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Part One.....Out of the stories I read many had a strong impact on me. To hear what these individuals saw, felt, and went through is heart breaking. I especially felt connected to two stories and had a hard time deciding which one to choose. Dang Vu Hiep fought against America in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam. Heip joined the Veit Minh revolution against the French in 1945 and in 1964 let his wife and 3 kids to South Vietnam to fight against the Americans. Though this story wasn't drama filled and heart breaking but the most informative to me as to how certain battles got started. Dang Vu Hiep had no clue going into the war how to fight Americans. He was very intimidated, yet fought for his life and country. I don't know if it was because he was telling his story by looking at his notes and journals that made his story believable or the facts that were stated in his story but I definitely believed it. This story was appealing to me because it was the point of view of a Vietnam soldier.

Part Two.....So I must admit I have very little knowledge of how wars in history got started or why they were started, that is partly why I am taking this class. In the story "Deliver us from Evil" I learned that the French started the war with Vietnam, with American money and aid. I am very disappointed in Eisenhower and his role in this war. It appears to me that he would have had our country more involved earlier on. So we help the French and lose our men then decide to fund and aid a man that later rigged an election to become the communist leader which is what we as Americans didn't want in the first place? France fails and our government thinks it can prevail? If Eisenhower and the US government would have listened to J.F. Kennedy there might not have ever been a Vietnam war. Another disappointment is the amount of aid we as a country sent over there to later have Vietnam fight us in war killing so many Americans.

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