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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 those who did the fighting  
 In World War two  
 The (2)\_\_\_\_\_ age of the (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ two weeks  
 Continued (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (6)\_\_\_\_\_ five miles  
 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (9)\_\_\_\_\_ tour of duty  
 But was (10)\_\_\_\_\_ to (11)\_\_\_\_\_  
 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ spokesman said today  
 More than seven hundred twenty troops  
 Were killed last week  
 In that sensitive border area  
 In all of South Vietnam  
 The enemy lost a total of  
 Two thousand six (15)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ age was nineteen  
 De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
 De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
 According to a Veteran's  
 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ study  
 Half of the Vietnam (18)\_\_\_\_\_ veterans suffered  
 From what (19)\_\_\_\_\_ call  
 Post traumatic stress disorder  
 Many (20)\_\_\_\_\_ complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some (21)\_\_\_\_\_ to (22)\_\_\_\_\_  
 thoughts  
 Eight to ten years (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (24)\_\_\_\_\_  
 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ (Saigon)  
 Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 I really wasn't sure what was going on  
 I (26)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure (27)\_\_\_\_\_ was  
 (28)\_\_\_\_\_ on



## Fill in the gaps

### Answer

1. many
2. average
3. combat
4. past
5. today
6. twenty
7. northwest
8. twelve
9. month
10. exposed
11. hostile
12. fire
13. almost
14. military
15. hundred
16. average
17. Administration
18. combat
19. psychiatrists
20. vets
21. succumb
22. suicidal
23. after
24. coming
25. heart
26. really
27. what
28. going