



## Fill in the gaps

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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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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)

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In Saigon, a US (2)\_\_\_\_\_ spokesman

(3)\_\_\_\_\_ today

More than seven hundred twenty troops

Were (4)\_\_\_\_\_ last week

In that sensitive border area

In all of South Vietnam

The enemy lost a (5)\_\_\_\_\_ of

Two (6)\_\_\_\_\_ six hundred and eighty nine soldiers

All those who remember the war

They won't forget what they've seen

Destruction

Of men in their 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ combat veterans suffered

From what psychiatrists call

Post (8)\_\_\_\_\_ stress disorder

Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt

Some succumb to suicidal thoughts

Eight to ten (9)\_\_\_\_\_ after coming home

Almost (10)\_\_\_\_\_ hundred thousand men

Are still fighting the Vietnam War

None of them 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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Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)

Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen

Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)

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Purple heart (Saigon)

Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)

I really wasn't sure what was going on

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Answer

1. northwest
2. military
3. said
4. killed
5. total
6. thousand
7. Vietnam
8. traumatic
9. years
10. eight

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