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Whether someone agrees with war or not, stories of war can have a lasting affect on a person. Acts of bravery are respected by all types of people. However, many people had trouble supporting the Vietnam war. Opposing a war has a time and a place.

Once our troops are there fighting for their lives and their country, support and prayers for their return home safely is all we can do. Troops knowing that they have support from their country is important because if they feel like they have no support, they will second guess what they are fighting for. It is not to say that it is an easy task to let a loved one just go off to war. More times than not, you hear of how men come back from the war, and they are never the same. It takes a strong, courageous human being to be able to mentally survive the horrors of war.

Two men whose stories from the Vietnam war that were both courageous and interesting were that of Roger Donlon and Malcolm Browne. Roger Donlon was a Green Beret captain during the Vietnam war. He was the commander for the Nom Dong Special Forces in South Vietnam, near the border of Laos. The mission of Donlon's men was to train, and assist the Vietnamese in the fight against communism. Outposts were set up for the South Vietnamese. "They had set up strategic hamlets to give the people a sense of belonging to a program that came from the central government" (Appy: 12). Diem's brother, ordered the construction of these strategic hamlets. Donlon's men were sent to aid the Vietnamese, to be sure they were capable of defending these outposts. On the night of July 6th, 1964, the Viet Cong made an attack on the camp. The camp was all of a sudden under heavy mortar fire. Under these circumstances, Donlon had to go into command mode very quickly. It would be quite difficult to have a coherent mind when everything is going up in smoke around you. Donlon had to be quick on his feet to protect as many men as he could. One moment in the story that deeply struck a cord was when one of the Vietnamese interpreters, George Tuan, was trying to run to his mortar and was taken down. A 57-millimeter took off his legs and, "He just kept running on the stumps. Within about thirty seconds he was dead. That's one of the things you'd like to forget." (Appy: 14) Seeing this happen to someone would cause some major emotional distress. Under the situations Donlon and his men were under, they had to keep going for the sake of their lives. In one second, disaster had struck. It is sometimes difficult to understand what it would be like to lose someone from war. This story is just one that intensely paints a picture of the hell that the soldiers went through. Another quote from Roger Donlon's story was, "The casualties of war go far beyond the immediate battlefield." (Appy: 15) This reflects his intense pain even years later. Roger Donlon's story was an emotional one. It was an example of bravery and he showed a true love for his men. "What keeps you going at times like that is the love you feel for your fellow teammates." (Appy: 15) Donlon proved his love

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