



## Fill in the gaps

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In 1965

Vietnam seemed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ just another  
(2)\_\_\_\_\_ war

But it wasn't

It was (3)\_\_\_\_\_ in many ways

As so (4)\_\_\_\_\_ those who did the fighting

In World War two

The average age of the combat soldier was twenty six

In Vietnam, he was nineteen

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Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen

The heaviest (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of the past two weeks

Continued today twenty five miles northwest of Saigon

I really wasn't (6)\_\_\_\_\_ what was going on

Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen

Ni-nineteen, nineteen

In Vietnam

The combat soldier (7)\_\_\_\_\_ served

A twelve month tour of duty

But was (8)\_\_\_\_\_ to (9)\_\_\_\_\_ fire  
almost everyday

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)

In Saigon, a US (10)\_\_\_\_\_  
(11)\_\_\_\_\_ said today

More than seven (12)\_\_\_\_\_ twenty troops

Were (13)\_\_\_\_\_ last week

In (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_  
(16)\_\_\_\_\_ area

In all of South Vietnam

The enemy lost a total of

Two (17)\_\_\_\_\_ six (18)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
eighty nine soldiers

All those who remember the war

They won't (19)\_\_\_\_\_ what they've seen

Destruction

Of men in (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ combat veterans suffered

From (22)\_\_\_\_\_ psychiatrists call

Post (23)\_\_\_\_\_ stress disorder

Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt

Some succumb to suicidal thoughts

Eight to ten years after (24)\_\_\_\_\_ home

Almost (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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-Saigon

Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen

Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen

Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)

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Purple (26)\_\_\_\_\_ (Saigon)

Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)

I really wasn't sure what was going on

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Answer

Fill in the gaps

1. like
2. foreign
3. different
4. were
5. fighting
6. sure
7. typically
8. exposed
9. hostile
10. military
11. spokesman
12. hundred
13. killed
14. that
15. sensitive
16. border
17. thousand
18. hundred
19. forget
20. their
21. Vietnam
22. what
23. traumatic
24. coming
25. eight
26. heart