



## Fill in the gaps

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In 1965  
Vietnam seemed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ just another  
(2)\_\_\_\_\_ war  
But it wasn't  
It was different in many ways  
As so were (3)\_\_\_\_\_ who did the fighting  
In World War two  
The average age of the combat soldier was (4)\_\_\_\_\_  
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 today twenty (6)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ served  
A twelve month (9)\_\_\_\_\_ of duty  
But was exposed to hostile fire almost 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 (10)\_\_\_\_\_  
(11)\_\_\_\_\_ today  
More than seven hundred (12)\_\_\_\_\_ troops  
Were killed last week  
In that sensitive border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy (13)\_\_\_\_\_ a total of  
Two (14)\_\_\_\_\_ six (15)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
eighty (16)\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers  
All (17)\_\_\_\_\_ who remember the war

They won't forget what they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in (18)\_\_\_\_\_ prime  
Whose (19)\_\_\_\_\_ age was nineteen  
De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
According to a Veteran's  
(20)\_\_\_\_\_ study  
Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered  
From what (21)\_\_\_\_\_ call  
Post (22)\_\_\_\_\_ stress disorder  
Many vets (23)\_\_\_\_\_ of alienation, rage, or  
guilt  
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to ten years after coming home  
Almost eight hundred thousand 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-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 what was going on  
I (26)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on



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### Answer

1. like
2. foreign
3. those
4. twenty
5. fighting
6. five
7. northwest
8. typically
9. tour
10. spokesman
11. said
12. twenty
13. lost
14. thousand
15. hundred
16. nine
17. those
18. their
19. average
20. Administration
21. psychiatrists
22. traumatic
23. complain
24. Vietnam
25. them
26. really