



## Fill in the gaps

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In 1965  
Vietnam seemed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ just another foreign war  
But it wasn't  
It was (2)\_\_\_\_\_ in many ways  
As so (3)\_\_\_\_\_ those who did the fighting  
In (4)\_\_\_\_\_ War two  
The (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 heaviest fighting of the past two weeks  
Continued (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (8)\_\_\_\_\_  
miles northwest of Saigon  
I (9)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
In Vietnam  
The combat (10)\_\_\_\_\_  
(11)\_\_\_\_\_ served  
A twelve (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ of duty  
But was (14)\_\_\_\_\_ to hostile (15)\_\_\_\_\_  
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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ said  
today  
More (17)\_\_\_\_\_ seven hundred twenty troops  
Were killed last week  
In that (18)\_\_\_\_\_ border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy lost a (19)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
Two thousand six hundred and eighty nine soldiers  
All those who remember the war

They won't forget (20)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in (21)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (22)\_\_\_\_\_ combat veterans suffered  
From what psychiatrists call  
Post traumatic 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 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)  
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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (Saigon)  
Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
I really wasn't sure what was (24)\_\_\_\_\_ on  
I really wasn't sure what was going on



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### Answer

1. like
2. different
3. were
4. World
5. average
6. today
7. twenty
8. five
9. really
10. soldier
11. typically
12. month
13. tour
14. exposed
15. fire
16. spokesman
17. than
18. sensitive
19. total
20. what
21. their
22. Vietnam
23. heart
24. going