

# PHILLIP JONES GRIFFITHS: 50 Years on the Frontlines

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1 LON66329



School children near Ho Chi Minh City during festivities to celebrate the end of the war.

1985 4'1/2"x 6'1/2"

2 NYC12443



Older soldiers often missed their families and so befriended children and dogs. The canines proved more congenial ? more dogs than wives were taken back to America.

1967 6'3"x 4'2"

WALL TEXT ONE PLACED HERE: *Biography*

7'1"x 5'1/2"

3 NYC48069



Hongai, just a few miles from the tourist destination of Halong Bay, is a major coal shipment point. This made it a target so US bombers obliterated the town during the war.

1994 24"x 36"

4 NYC48149

Vietnam still relies on manual labour for jobs that are mechanised elsewhere. So

1998 24"x 36"



day labourers carry baskets of fine coal on their heads.

5 LON66365



American visitors to Vietnam are always surprised by the lack of animosity towards them. This salesman is demonstrating a dancing, smiling GI Joe complete with M16 rifle and hand grenade.

2002 4'8"x 3'6"

6 LON66345



This man runs a small factory in Ho Chi Minh City that fabricates helicopters and fighter planes from discarded soft drink cans, with the Coca Cola helicopter being his best seller.

1994 24"x 36"

7 LON66347



Father and son begging on the streets of Ha Noi. The gulf between rich and poor is on the rise in the new Vietnam.

1997 24"x 36"

8 LON66342

Vietnam's first Jacuzzi, imported from America by an entrepreneur

1993 24"x 36"



before the trade embargo was lifted.

9 LON66332



Scrap war material collected by countless scavengers all over the country ends up at the Vicasa Metal Works in Bien Hoa, where it is made into metal rods that are used for new building construction.

1987 24"x 36"

10 LON66357



This girl lives with her family on their boat moored on the Saigon River. To get to school, she punts herself to the bank standing on a piece of Styrofoam packing material.

2002 24"x 36"

11 LON66352



Foreign penetration can now be seen everywhere in Vietnam. This bus shelter in Ho Chi Minh City provides shelter from the sun and

1999 24"x 36"

rain and a place for the weary to rest.

12 LON66358



A discarded CD is seen as a most glittering jewel in the eyes of poor children.

2002 24"x 36"

13 LON66341



In one of the back streets of Ho Chi Minh City, busts of the father of the nation, Uncle Ho, stand discarded. A local magazine polled young people to discover that they identified Bill Gates as their personal hero.

1993 24"x 36"

14 NYC47835



My Lai. The children of some of the survivors standing on the path where 504 old men, women, children and babies of their relatives were killed by American troops.

1980 24"x 36"

15 LON66334



Mai Chiem Tiem, 46 years old, from Dong Ha town, lost his hand and had his optic nerves severed when he picked up a

1987 24"x 36"

pineapple  
bomb in his  
paddy field in  
January 1987.

16 NYC47884



Le Thi Lien's  
father was a  
US engineer  
who returned  
to the States  
in 1970. His  
wife wrote, ?  
Don't ever try  
to contact my  
husband  
again.Ó Now  
all that Lien  
has is an old  
photograph of  
her father and  
mother.

1985 24"x 36"

17 LON66325



Cu Teo, son of  
an American,  
does the same  
agricultural  
work as all the  
other  
peasants in  
the area and  
left school for  
the fields  
because the  
other children  
taunted him.

1985 24"x 36"

18 NYC34708



Penh, 14  
years old,  
born in  
Tramkok  
district, Takeo  
Province. He  
begs with his  
parents.

2000 7'6"x 5'

19 NYC47605

Nguyen Thi  
Van Long is  
18 years old.

1998 5'5"x 3'8"



Her father was in the war for 5 years along the DMZ. She has speech and hearing problems because her ears and mouth are deformed. She has lived for 6 years in Friendship Village in Hanoi where she now spends most of her time making paper flowers.

20 LON66333



Children with an unexploded bomb in the courtyard of their home in a village near Vinh in what was North Vietnam.

