



19 by Paul Hardcastle

Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
 Vietnam (1)\_\_\_\_\_ like (2)\_\_\_\_\_ another  
 foreign war  
 But it wasn't  
 It was different in (3)\_\_\_\_\_ ways  
 As so (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ two weeks  
 Continued today twenty five miles (6)\_\_\_\_\_ of Saigon  
 I really wasn't sure what was (7)\_\_\_\_\_ on  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
 Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
 In Vietnam  
 The combat (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (9)\_\_\_\_\_ served  
 A (10)\_\_\_\_\_ month (11)\_\_\_\_\_ of duty  
 But was (12)\_\_\_\_\_ to (13)\_\_\_\_\_ fire  
 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 than seven hundred twenty troops  
 Were killed last week  
 In (15)\_\_\_\_\_ sensitive border area  
 In all of South Vietnam  
 The (16)\_\_\_\_\_ lost a total of  
 Two thousand six hundred and eighty nine soldiers  
 All those who (17)\_\_\_\_\_ the war

They won't forget (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ veterans suffered  
 From what (20)\_\_\_\_\_ call  
 Post traumatic stress disorder  
 Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten (21)\_\_\_\_\_ after (22)\_\_\_\_\_ home  
 Almost (23)\_\_\_\_\_ hundred (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (25)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on  
 I really wasn't sure what was going on



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. seemed
2. just
3. many
4. were
5. past
6. northwest
7. going
8. soldier
9. typically
10. twelve
11. tour
12. exposed
13. hostile
14. almost
15. that
16. enemy
17. remember
18. what
19. combat
20. psychiatrists
21. years
22. coming
23. eight
24. thousand
25. really