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Part 1-The story that really drew my attention most was from George Watkins. What shocked me the most is that I always hear these things about Vietnam veterans hating the Vietnamese, but this man, who lost so much, held very little contempt for them. He even had a good sense of humor about his situation, saying that he didn't hate the Vietnamese but that he would have liked to get ahold of the one that set the booby trap that caused him to lose both legs and eyes. Then it states that he laughed. This man had every reason to be subjective and to have his emotions wrecked by his experiences in Vietnam, including the men he knew that died there, yet he still has kept an incredibly level head and calmness about what happened there.

Par 2-The story that caused me so much disappointment in Part 2 was that of Ngo Vinh Long. It spoke of the terrible things that the French had done to the Vietnamese during their time occupying the country, but also how the United States occupation was no better. It made me disappointed to hear that our country would set up policies that caused hundreds of Vietnamese to starve to death and crammed them in to small living quarters. It shocked me to hear how these people were treated by a nation that claimed to be helping them. The thing that was most disappointing about by this story is the constitution that had been written BY American professors FOR the people of Vietnam. Not only is that extremely hypocritical, but then they continue to write in things that Britain tried to impose on the people of the American colonies, which eventually lead to the American Revolution. In what way does this reflect the values of democracy that we claim to uphold and value so greatly? It is sad to discover that these things happened due to the politics involved in the war.

The good that comes out of this situation is that we can learn from it. We can learn to never take liberty for granted and continue to spread it as our forefathers believed it should be spread. Democracy should be by the people, for the people.

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