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The story of Tran Thi Gung really caught my attention because she was the only female represented so far in the reading. I would imagine after so many years the memory to be a little hazy. This being such a traumatic event the details may also stay clearer. Her story does not try to give too intricate of details so it would seem to be on the up and up. And her being a female soldier! I thought that was great. At a point in America where women still were not being given the same chances as males this young woman was fighting for the freedom of her country.

There were parts of Henry Prunier's story that disappointed me. Mainly the fact that at this point in time he could not talk about his anti-war feelings without being labeled a "communist" and his daughters would be harassed because he wanted to speak his mind.

In the story of Rufus Philips I was impressed by the attempts made to build up the confidence of the Vietnamese people. I did not realize before the role of the French in the whole story of the war. There was a trust and bond between the US and the people of Vietnam until it all went bad. He re-accounts the people coming to work for them and how they were there to help the people, not just serve the US interests.

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