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In 1965  
 Vietnam seemed like (1)\_\_\_\_\_ another foreign war  
 But it wasn't  
 It was different in many ways  
 As so were those who did the fighting  
 In World War two  
 The (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ of the past two weeks  
 Continued (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (6)\_\_\_\_\_  
 miles northwest of Saigon  
 I (7)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was (8)\_\_\_\_\_  
 on  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
 Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
 In Vietnam  
 The combat soldier typically served  
 A twelve month (9)\_\_\_\_\_ of duty  
 But was exposed to (10)\_\_\_\_\_ fire  
 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 seven (12)\_\_\_\_\_ twenty troops  
 Were (13)\_\_\_\_\_ last week  
 In that 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 (16)\_\_\_\_\_ the war

**Fill in the gaps**

They won't (17)\_\_\_\_\_ what they've seen  
 Destruction  
 Of men in (18)\_\_\_\_\_ prime  
 Whose average age was nineteen  
 De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
 De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
 According to a Veteran's  
 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ study  
 Half of the Vietnam (20)\_\_\_\_\_ veterans suffered  
 From what psychiatrists call  
 Post traumatic (21)\_\_\_\_\_ disorder  
 Many vets (22)\_\_\_\_\_ of alienation, rage, or  
 guilt  
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten years after coming home  
 Almost eight hundred (23)\_\_\_\_\_ men  
 Are still fighting the (24)\_\_\_\_\_ War  
 None of (25)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (26)\_\_\_\_\_ on  
 I really wasn't (27)\_\_\_\_\_ what was going on



## Fill in the gaps

### Answer

1. just
2. average
3. fighting
4. today
5. twenty
6. five
7. really
8. going
9. tour
10. hostile
11. almost
12. hundred
13. killed
14. eighty
15. those
16. remember
17. forget
18. their
19. Administration
20. combat
21. stress
22. complain
23. thousand
24. Vietnam
25. them
26. going
27. sure