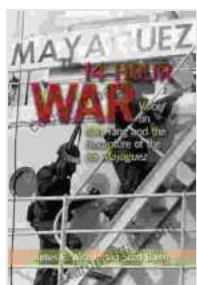


# Valor on Koh Tang and the Recapture of the SS Mayaguez: A Riveting Account of Courage and Resilience

In the annals of American history, the SS Mayaguez incident stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of the United States Marine Corps. On May 12, 1975, the American cargo ship SS Mayaguez was seized by Cambodian forces in international waters. In response, President Gerald Ford authorized a daring rescue mission to liberate the ship and its crew.



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The mission, designated Operation Eagle Pull, was entrusted to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines (2/9). Led by Lieutenant Colonel Stephen G. Olmstead, the Marines embarked on a perilous journey to the Cambodian island of Koh Tang, where the Mayaguez was being held.

On May 14, the Marines landed on Koh Tang under heavy fire from Cambodian forces. Despite the overwhelming odds, the Marines fought

their way inland, determined to reach the Mayaguez. As they approached the ship, they encountered fierce resistance from well-entrenched Cambodian soldiers.



In the ensuing battle, the Marines displayed extraordinary valor and tenacity. They fought hand-to-hand in close quarters, clearing the ship of enemy forces. The fighting was intense and bloody, but the Marines refused to yield.

After hours of intense fighting, the Marines finally regained control of the Mayaguez. The ship's crew was rescued and evacuated, and the American flag was raised once more over the vessel.

The battle on Koh Tang was a major victory for the United States. The Marines had demonstrated their unwavering courage and resilience in the face of adversity. Their actions not only saved the lives of the Mayaguez crew but also sent a powerful message to the world about America's resolve.

In the aftermath of the battle, many of the Marines who fought on Koh Tang were awarded the Navy Cross, the nation's second-highest military honor. Their bravery and sacrifice will forever be remembered as a shining example of American heroism.

The SS Mayaguez incident is a gripping story of courage, resilience, and sacrifice. It is a testament to the unwavering spirit of the United States Marine Corps and a reminder of the sacrifices that have been made to defend our nation.

To learn more about this fascinating story, I highly recommend reading the book "Valor on Koh Tang and the Recapture of the SS Mayaguez" by Lieutenant Colonel Stephen G. Olmstead. This firsthand account provides a vivid and detailed account of the battle and the events leading up to it.

I hope you have found this article informative and engaging. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to leave them below.



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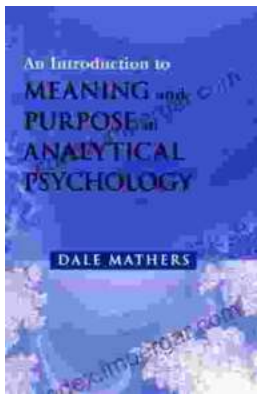
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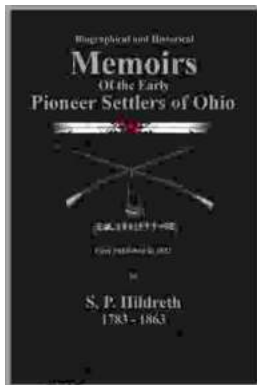
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