



## Fill in the gaps

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In 1965  
Vietnam seemed like (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_  
foreign war  
But it wasn't  
It was different in (3)\_\_\_\_\_ ways  
As so were those who did the fighting  
In World War two  
The average age of the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of the past two weeks  
Continued (6)\_\_\_\_\_ twenty five miles  
(7)\_\_\_\_\_ of Saigon  
I (8)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
In Vietnam  
The (9)\_\_\_\_\_ soldier typically served  
A twelve month (10)\_\_\_\_\_ of duty  
But was exposed to hostile 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 (12)\_\_\_\_\_ today  
More than (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (14)\_\_\_\_\_  
(15)\_\_\_\_\_ troops  
Were killed (16)\_\_\_\_\_ week  
In that sensitive border area  
In all of (17)\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam  
The enemy lost a (18)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
Two thousand six (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 Vietnam combat veterans suffered  
From what (20)\_\_\_\_\_ call  
Post traumatic (21)\_\_\_\_\_ disorder  
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to ten years (22)\_\_\_\_\_ coming home  
Almost eight hundred thousand men  
Are (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 heart (Saigon)  
Purple (24)\_\_\_\_\_ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
I really wasn't (25)\_\_\_\_\_ (26)\_\_\_\_\_ was going on  
I really wasn't sure what was going on



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### Answer

1. just
2. another
3. many
4. combat
5. fighting
6. today
7. northwest
8. really
9. combat
10. tour
11. almost
12. said
13. seven
14. hundred
15. twenty
16. last
17. South
18. total
19. hundred
20. psychiatrists
21. stress
22. after
23. still
24. heart
25. sure
26. what