



## Fill in the gaps

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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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_  
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 today (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 spokesman said today  
More than (6)\_\_\_\_\_ (7)\_\_\_\_\_  
(8)\_\_\_\_\_ troops  
Were killed last week  
In (9)\_\_\_\_\_ sensitive border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy lost a (10)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
Two (11)\_\_\_\_\_ six (12)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
(13)\_\_\_\_\_ nine soldiers  
All (14)\_\_\_\_\_ who remember the war

They won't forget (15)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ combat veterans suffered  
From (18)\_\_\_\_\_ (19)\_\_\_\_\_  
call  
Post (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_  
disorder  
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to (22)\_\_\_\_\_ thoughts  
Eight to ten (23)\_\_\_\_\_ after coming home  
Almost eight hundred thousand men  
Are (24)\_\_\_\_\_ fighting the (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 heart (Saigon)  
Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
I really wasn't sure what was going on  
I (26)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't (27)\_\_\_\_\_ what was going  
on



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### Answer

1. seemed
2. many
3. twenty
4. twenty
5. almost
6. seven
7. hundred
8. twenty
9. that
10. total
11. thousand
12. hundred
13. eighty
14. those
15. what
16. their
17. Vietnam
18. what
19. psychiatrists
20. traumatic
21. stress
22. suicidal
23. years
24. still
25. Vietnam
26. really
27. sure