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The Tuan Van Ban story(pg302), is a short story with not a lot of detail but I think, best describes the turning point of the war. This is a short story but I think it summarizes the Tet Offensive and the North Vietnamese fighting style through out the war. You have this young man, infantry lieutenant, who was seeing his first action and it just happens to be the start of the Tet Offensive. Then some of his men, also seeing there first action, so excited they couldn't sleep and they are about to began one of the biggest operations in military history. We all know how big the Tet Offensive was and the aftermath in America, politically, military, and socially. So you have these young men, who have no idea that they are about to part of history and who know they can't win a dragged-out battle but they must destroy as much as they can and then get out, pretty much they are in a no win battle and they still give it all they have. Overall this story reminds me of the Revolutionary war, you have the British, who are the unstoppable army. Then you Americans, who just like the Vietnamese, are the army that should just lay down and has no chance of winning.

The Nguyen Khacc Huynh story(pg 468) describess, what I think, the best way to describee the ending of the Vietnam war and probablyy not for the reason that think. You have this story that is about the peace talks and treaty and that usually means the end of a conflict or in this case the Vietnam war. You have these peace talks and then you have the Americans back away from the talks and start bombing in a last ditch effort to win and get what you want. As the story briefly describes the peace talks of the 4 parties, the US government, the Hanoi Government, the Saigon government, and the Provisional Revolutionary Government, the last paragraph you have the story teller talking about McNamara saying both sides missed opportunities for peace, but I think it is really telling us that even in peace the Americans can't admit they made a huge mistake and sending in the last bombing effort was just a way to get the last laugh or the last word.

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