would sometimes last for days leaving the ground muddy and damp. There was also a lack of resources and soldiers would have to carry everything on their back,

which was not mentioned in the source. I also know from my own knowledge that most of the upper class did not go to war as found ways to avoiding enlistment, for example university graduates did not have to go to war. This meant most of the soldiers fighting in Vietnam were lower class and under educated, a lot of them were high school drop outs, many were African American, there was a lot of fights between soldiers due to race issues and the inexperienced officers could not control their troops. This was not mentioned in the sources either. Another thing that the sources didn’t say is that many war crimes were committed on the civilians by the soldiers, villagers were burned down, families were killed and as the soldiers were sexually frustrated some soldiers raped the Vietnamese women. Finally another big problem which was not included in the source was that a lot of soldiers were experimenting with drugs.

In conclusion source A is balance because it written by a British author and as I said Britain were not directly involved in the war and it is also balanced because the author, Michael Bilton interviewed many people from both sides of the war. However because the book is about the My Lai massacre there is a chance that Bilton may be trying to justify the massacre by talking about the problems faced by the US soldiers. The sources tell us about a few problems faced by the US troops fighting in Vietnam. It tell us that the Soldiers were under educated "An increasing number of recruits scored so low in intelligence tests that they would never have been let into the normal peace time army", it tells us about the amount of casualties "Soldiers were most likely to die in the first month. The large majority of deaths took place in the first six months" and it tells us about the kind of experience the soldiers had "A rookie army was constantly throwing inexperienced men against experienced guerrillas on their home ground". But there are a lot of problems that I know of from my own knowledge that source A does not tell us about, such as the conditions faced in the jungles having to carry everything they needed on their back, soldiers experimenting with drugs, fights between troops and war crimes committed by US soldiers. Overall source A is not an accurate interpretation of the problems faced by the US soldiers in Vietnam as it is only a small extract from the book "Four Hours in My Lai" and only tells you a few problems that the soldiers faced.