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

Fill in the gaps

They won't (5)_____ 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
(6)_____ study
Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered
From what psychiatrists call
Post traumatic stress disorder
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt
Some succumb to (7)_____ thoughts
Eight to ten years after coming home
Almost (8)_____ (9)_____ thousand men
Are still 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)
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Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)
Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)
Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)
Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)
Purple heart (Saigon)
Purple (10)_____ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)
I really wasn't sure what was going on
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Answer

1. many
2. today
3. killed
4. border
5. forget
6. Administration
7. suicidal
8. eight
9. hundred
10. heart

Fill in the gaps