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## Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
Vietnam (1) \_\_\_\_\_ like just (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ war  
But it wasn't  
It was different in many 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 heaviest fighting of the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ two weeks  
Continued today twenty (5) \_\_\_\_\_ miles northwest of  
Saigon  
I really wasn't (6) \_\_\_\_\_ what was (7) \_\_\_\_\_ on  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
In Vietnam  
The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ soldier typically served  
A twelve month tour of duty  
But was exposed to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ fire  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 military (11) \_\_\_\_\_ said  
today  
More than seven (12) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty troops  
Were killed last week  
In (13) \_\_\_\_\_ sensitive border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy lost a total of  
Two thousand six hundred and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ nine  
soldiers  
All (15) \_\_\_\_\_ who remember the war

They won't forget what 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 what psychiatrists call  
Post traumatic stress disorder  
Many vets (18) \_\_\_\_\_ of alienation, rage, or  
guilt  
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to ten (19) \_\_\_\_\_ after (20) \_\_\_\_\_ home  
Almost (21) \_\_\_\_\_ hundred (22) \_\_\_\_\_  
men  
Are (23) \_\_\_\_\_ fighting the Vietnam War  
None of them (24) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 going on  
I really wasn't (26) \_\_\_\_\_ what was going on



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. seemed
2. another
3. foreign
4. past
5. five
6. sure
7. going
8. combat
9. hostile
10. almost
11. spokesman
12. hundred
13. that
14. eighty
15. those
16. their
17. Vietnam
18. complain
19. years
20. coming
21. eight
22. thousand
23. still
24. received
25. what
26. sure