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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 (1)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ twenty 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ to hostile fire almost everyday  
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 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 (4)\_\_\_\_\_ last week  
 In (5)\_\_\_\_\_ sensitive (6)\_\_\_\_\_ area  
 In all of South Vietnam  
 The (7)\_\_\_\_\_ lost a total of  
 Two thousand 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  
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 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 stress disorder  
 Many vets (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten years after coming home  
 Almost eight hundred thousand men  
 Are still fighting the Vietnam War  
 None of (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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)  
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 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 going on  
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Answer

1. combat
2. today
3. exposed
4. killed
5. that
6. border
7. enemy
8. complain
9. them

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