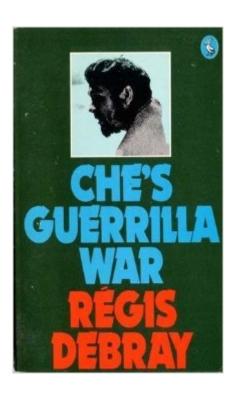
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Regis Debray's analysis of Che Guevara's ill fated Bolivian campaign is definitely worthy of reading. Debray was one of Guevara's advance men, who scouted the Bolivian terrain for suitable locations for a main encampment prior to Guevara's arrival in Bolivia. Both Che and Castro placed a lot of confidence in Debray's intellect and analysis, although he was not well suited for personal participation in a guerrilla campaign. The book attempts to explain some of the fundamental miscalculations that led to the defeat of the guerrillas. Debray was captured by the Bolivian army shortly after the beginning of the military campaign, and received a 30 year prison sentence, of which he served three years. Guevara was captured and killed during the course of Debray's trial. The book does seem somewhat self-serving by claiming that many of the errors were unavoidable accidents of a campaign that had as its end goal the mobilization of the entire Southern Cone of the Americas. My surmise after reading this account as well as many others is that the successes in the Cuban Revolution gave Guevara a false sense that hard work and commitment to revolutionary ideals could overcome almost any obstacle.

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