction, and mental sacrificial anguish they had to endure. Come see why you fear being alone in the denseness of a jungle or a forest that you have never entered before. Feel the heat of the Asian jungle floor intermixed with the leaches, ants, mosquitoes, snakes and humans searching you out only to destroy you at any cost. You see our author starts out innocently enough but soon finds out that war is not only a physical hardship demanding its pounds of flesh, but also is a horrendous mental agonizing hazard from which there is only one means of escape and/or retreat. That means to an end is death. Yes the author and his brothers of the sword will take their heroic missions and sacrificial allegiances to the grave with them. But, the real tragedy of it all is no one really cares about them in the first place. For they were and still are the "Secret Soldiers of the Second Army" willing to go anywhere, any time, to do the impossible for the ungrateful.

About the Author The author joined the Army in August of 1966, finished Basic Training at Fort Ord California, then went to Fort Benning Georgia where he attend Jump School then onto his final destination Fort Bragg, North Carolina where he underwent Special Forces training. The author spent four tours in Vietnam, one with Company C, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) then three tours with Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and Observations Group-Command and Control North (MACV-SOG-CCN) running deep penetration reconnaissance missions and ultimately flying code name Covey (Forward Air Controller). The Author was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for Gallantry in action, the Silver Star for Valor, five Bronze Stars w/V for Valor, four Army Commendation Medals w/V for Valor, eight Air Medals w/V for Valor, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, and other service awards. The author spent four years in Panama with the 7th Special Forces Group on A-5 the Airborne Committee for South America. Left Panama to perform a tour of duty with Recruiting Command station out of Las Vegas Nevada then onto the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger where he served as the S-3 (Operations and Training) then as a First Sergeant in Headquarters Company. Left the Ranger Battalion to undergo training at the Sergeants Majors Academy then reporting to his retirement destination of Fort Bragg, North Carolina. From 1966 to 1987 the Author served faithfully in the United States Army.