

I can't imagine a job that would be more emotionally taxing on one's spirit and commitment. His account is unique because he managed to take the best away from all he saw and did. "So professionally it was just wonderful. And regardless of how bad it got, I could always feel I was doing something good for somebody." (Appy 168) I think given his duty, a monumentally difficult task in a war, his attitude helped him prevail. (There is something special about this I think.) I think his position as a triage officer shows his "duty" and ability to overcome no matter how hard things got. I am sure he has seen some pretty devastating sights as a common soldier in the field would have.

The story of Vu Hy Thieu was a tough one to read coming from the account of a North Vietnamese soldier. It is difficult to take my emotions away from the story and sense of national pride as an American. When you can do this though you begin to see the similarities in human character. (The level of dedication and willingness to prevail no matter what the scenario or consequence is.) This man starts by being given an opportunity in to study in the

Soviet Union after he graduates school which I am sure is not very common for these people. So, like wealthier white Americans who

managed to avoid the war, this guy had an opportunity to do so. He chose to sign up. That's courage, and worth noting I feel. Some of his accounts show what duty leads him, or a people to do when necessary. He spoke of how they made smokeless fires by piping the smoke horizontally underground and leading up the exit so the smoke dispersed. (Duty, and necessity spawned such a trick.) When

he spoke of sandals he said "If you lost your sandals it was a huge disaster." (Appy 192) This guy understood that to perform certain duties adequately, you need specific tools. In this case, sandals for something as simple as marching. (Incredible!) He goes on to speak of how he became an expert booby trap maker. While this is sad to

read of the deaths he spoke of, I mention it because it is similar to what duty spawns in us to do. (Unfortunately this was a war where it seemed that body count was a major factor.) Those who kill the most win. (And get bragging rights) I felt he was bragging here.

American soldiers have done the same so I am not judging. His duty in setting booby traps though, plays hell psychologically with soldiers, and is just one more form of creative tactics brought about by duty to your country, service, or cause.

vague

How is this duty any different than simply doing his job?

strange claim here

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setting off traps

may be true, but not helpful to your paper

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I'm just not sure "DUTY" was an adequate theme. ... duty as a soldier, as a doctor, duty to kill the enemy by any means possible (booby traps) could also be described as bravery, doing your job, and improvising out of necessity.