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Bob Gabriel never really wanted to fight in this war but did because of his honor, his respect of his father. Gabriel was sent out on Christmas Day 1967. He recalls how when he got there they had a "Mad Minute", this is where everybody fires at the same time as much as they can for a minute. They do this in case the Vietnamese happened to be rushing the line. I cannot imagine sitting there in the dark knowing that there are people all around me trying to kill me. Gabriel talks about how a young man named Larry Herbert came into his tent one day saying that it was going to be his last, and it was. There was so much danger out there and so many traps that they never knew when they would hit one. Poor Herbert jumped into a hole that a fellow soldier had dug days before only to find a trap and his death. Gabriel talks about how they could not get any air help because the weather was not good enough. When the Tet Offensive started and Hue got overrun, Gabriel's group was sent to cut off the North Vietnamese's supply line. On January 31st, 1968, 70,000 North Vietnamese soldiers launched the Tet offensive. Vietcong guerrilla fighters violated the temporary truce they agreed to honor around the New Year celebrations.

The story that influenced me the most was the words of Morton Halperin. Halperin talks about how the government began to talk about how this was a unwinnable war. Which I believe made them begin to question what was going to happen as this war proceeded on. This war has had so many people involved and no one really knew what was going on there were so many people left out of different loops. There were some many people second guessing their decisions because they did not want to make the wrong choice. Henry Kissinger hired Halperin to be senior official in the National Security Council. Halperin would resign in September, 1969 he would be the first of several aids to resign. Kissinger did not trust anyone. He would set one staff member off against another making for a very negative work atmosphere. This war had so many lies and misleading information tied to it that it makes it hard to really know what the truth is. There were so many people saying so many things and Nixon really wanted to end this war with honor he tried to end the war on October 22, but Nguyen Van Thieu stopped the process in its track. Nixon concluded that only force could persuade Hanoi. Beginning on December 18 and continuing for 11 days the US did air attacks on military targets. This plan was a psychological plan to shock North Vietnamese back to the table to make plans to end the war. In January 1973, the Americans and North Vietnamese worked out the last details of the settlement. All parties involved in the conflict signed the final agreement on January 27 in Paris

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