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Fill in the gaps

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

They won't (15)\_\_\_\_\_ what 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 combat (16)\_\_\_\_\_ suffered  
 From what psychiatrists call  
 Post traumatic (17)\_\_\_\_\_ disorder  
 Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten years after (18)\_\_\_\_\_ home  
 Almost (19)\_\_\_\_\_ (20)\_\_\_\_\_ thousand  
 men  
 Are still fighting the (21)\_\_\_\_\_ War  
 None of (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 really wasn't (23)\_\_\_\_\_ what was going on  
 I really wasn't sure (24)\_\_\_\_\_ was going on



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. like
2. just
3. another
4. different
5. those
6. heaviest
7. twenty
8. five
9. northwest
10. going
11. typically
12. twelve
13. spokesman
14. thousand
15. forget
16. veterans
17. stress
18. coming
19. eight
20. hundred
21. Vietnam
22. them
23. sure
24. what