

Questions related to Doug Ramsey, Vietnam POW

1. What likely saved Ramsey's life during his capture by the Viet Cong?
2. Why did a number of farmers from the hamlet demand the right to kill Ramsey?
3. How did the Viet Cong respond to the reason Ramsey gave for why the United States was making war in Vietnam?
4. Why was Ramsey treated more harshly than the other prisoners?
5. Describe the psychological torture used against Ramsey.
6. What specifically did the Viet Cong want Ramsey to tell them?
7. Did the guards ever want to execute him or cause him to commit suicide?
8. Describe how close Ramsey came to dying from illness.
9. Despite misgivings, John Paul Vann would continue to believe in the American war effort in Vietnam until his death in June 1972. When Ramsey concluded the letter to his parents in January 1967, could the same be said about him? Explain.