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Phan Xuan Sinh. His story really spoke to me. He talked about how many innocent people were killed because ~~they~~ thought they were the enemy. I feel in this story his memories seem to be pretty clear, especially when he talked about the old couple ~~they~~ removed and burned down their home and then to find a few weeks later they came back and rebuilt it. This war was not only about the enemy, but about the innocent people who lost their lives and their homes because of it. He told the old man that it was a dangerous place to live, ^{and asked} why did he come back. The old man replied, "All my ancestors are buried here and this is our land. We're not going to leave."

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This account makes me wonder how many others had to give up their land and homes because of the injustices of the war.

missing the questions on credibility (in part 1)

Deirdre English. "How can my country be at war and I don't know about it?" This story seems to be a bit farfetched for me. I don't understand how a high school student didn't know about the Vietnam war. She talks about how most Americans didn't know where Vietnam was, but look at all the war protestors. I was disappointed because maybe the high school teachers didn't talk about the war going on or how about the parents during this time? Maybe it was denial in some people's minds about how brutal the war really was.

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Really missed the significance of this story... you assumed way too much.

Ta Quang Thinh. This one was very disappointing. I don't understand why this account was put in the book. It seems made up and not very emotional. It was almost like this was just a story made up to fill the book. I'm not ^{huh?} really sure this happened and maybe this person just wanted to be in the book, so they made up a story of what happened to them in the war. I also think that maybe, just maybe they don't remember and made something up because they didn't want to look like a fool. I expect more out of people who were part of the war, more emotions and better memories of what actually happened.

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The story of Roger Donlon captivated me the most. His was one packed full of the type of absolutely traumatic experiences we think of when Vietnam is brought up. In particular the story of the attack of the traitors was unbelievable and although it is hard to catch the tone of a personal story in writing, it's almost as if he is rather indifferent to the whole recollection:

"The first thing each of the traitors did when the attack started— and they knew it was coming— was to slit the throat or break the neck of the person next to them. So right off the bat our Strike Force went from three hundred down to two hundred, and possibly closer to a hundred. And the people we thought would be shooting outward were now shooting inward. It got pretty spicy very rapidly."

Appy, Christian (p. 14).

Mr. Donlon's story paints a vivid firsthand picture of what sounds like Hell itself. This event stuck with me the most of all Part I. The bluntness and gore of each story like this give reason to believe that one could not make this up. Of course overall feelings and judgments of the war cannot be considered factual, but Roger Donlon seems to be a reliable source for this story if only for the fact that many have vouched for his even harder to believe endeavors (specifically the tremendous list of reasons for receiving his medal).

In this particular situation the sheer adrenaline of the situation would probably aid in its remembrance just as the terror would aid in never letting it go. Roger tells of another frightening occurrence that struck the imagination. One of his Vietnamese interpreters happened to get caught up in the attack on Fourth of July when a "57-millimeter round caught him right at the knees and took his legs off. He just kept running on the stumps. Within about thirty seconds he was dead."

Appy, Christian (p. 14). There really aren't words to describe that feeling you get in your stomach when reading a personal account of that measure. - ?

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