

"PATRIOTISM

In a war that was so long and vicious, one thing was very clear to me, the patriotism of the people whether they were Vietnamese or American. It seems that all parties involved had a deep connection for their cause. Even children were ready to die for their country. The willingness of the people to support what they believed in was tremendous. Normal everyday people laid their lives on the line for what they believed in.

"The Truong Son jungle gave us life." It just amazes me that thousands of North Vietnamese girls volunteered to help their country. They were said to have gone willingly into battle zones, battle zones that grown men could barely stay alive in. To me this is a good example of patriotism in North Vietnam. This story gives a new meaning of what it means to die for your country, to believe in something or someone to the extent that you would voluntarily go on a death mission.

"It approached the vicinity of the spiritual." Anyone who respects the people who are fighting for a common goal is a patriot in my book. I am amazed at the sheer connection that one person can make with a situation such as war. If Just was not against communism when he first departed to cover these events, then it is very clear that he made an internal decision to fully support Americas actions in this particular war. Just reading his encounter gave me my own personal sense of the connection he found with the soldiers as well as the war.

"The Knife man." It takes a lot of heart to work under extreme conditions, especially when people are wounded so badly. It is very patriotic to strive to save each and every persons life, even if you are not sure what kind of life the person would really have. Not only is this extremely ethical of a medical professional but it is also very compassionate.

Many people in the Vietnam War served their country with pride, from Vietnamese women and children to United States reporters and troops. In any case these people were patriots. It just goes to show how strong a bond a single person can have to their country.

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