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In 1965
 Vietnam seemed like (1)_____ another foreign war
 But it wasn't
 It was (2)_____ 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
 I-I-I-In Vietnam, he was nineteen
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 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen
 The heaviest (3)_____ of the past two weeks
 Continued (4)_____ twenty (5)_____ miles
 northwest of Saigon
 I really wasn't (6)_____ what was going on
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen
 Ni-nineteen, nineteen
 In Vietnam
 The combat soldier typically served
 A (7)_____ month tour of duty
 But was (8)_____ to hostile fire
 (9)_____ 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 twenty troops
 Were killed last week
 In that sensitive (12)_____ area
 In all of South Vietnam
 The enemy lost a total of
 Two thousand six hundred and (13)_____ nine
 soldiers
 All (14)_____ who remember the war

Fill in the gaps

They won't forget (15)_____ 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 what (16)_____ call
 Post traumatic stress disorder
 Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt
 Some (17)_____ to (18)_____
 thoughts
 Eight to ten (19)_____ (20)_____ coming
 home
 Almost eight hundred thousand men
 Are still fighting the (21)_____ War
 None of them (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ (Saigon)
 Purple (24)_____ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)
 I really wasn't (25)_____ what was going on
 I (26)_____ wasn't sure what was (27)_____
 on



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. just
2. different
3. fighting
4. today
5. five
6. sure
7. twelve
8. exposed
9. almost
10. spokesman
11. said
12. border
13. eighty
14. those
15. what
16. psychiatrists
17. succumb
18. suicidal
19. years
20. after
21. Vietnam
22. received
23. heart
24. heart
25. sure
26. really
27. going