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Fill in the gaps

In 1965
Vietnam seemed like just another foreign war
But it wasn't
It was different in (1)_____ ways
As so were (2)_____ who did the fighting
In World War two
The (3)_____ age of the combat soldier was
(4)_____ six
In Vietnam, he was nineteen
I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen
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I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen
The heaviest fighting of the past two weeks
Continued today twenty five miles northwest of Saigon
I (5)_____ 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
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)
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 killed (6)_____ week
In that sensitive border 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

They won't forget 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 (7)_____ stress disorder
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts
Eight to ten years after coming home
Almost eight hundred thousand men
Are (8)_____ 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-ni-ni-nineteen
Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)
Ni-ni-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 really wasn't sure (9)_____ was going on
I really wasn't sure what was going on



Answer

1. many
2. those
3. average
4. twenty
5. really
6. last
7. traumatic
8. still
9. what

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