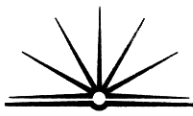




Tactics used in the Vietnam war by the North were very effective, but the tactics employed by the South and USA were extremely poor.

The NVA and Viet-Cong used Guerrilla tactics, which involved ambushes, booby traps, hiding in villages and the use of snipers. This tactic proved very effective in defeating the enemy as well as having a huge psychological effect. The effectiveness of this tactic can be seen by the outcome of the war. It was through the use of this tactic that the North was able to overcome America and then South Vietnam.

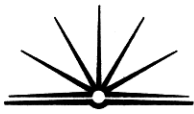
The USA, however, went for a different approach. American Generals preferred a battle out in the open, so



they often tried to lure the enemy into a face-to-face battle. This rarely happened so the USA was forced into ~~the~~ using other strategies.

One of these was the use of large amounts of Napalm and Agent orange. These two burned the forest, leaving the Viet Cong with no where to hide. Again, this tactic rarely worked, and the side effects of the chemicals often killed or seriously injured American troops. In reality, these things worked against America in the long run.

Another tactic used was large-scale bombing. America thought that they could bomb the North to the bargaining table. Again this proved useless, as finding where to concentrate an attack proved



very difficult, as all Viet Cong bases were well hidden in the dense jungle, and were constantly on the move.

The tactics of both sides of the war differed greatly, and the outcome of the war clearly shows which side had the better strategies.