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Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
 Vietnam seemed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_ another  
 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ war  
 But it wasn't  
 It was different in many ways  
 As so were (4)\_\_\_\_\_ who did the fighting  
 In (5)\_\_\_\_\_ War two  
 The average age of the combat soldier was twenty six  
 In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
 I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
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 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
 The (6)\_\_\_\_\_ fighting of the (7)\_\_\_\_\_ two  
 weeks  
 Continued today twenty five miles (8)\_\_\_\_\_  
 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 (9)\_\_\_\_\_ served  
 A twelve (10)\_\_\_\_\_ tour of duty  
 But was exposed to hostile fire almost everyday  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
 In Saigon, a US (11)\_\_\_\_\_ spokesman said today  
 More than seven hundred twenty troops  
 Were killed last week  
 In that (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ area  
 In all of South Vietnam  
 The enemy lost a total of  
 Two (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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  
 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ study  
 Half of the Vietnam (16)\_\_\_\_\_ veterans suffered  
 From (17)\_\_\_\_\_ psychiatrists call  
 Post traumatic (18)\_\_\_\_\_ disorder  
 Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some (19)\_\_\_\_\_ to (20)\_\_\_\_\_  
 thoughts  
 Eight to ten years (21)\_\_\_\_\_ coming home  
 Almost (22)\_\_\_\_\_ hundred thousand men  
 Are (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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-ni-nineteen)  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
 Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)  
 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ was (26)\_\_\_\_\_ on  
 I really wasn't sure (27)\_\_\_\_\_ was going on



## Fill in the gaps

### Answer

1. like
2. just
3. foreign
4. those
5. World
6. heaviest
7. past
8. northwest
9. typically
10. month
11. military
12. sensitive
13. border
14. thousand
15. Administration
16. combat
17. what
18. stress
19. succumb
20. suicidal
21. after
22. eight
23. still
24. fighting
25. what
26. going
27. what