

Every day we went on patrol.
The Vietcong were everywhere.
Hiding in the jungles. Hiding in villages.
We had to find them ... before they found us.

VIETNAM

The Story of a Marine



In the 1960s, South Vietnam was at war.

Their enemies were North Vietnam and an army of rebels from the south called the Vietcong.

The United States supported the government of South Vietnam.



American troops were sent to Vietnam to fight.

Some young Americans enlisted. They knew they might go to Vietnam.

Others did not have a choice.

They were made to join the armed forces by the U.S. government. This was known as the draft.

Many Americans did not want their country to fight in this faraway war.



