



## 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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ who did the fighting  
In (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (4)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ (6)\_\_\_\_\_ typically served  
A twelve month tour of duty  
But was exposed to hostile fire (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 said today  
More than seven (8)\_\_\_\_\_ twenty troops  
Were killed last week  
In (9)\_\_\_\_\_ sensitive border area  
In all of South Vietnam  
The enemy lost a total of  
Two (10)\_\_\_\_\_ six (11)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
(12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers  
All those who (14)\_\_\_\_\_ the war

They won't forget (15)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen  
Destruction  
Of men in their prime  
Whose (16)\_\_\_\_\_ age was nineteen  
De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
De-de-de-des-des-destruction  
According to a Veteran's  
(17)\_\_\_\_\_ study  
Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered  
From (18)\_\_\_\_\_ psychiatrists call  
Post traumatic stress disorder  
Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
Some succumb to (19)\_\_\_\_\_ thoughts  
Eight to ten years (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ home  
Almost eight hundred thousand men  
Are still fighting the (22)\_\_\_\_\_ War  
None of (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (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-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  
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### Answer

1. those
2. World
3. today
4. twenty
5. combat
6. soldier
7. almost
8. hundred
9. that
10. thousand
11. hundred
12. eighty
13. nine
14. remember
15. what
16. average
17. Administration
18. what
19. suicidal
20. after
21. coming
22. Vietnam
23. them
24. received