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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 (1)_____ 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
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 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen
 The heaviest fighting of the (2)_____ two weeks
 Continued (3)_____ 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 exposed to hostile (4)_____ almost everyday
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)
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 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen (nineteen)
 In Saigon, a US (5)_____ spokesman said today
 More than seven hundred twenty troops
 Were killed last week
 In (6)_____ sensitive border area
 In all of South Vietnam
 The enemy (7)_____ 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
 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 (8)_____ stress disorder
 Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts
 Eight to ten (9)_____ after coming home
 Almost eight hundred thousand men
 Are still fighting 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-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)
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 Nineteen (ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen)
 Ni-ni-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)
 Vietnam (Sa-Sa-Sa-Saigon)
 Purple heart (Saigon)
 Purple heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)
 I really wasn't sure what was going on
 I (10)_____ wasn't sure what was going on



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. many
2. past
3. today
4. fire
5. military
6. that
7. lost
8. traumatic
9. years
10. really