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## Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
Vietnam seemed like (1)\_\_\_\_\_ another  
(2)\_\_\_\_\_ war  
But it wasn't  
It was different in many ways  
As so (3)\_\_\_\_\_ those who did the fighting  
In World War two  
The average age of the combat soldier was twenty 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)\_\_\_\_\_ (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of the  
(6)\_\_\_\_\_ two weeks  
Continued today twenty five (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ soldier (9)\_\_\_\_\_  
served  
A twelve month tour 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 spokesman said today  
More (10)\_\_\_\_\_ seven (11)\_\_\_\_\_ twenty  
troops  
Were (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ week  
In that sensitive border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy (14)\_\_\_\_\_ a (15)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
Two thousand six hundred and eighty nine soldiers  
All those who remember the war

They won't forget (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ psychiatrists call  
Post (18)\_\_\_\_\_ stress disorder  
Many (19)\_\_\_\_\_ complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to ten years after (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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-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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ what was (22)\_\_\_\_\_ on  
I really wasn't (23)\_\_\_\_\_ what was (24)\_\_\_\_\_ on



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. just
2. foreign
3. were
4. heaviest
5. fighting
6. past
7. miles
8. combat
9. typically
10. than
11. hundred
12. killed
13. last
14. lost
15. total
16. what
17. what
18. traumatic
19. vets
20. coming
21. sure
22. going
23. sure
24. going