1987 24"x 36"

21 LON66351



At the Truong Son cemetery there is a wall listing the names of over 12,000 combatants. A similar memorial for all the Vietnamese who died, compared to the one in Washington, would have to be nine miles long.

1999 24"x 36"

22 LON66321

The four men who fired the first shots in the Vietnam

24"x 36"



War on  
January 17<sup>th</sup>  
1960. Their  
capture of a  
Diem military  
outpost is  
officially  
recognized as  
the start of the  
war.

23 NYC26738



On a U.S.  
aircraft carrier  
in the South  
China Sea  
pilots never  
saw the faces  
of those they  
killed and  
maimed. It  
was  
considered  
important to  
protect men  
from sights  
that could  
produce  
emotional  
reactions.

1971 6' x 9'

24 PAR93968



This woman  
was tagged  
with the  
designation  
VNC  
(Vietnamese  
civilian). The  
wounded were  
normally  
tagged VCS  
(Vietcong  
suspect) while  
the dead were  
posthumously  
elevated to  
the rank of  
VCC  
(Vietcong  
confirmed).

1967 7'6"x 5'

25 PAR93992

Ten-year old  
South

1968 5'5"x 3'7"



Vietnamese soldier described as a "little tiger" for killing two Vietcong women cadre - his mother and teacher, it was rumoured.

26 PAR93908



Chinook helicopters were used to relocate peasants to camps, surrounded by barbed wire, and bearing a sign saying, "Welcome to Freedom." Here, peasants were delivered in a dust storm whipped up by the helicopter.

1967 24"x 36"

27 PAR94011



Captured Vietcong soldier before being taken away for interrogation that invariably involved torture.

1970 24"x 36"

28 PAR93989



The battle for District 8 in Saigon in May 1968 produced many civilian casualties. This woman hit by helicopter rocket fire was

1968 24"x 36"



helped by a nervous South Vietnamese soldier.

WALL TEXT TWO: Quotes from reviews.

7' X 5'

29 PAR93991



Soldiers of the U.S. 9th Division during urban fighting were sent to retake the suburbs of Saigon from the Vietcong. Despite what his demeanour implies, this soldier was being shot at.

1968 24"x 36"

30 PAR93986



Refugee from the U.S. bombing of the ? showcase district of Saigon in 1968. It housed pro-American Catholics relocated from the North after partition in 1954.

1968 24"x 36"

31 PAR63320



Soldiers on a ?search and destroy mission in a village in Quang Ngai Province. The men were killed and later an artillery strike obliterated the village.

1967 24"x 36"

32 PAR94043

At the age of two, this boy was in the arms of his

1970 24"x 36"



fleeing mother when she was killed by a helicopter gunship. He survived but went insane. When helicopters pass overhead he goes berserk trying to shut out their sound.

33 PAR111263



American soldiers often showed compassion toward the Vietcong. This wounded VC had fought for three days with his intestines in a cooking bowl strapped onto his stomach.

1967 24"x 36"

34 PAR106882



In Quang Ngai Province everything that moved was a target. The newly developed antipersonnel weapons caused a problem? their plastic darts were designed not to show up on X-rays.

1967 24"x 36"

35 NYC36062

The Saigon fire department collected corpses during the Tet

1968 24"x 36"



offensive.  
They had just placed this young girl, killed by U.S. helicopter fire, in the back of their truck, where her distraught brother found her.

36 PAR94012



This amphibious assault by US Marines was to establish a beachhead for a barbecue. Vast quantities of meat and beer were consumed while local Vietnamese looked on.

1970 7'6"x 5'

*Pictures 38-45 are suspended from the gallery ceiling by thin cables and are paired in an elongated M sequence. There are 4 independent aluminum frames with pictures mounted back-to-back using industrial velcro.*

37 PAR94017



The Vietnamese are a rice-growing people. For two thousand years their adeptness at pursuing this perennial task has been sustained by their belief in a harmony between man and nature.

1970 3'6"x 4'6"

38 LON66349

Near Hanoi, billboards nowadays

1999 3'6"x 4'6"



cast a dark shadow over the rice fields.

