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Turning Point in the Vietnam War

Douglas Kinnard "While we had the power, it turned out they had the will."

Throughout the war in Vietnam everything was looked at from a statistical view. The Leading officers only really cared about the numbers and as long as the officers in the field produced results, Washington would be happy. You know there is a problem in the strategy when an American general starts to question the purpose of being involved in a conflict. The American military believed they could break the NVA with straight power and aggression. The American forces made a crucial mistake by underestimating the enemy's will to fight. The NVA did not have the same type of goals as the U.S. They were prepared to lose thousands of men to take one key city or for a strategic victory. In the U.S the American people had a taste of what war was like and they stood up against the government and wanted the American troops to return home from the war. Almost seventy percent of the American generals who have spent time in Vietnam questioned the overall objectives of the war. If generals have a hard time realizing what were fighting for, then what do you expect the lower ranks of the chain of command to think? Or even the people back at home learning about the current situation of the war? The will to fight is something that cannot be broken easily. As the Vietnam War was in progress the American soldiers found out quick that their enemy had plenty heart and was willing to give their life for their cause.

The End of the War

Truong Tran "We could either lose or tie, but not win."

For a man to be enlisted in a cause he did not completely agree with is hard enough to comprehend, but the fact is that Communism showed a better picture for the people of his land. It promised country unification. The North Vietnamese had nothing really to lose. If they lost the war they would still have the north. For the South Vietnamese they had everything to lose. The American presence in Vietnam from the very beginning hindered the Vietnamese people because it did not allow them to establish a true part in the victory of the North. The people of the south were not happy with the economy. Because of the fighting the majority of

civilians had to move to cities and try to find work. The fighting destroyed the land. At the end of the war it came down to wanting to pull out of the war with their dignity. The United States came to Vietnam to fight Communism, but in the end there was no victory for the South or the Americans. The only type of victory that would have come out of that situation would be in a safe zone. Luckily he removed his family from the war struck country. They are all safe.

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