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I chose to write about Le Cao Dai, Julian Bond, and Porter Halyburton. I picked these because they all show the sickness created by the war. I do not necessarily mean a viral or bacterial sickness but illness medically, mentally, and politically which impacted these peoples' lives and the way they treated others because of it.

Le Cao Dai was part of a "jungle hospital" crew and he saw a lot of death from disease resulting from wartime. Dai helped care for the people who were injured in the war and also people who'd suffered from malaria and other noncombat related diseases, "The most common, by far, was malaria. Almost everyone got it, including the doctors and staff. I was no exception." The most thought provoking idea for me in Dai's story was the links he had referenced between Agent Orange used and Malaria. Although Dai was unsure if "...weakening of our immune systems caused by exposure to Agent Orange. In any case, there was a much higher incidence of malaria after the heavy spraying of chemical defoliants." Either way the destruction of vegetation through the use of chemicals could have aided the illnesses progression. Vegetation helps create an environment that is habitable but without plants and trees to cleanse the air and water, it created a breeding ground for diseases. Diseases were not the only hurdle that Dai talked about, he explained that the hospital workers made substitute medical supplies that were needed desperately to treat the patients because they lacked materials, "...didn't even have scalpels or other surgical instruments." Dai also talks about the risks for infection people faced after surgery. Whether because of the hand-made tools, the sanitation of the supplies and facilities, or weakness of their immune systems due to malnutrition and chemicals used in the war efforts, he did not say directly. (I believe they were people who fought a war against starvation and illness as a result of the war in their country.) strange twist

In the story about Julian Bond, I am talking about a different kind of sickness. The sickness of humanity with regards to the color of ones' skin and the treatment they had received on that basis. The Julian Bond story tells about a man named Sammy Younge. Regardless of being a "...navy veteran who had lost the use of a kidney during his service," Sammy Younge was killed for using a white restroom because of his black skin. A man who had stood and fought for his country, and other peoples' rights, and was killed