39 NYC47990



Like their fathers before them, the first returning military prepare to see the sights. Unlike the 3,500 Marines who arrived 39 years earlier, their intentions were friendly.

2004 3'6"x 4'6"

40 LON66366



The sailors made a beeline for the nearest bar with the words of their Commander John T. Lauer ringing in their ears. He announced that his crew is very thrilled to see Vietnamese people and culture. Ó

2004 3'6"x 4'6"

41 NYC48162



Many observers claim that Ho Chi Minh City has reverted to the old Saigon. With crime, corruption, beggars, drugs and prostitution back to wartime levels the city is now qualified to

1999 3'6"x 4'6"

join the world community.

42 LON66337



Mrs. Nguyen Thi Lop, 56, the widow of Bay Lop murdered by General Nguyen Ngoc Loan during the Tet Offensive. He was captured whilst attacking the Naval Headquarters in Saigon.

1988 3'6"x 4'6"

43 LON66344



Families live in shacks beneath hoardings for products they can rarely afford.

3'6"x 4'6"

44 NYC48071



Many families who live in house boats on Halong Bay rarely come ashore. Many are born, live and die without setting foot on dry land.

2000 3'6"x 4'6"

## PhotoVoice

Count	Image #	Thumb	Caption	Date	Size (H x W)
45	PVSV45-06		Life on the River. (Vo Cong Thang)	2004	18"x 24"



46 PVS21-08



Standing alone among Earth, Sky and Water. (Truong Ngoc Lam)

1998 18"x 24"

47 PVS17b



Flying to Reach the Sun. I saw my friend playing in the rain. He was a street child like me. I was so excited to take this picture, to capture the expression of freedom. (Vo Cong Thang)

1998 18"x 24"

48 PVS11-03



As a child, I was not as happy as other kids my age. Even now I don't know who my father is or what he looks like. Living without a father figure, all I had was my sickly mothers love and care. But she died of

1998 18"x 24"

disease when I was 12 years old, abandoning me to a small tattered shanty which I soon left to lead the life of a wanderer. (Chau Quang Ha)

49 PVS30-11



Drought. (Truong Ngoc Lam)

1998 18"x 24"

50 PVS2156-04



Early Morning Sunlight. (Nguyen Hoang Duc)

2004 18"x 24"

51 PVS12-07



A usual scene. I scour the streets to fetch other exploited working and street children so that they can also join the shelter like me. To persuade them, I am determined to

1999 18"x 24"



52 PVS2-10



be better and make myself an example of reform. (Chau Quang Ha)

What to do? I have seen a lot of pitiful plights. I know that a long road with many difficulties lies ahead, waiting for me. I have spent part of my life in agonies, great hardships and inferiority complexes. Now I know that life is a must, and a grand thing provided that we appreciate it and find out happiness in disguise. (Words by Trang, Photography by Truong Ngoc Lam)

53 PVS3-09



Helping Mother. It is said that rice is more valuable than gold. (Le Huu Hieu)



Count	Image #	Thumb	Caption	Date	Size (H x W)
54	NYC34732		Pham Thi Thuy Linh was	2002	36"x 24"





born in Ho Chi Minh City with no arms so she learnt to write with her feet. Her father was an officer who worked around planes that dropped Agent Orange.

55 NYC1863



Le Thi Mit ties the hands of her son Nguyen Van Lanh to prevent him from harming himself or others. His brother, Truong, has an eye defect that makes him very sensitive to light.

1998 24"x 36"

56 NYC34713



Mother and her child from Svay Rieng Province. He suffered from hydro encephalitis, a common result of Agent Orange poisoning. He died four months after this picture was taken.

2001 36"x 24"

57 NYC1846

Le Thi Dat, 13, suffers from spinal bifida and mental retardation. Her father was a soldier in the Saigon army,

2001 24"x 36"




stationed near  
Cam Nghia,  
his native  
village.

58 LON66369



Nguyen Minh Phuc, a little girl born in Tay Ninh in November 2000. She is suffering from hydro-encephalitis caused by Agent Orange.

