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## Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
Vietnam seemed like just 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 average age of the combat soldier was (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
six  
In Vietnam, he was nineteen  
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Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
The heaviest fighting of the past two weeks  
Continued today twenty five miles northwest 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 typically served  
A twelve month tour of duty  
But was exposed to hostile fire almost everyday  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
In Saigon, a US military spokesman said today  
More than seven hundred twenty troops  
Were killed (2) \_\_\_\_\_ week  
In that sensitive border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy lost a total of  
Two thousand six hundred 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 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ combat veterans suffered  
From what psychiatrists call  
Post (4) \_\_\_\_\_ stress disorder  
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ thoughts  
Eight to ten years after (6) \_\_\_\_\_ home  
Almost eight 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-Sa-Sa-Saigon  
Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)  
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Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)  
Ni-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 heart (Saigon)  
Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
I really wasn't sure what was going on  
I really wasn't (7) \_\_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_\_ was  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_ on



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. twenty
2. last
3. Vietnam
4. traumatic
5. suicidal
6. coming
7. sure
8. what
9. going