



## Fill in the gaps

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In 1965  
Vietnam seemed like just another foreign war  
But it wasn't  
It was different in many ways  
As so were those who did the fighting  
In World War two  
The average age of the combat soldier was (1)\_\_\_\_\_  
six  
In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
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Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
The heaviest (2)\_\_\_\_\_ of the (3)\_\_\_\_\_  
two weeks  
Continued today twenty (4)\_\_\_\_\_ miles northwest of  
Saigon  
I (5)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was (6)\_\_\_\_\_  
on  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
In Vietnam  
The combat (7)\_\_\_\_\_ typically served  
A twelve month tour of duty  
But was (8)\_\_\_\_\_ to hostile fire almost everyday  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
In Saigon, a US (9)\_\_\_\_\_ spokesman said today  
More (10)\_\_\_\_\_ seven hundred twenty troops  
Were killed (11)\_\_\_\_\_ week  
In that sensitive (12)\_\_\_\_\_ area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy lost a total of  
Two thousand six hundred and eighty (13)\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers  
All those who remember the war

They won't forget what they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in their prime  
Whose (14)\_\_\_\_\_ age was nineteen  
De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
According to a Veteran's Administration study  
Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered  
From what psychiatrists call  
Post traumatic (15)\_\_\_\_\_ disorder  
Many vets (16)\_\_\_\_\_ of alienation, rage, or  
guilt  
Some succumb to (17)\_\_\_\_\_ thoughts  
Eight to ten years after coming home  
Almost (18)\_\_\_\_\_ hundred thousand men  
Are (19)\_\_\_\_\_ fighting the Vietnam War  
None of (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ a hero's  
welcome  
Nineteen  
Saigon, Saigon, Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon  
Saigon, Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon  
Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
Purple heart (Saigon)  
Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
I (22)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on  
I really wasn't (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ was  
(25)\_\_\_\_\_ on



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### Answer

1. twenty
2. fighting
3. past
4. five
5. really
6. going
7. soldier
8. exposed
9. military
10. than
11. last
12. border
13. nine
14. average
15. stress
16. complain
17. suicidal
18. eight
19. still
20. them
21. received
22. really
23. sure
24. what
25. going