## Early Work and non-Viet Nam photos

Count	Image #	Thumb	Caption	Date	Size (H x W)
59	NYC36084		Since ancient times, the shield has presented a challenge ? how to see the enemy without sacrificing protection. The latest version used in Northern Ireland is made of easily scratched Plexiglas.	1973	4' x 6'
60	LON47612		In the Welsh village of Pant-y-Waen this young boy epitomizes our ambivalence for rugby and music. When I asked him what he was	1961	5'6"x 3'8"



doing, he replied, "My mother gave it to me to mend."

61 NYC36040



There had been a hanging that morning in Pentonville prison in north London. Friends of the condemned man gathered outside the still-unopened pub opposite the main gate.

1958 2'4"x 2'4"

62 NYC36065



In Wales, Dylan Thomas made Laugharne, the longest monosyllabic name on the map, famous. I met this sparkling girl years later? she was the landlady of Thomas' local pub.

1952 2'4"x 2'4"

63 NYC36037

This group of Liverpool school children and their teacher were waiting to board a bus. Liverpudlians have always expressed an

1952 2'4"x 2'4"



intensity rarely seen on other faces.

64 NYC36039



Coal miners, Wales. These kings of the working class sensed that their world would soon change. Miners always elicited extreme reactions from the ruling class, who saw them as an enemy to be destroyed.

1957 2'4"x 2'4"

65 NYC36119



A dead Iraqi soldier lies in the sands of the Kuwait while oil fires burn.

1991

66 NYC36103



Filipinos give new meaning to religious devotion. Every Easter, Bible stories are brought to life as young men are crucified using

1983 6' x 8'10"

67 NYC15964



real nails.

Grenadians for generations had welcomed the only foreigners they encountered ? tourists -- so U.S. forces had the rare experience of being surrounded by polite and friendly locals.

1983 4' x 6'

68 NYC36057



The Korean War had been over for fourteen years. This was the main street of Sokcho, a town in North Korea before the war began ? now complemented with a reminder.

1967 4' x 6'

69 NYC36078



The people who inhabit the highlands of New Guinea exist on a diet of starchy roots. Then, one morning, they massacre thousands of pigs and everyone joins in for an orgy of eating. (

1973 5'9"x 8'7"

70 NYC36117

In a refugee camp this tied-up Dinka boy from Southern Sudan had gone insane after seeing

1988 2' 9-7/8"x 4' 2-3/4"



his family  
massacred by  
government  
troops from  
the North.

71 NYC17247



Swedish  
visitors have  
made Gambia  
a favoured  
tourist  
destination. In  
earlier times,  
slaves were  
gathered on  
the island in  
mid-river  
before being  
shipped to the  
West Indies.

1978 2' 9-3/4"x 4' 2-3/4"

72 NYC36105



When 6,000  
elite troops of  
the American  
armed forces  
invaded  
Grenada in  
1983, they  
managed to  
overcome  
token  
resistance.  
President  
Reagan  
declared that  
America was  
again ?  
standing tall  
after Vietnam.

1983 6'1"x 4'2"

73 NYC36085

The  
incongruities  
of daily life in  
an urban war  
zone. For

1973 36"x 24"



years, the people of Northern Ireland have lived in a strange and strained symbiosis with the occupying British army.

74 NYC36075



British soldier, Northern Ireland. This soldier was facing a hostile crowd of youngsters and, for a moment, his expression revealed the disdain of the average British Tommy.

1972 36"x 24"

75 NYC36077



Funeral procession, Northern Ireland. As an Irish poet put it, "The tragedy of Northern Ireland is that it is now a society in which the dead console the living." The Northern Ireland Tourist Board, with mindless nerve, ran an advertisement: "For generations, a wide range of shooting in Northern Ireland has provided all

1972 3'4"x 5'

76 NYC36052



sections of the population with a pastime. Ó

In the narrow terraced streets built for the working people of Northern Ireland the closely-knit communities of differing religious persuasions are encouraged to battle one another.

1965 5'7"x 7'