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Fill in the gaps

In 1965
Vietnam (1)_____ like just another foreign war
But it wasn't
It was different in (2)_____ 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
I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen
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Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen
The (3)_____ (4)_____ 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 (6)_____ (7)_____ typically served
A twelve (8)_____ tour of duty
But was (9)_____ to hostile fire almost everyday
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 military spokesman said today
More than seven (10)_____ (11)_____
troops
Were (12)_____ last week
In that sensitive border area
In all of South Vietnam
The (13)_____ lost a total of
Two (14)_____ six hundred and
(15)_____ (16)_____ soldiers
All those who remember the war

They won't forget what they've seen
Destruction
Of men in (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ combat veterans suffered
From what psychiatrists call
Post traumatic (19)_____ disorder
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt
Some succumb to (20)_____ thoughts
Eight to ten years after (21)_____ home
Almost eight hundred (22)_____ men
Are (23)_____ 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-nineteen
Nineteen (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 (24)_____ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)
I (25)_____ wasn't (26)_____ what was going
on
I really wasn't sure what was going on



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. seemed
2. many
3. heaviest
4. fighting
5. really
6. combat
7. soldier
8. month
9. exposed
10. hundred
11. twenty
12. killed
13. enemy
14. thousand
15. eighty
16. nine
17. their
18. Vietnam
19. stress
20. suicidal
21. coming
22. thousand
23. still
24. heart
25. really
26. sure