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Fill in the gaps

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
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 today (1)_____ five 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 twelve month tour of duty
But was exposed to hostile fire almost 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 (2)_____ spokesman said today
More than seven hundred twenty troops
Were killed last week
In that sensitive border area
In all of South Vietnam
The enemy (3)_____ a (4)_____ of
Two thousand six hundred and eighty nine soldiers
All those who (5)_____ the war

They won't forget what they've seen
Destruction
Of men in (6)_____ 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 combat (7)_____ suffered
From what psychiatrists call
Post traumatic stress disorder
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt
Some succumb to suicidal thoughts
Eight to ten years after coming home
Almost eight hundred thousand men
Are still (8)_____ 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-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 heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)
I really wasn't sure what was going on
I really wasn't (9)_____ what was going on



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. twenty
2. military
3. lost
4. total
5. remember
6. their
7. veterans
8. fighting
9. sure