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## Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
Vietnam seemed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ just another foreign war  
But it wasn't  
It was (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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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Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
The heaviest fighting of the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ two weeks  
Continued today (5)\_\_\_\_\_ five miles northwest of  
Saigon  
I (6)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
In Vietnam  
The combat (7)\_\_\_\_\_ (8)\_\_\_\_\_  
served  
A twelve month tour of duty  
But was exposed to (9)\_\_\_\_\_ fire  
(10)\_\_\_\_\_ everyday  
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)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)  
In Saigon, a US military spokesman (11)\_\_\_\_\_ today  
More (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ hundred twenty  
troops  
Were (14)\_\_\_\_\_ last week  
In that sensitive (15)\_\_\_\_\_ area  
In all of (16)\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam  
The enemy lost a (17)\_\_\_\_\_ of  
Two thousand six hundred and eighty nine soldiers  
All those who remember the war

They won't forget (18)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in their prime  
Whose (19)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (20)\_\_\_\_\_ veterans suffered  
From what psychiatrists call  
Post (21)\_\_\_\_\_ stress disorder  
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to ten (22)\_\_\_\_\_ after coming home  
Almost (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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-ni-nineteen)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
Nineteen (ni-ni-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 heart (Saigon)  
Purple (24)\_\_\_\_\_ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
I really wasn't sure what was going on  
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## Fill in the gaps

### Answer

1. like
2. different
3. were
4. past
5. twenty
6. really
7. soldier
8. typically
9. hostile
10. almost
11. said
12. than
13. seven
14. killed
15. border
16. South
17. total
18. what
19. average
20. combat
21. traumatic
22. years
23. eight
24. heart