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## Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
Vietnam seemed like just (1) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 average age of the combat (2) \_\_\_\_\_ was  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ six  
In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
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I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ fighting of the past two weeks  
Continued today twenty five (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ of Saigon  
I really wasn't sure (7) \_\_\_\_\_ was going on  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
In Vietnam  
The combat soldier typically served  
A twelve month tour of duty  
But was (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to hostile (9) \_\_\_\_\_ almost  
everyday  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
In Saigon, a US (10) \_\_\_\_\_ spokesman said today  
More than seven hundred twenty troops  
Were killed last week  
In that (11) \_\_\_\_\_ border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a total of  
Two (13) \_\_\_\_\_ six (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and  
(15) \_\_\_\_\_ nine soldiers  
All those 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 Vietnam combat veterans suffered  
From what psychiatrists call  
Post (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (18) \_\_\_\_\_  
disorder  
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to (19) \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts  
Eight to ten (20) \_\_\_\_\_ after coming home  
Almost eight (21) \_\_\_\_\_ thousand men  
Are still (22) \_\_\_\_\_ the Vietnam War  
None of (23) \_\_\_\_\_ 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-ni-ni-nineteen  
Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)  
Ni-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 (24) \_\_\_\_\_ (Saigon)  
Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
I really wasn't sure what was going on  
I really wasn't sure (25) \_\_\_\_\_ was going on



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. another
2. soldier
3. twenty
4. heaviest
5. miles
6. northwest
7. what
8. exposed
9. fire
10. military
11. sensitive
12. lost
13. thousand
14. hundred
15. eighty
16. their
17. traumatic
18. stress
19. suicidal
20. years
21. hundred
22. fighting
23. them
24. heart
25. what