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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 twenty 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-nineteen (nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)

In Saigon, a US military spokesman said today

More than seven hundred twenty troops

Were killed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen

Destruction

Of men in their prime

Whose average age was nineteen

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According to a Veteran's

(3)\_\_\_\_\_ study

Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered

From (4)\_\_\_\_\_ (5)\_\_\_\_\_ call

Post traumatic stress disorder

Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt

Some succumb to (6)\_\_\_\_\_ thoughts

Eight to ten years after coming home

Almost eight hundred thousand men

Are still (7)\_\_\_\_\_ the Vietnam War

None of (8)\_\_\_\_\_ received a hero's welcome

Nineteen

Saigon, Saigon, Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon

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Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)

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Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)

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Purple heart (Saigon)

Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)

I really wasn't sure what was (9)\_\_\_\_\_ on

I really wasn't sure what was going on



Answer

**Fill in the gaps**

1. last
2. what
3. Administration
4. what
5. psychiatrists
6. suicidal
7. fighting
8. them
9. going