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Fill in the gaps

In 1965
 Vietnam (1)_____ like (2)_____ 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 (3)_____
 (4)_____ was twenty six
 In Vietnam, he was nineteen
 I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen
 I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen
 I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen
 The (5)_____ fighting of the past two weeks
 Continued (6)_____ twenty five miles northwest of
 Saigon
 I (7)_____ wasn't sure what was going on
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen
 Ni-nineteen, nineteen
 In Vietnam
 The combat soldier (8)_____ served
 A twelve (9)_____ (10)_____ of duty
 But was (11)_____ to (12)_____ 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 military spokesman said today
 More than seven hundred (13)_____ troops
 Were killed last week
 In (14)_____ sensitive border area
 In all of South Vietnam
 The enemy lost a (15)_____ of
 Two (16)_____ six hundred and eighty
 (17)_____ soldiers
 All those who remember the war

They won't (18)_____ what they've seen
 Destruction
 Of men in their prime
 Whose average 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 stress disorder
 Many (19)_____ complain of alienation, rage, or guilt
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts
 Eight to ten years after coming home
 Almost (20)_____ hundred (21)_____ men
 Are (22)_____ fighting the Vietnam War
 None of them received 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 (23)_____ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)
 I really wasn't sure (24)_____ was going on
 I really wasn't sure what was going on



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. seemed
2. just
3. combat
4. soldier
5. heaviest
6. today
7. really
8. typically
9. month
10. tour
11. exposed
12. hostile
13. twenty
14. that
15. total
16. thousand
17. nine
18. forget
19. vets
20. eight
21. thousand
22. still
23. heart
24. what