



## Fill in the gaps

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In 1965  
Vietnam seemed like (1)\_\_\_\_\_ another  
(2)\_\_\_\_\_ war  
But it wasn't  
It was different in many ways  
As so were (3)\_\_\_\_\_ who did the fighting  
In (4)\_\_\_\_\_ War two  
The average age of the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ of the past two weeks  
Continued today twenty (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (8)\_\_\_\_\_ month tour of duty  
But was exposed to hostile fire (9)\_\_\_\_\_ everyday  
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 (10)\_\_\_\_\_ today  
More than seven hundred twenty troops  
Were (11)\_\_\_\_\_ last week  
In (12)\_\_\_\_\_ sensitive border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The (13)\_\_\_\_\_ lost a total of  
Two thousand six hundred and eighty nine soldiers  
All those who remember the war

They won't (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in (16)\_\_\_\_\_ prime  
Whose average age was nineteen  
De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
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According to a Veteran's Administration study  
Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered  
From (17)\_\_\_\_\_ psychiatrists call  
Post (18)\_\_\_\_\_ (19)\_\_\_\_\_  
disorder  
Many vets (20)\_\_\_\_\_ of alienation, rage, or  
guilt  
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to ten years after coming home  
Almost eight hundred thousand men  
Are (21)\_\_\_\_\_ (22)\_\_\_\_\_ the Vietnam  
War  
None of (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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)  
Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen  
Nineteen (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 (24)\_\_\_\_\_ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
I really wasn't sure what was going on  
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### Answer

1. just
2. foreign
3. those
4. World
5. combat
6. fighting
7. five
8. twelve
9. almost
10. said
11. killed
12. that
13. enemy
14. forget
15. what
16. their
17. what
18. traumatic
19. stress
20. complain
21. still
22. fighting
23. them
24. heart