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Roger Donlon's story struck the most impact on me with the way he engages the listener and reader of his incredible experiences during the Vietnam War. Although, this is just one small part of his story that could be told; it draws you in with the well spoken vocabulary of a Green Beret captain and hero that he is. As I go along reading his story; I notice that he doesn't use factual statements. This makes him reliable in the sense that he is not trying to base it on fact which cannot be tangibly obtained. First hand experience in a crisis situation or multiple crisis situations can have an affect on you to where you lose your credibility; however, reading his story I do not get the sense that this is the case, and by no means is credibility lost in all situations like these. For example, when Roger Donlon speaks about the soldier who was running and lost both of his legs, and had continued to run on both stubs and dies just seconds after. Well, a situation such as this one would be seared into someone's mind, and one would die of old age never forgetting the image of that brave Vietnamese soldier; I could only imagine but would fail to understand what that image truly appeared to have been like, or the entire tragedies that would continue to be endured by this man or any one of them in the Vietnam War or any war for that matter. There are always going to be pieces of information forgotten in any traumatic experience or multiple traumatic experiences; however, a well trained soldier and captain, such as Roger Donlon is most likely to have most of all the pieces put together and un-forgotten.

Daniel Redmond's story was the most disappointing one that I have read thus far. The way that Tom Dooley is portrayed is disturbing. How he could victimize that young Vietnamese man as a model for what communism and the Viet minh are was just a gain for his own selfish political and self-popularized reasons, and as such it is in poor taste of who Americans really are. It wasn't just the attitude of Tom Dooley but of Daniel Redmond himself. There must have been many tragic sights this man and many more have been succumb to, and I will not tell myself or anyone that I could understand what they have gone through; however, events that have happened or are happening in the present should be considered from both sides. By no circumstances is anything one sided.

Ngo Vinh Long was a very intriguing individual to read about; as he goes through his experiences in the war; he shows that he can relate to what is going on around him; even though, his experiences with the French and the Americans have disadvantaged what his beliefs once were he still comes out with a broad understanding of what is happening in the world around him. He has went on to becoming a successful college professor in the state of Maine and as a fifty-eight year old man; he has a two year old child. His character shows dedication, inspiration, and a willingness to move forward and achieve wonderful accomplishments even when times are so dreadfully wrong in some parts of the world. There is so much goodness that can come out of these stories if we really listen with our hearts to what these men and women are saying. We need to study the history of what has happened to our men and women and to others around the world to not only learn from the mistakes of the past but to appreciate all the exposure these soldiers have gone through, so we can show our appreciation the appropriate way that our past and future soldiers deserve.

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