



## Fill in the gaps

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

They won't forget (17)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in their prime  
Whose (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 psychiatrists call  
Post traumatic (19)\_\_\_\_\_ disorder  
Many (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ of alienation,  
rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
Eight to ten years after coming home  
Almost eight hundred thousand men  
Are (22)\_\_\_\_\_ (23)\_\_\_\_\_ the Vietnam  
War  
None of them (24)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 really wasn't sure what was (25)\_\_\_\_\_ on  
I really wasn't sure what was (26)\_\_\_\_\_ on



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### Answer

1. seemed
2. just
3. those
4. today
5. northwest
6. combat
7. typically
8. twelve
9. fire
10. military
11. said
12. seven
13. hundred
14. killed
15. last
16. South
17. what
18. average
19. stress
20. vets
21. complain
22. still
23. fighting
24. received
25. going
26. going