

Australia in the vietnam war

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because it was not our war. "Australians should have never have been sent to fight in Vietnam because it was a civil war between the North and South Vietnam. Australians should not have been involved in the Vietnam War because it was a war of aggression. Australia and the USA had no business to interfere with Vietnam. It was a war that could not be won and as it turned out many people were killed as a result of the war and the effects are still felt by the Vietnamese as a result of Agent Orange. But because nothing was gained for anyone, those that produced the weapons and the politics surrounded the war. " One should not aid a bully because the bully helped protect you once" said by a soldier in the Vietnam War meaning no one should help a bully because the bully will only help you once, after he helps you he gains more power over you. Australia should not have joined in the Vietnam War because of the loss of fathers, brothers, and sons. Many Australian people protested against the war because of this. Australia should have not joined the Vietnam War because of the pain and suffering of returned soldiers. The soldiers had to live with injuries such as amputated legs and arms, cancer, stress and depression. Most soldiers get divorced because of not being able to work and provide for the family, so a married wife would have to work or they would divorce. Australia in a way had to go to keep the peace treaties ANZUS and Australia did not want to let down America. But Australia felt threatened by communists and wanted to say a democracy. Also some Australians felt that we already had a war in Korea and might as well fight in Vietnam