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Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
 Vietnam seemed like (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_  
 foreign war  
 But it wasn't  
 It was different in (3)\_\_\_\_\_ ways  
 As so were those who did the fighting  
 In World War two  
 The average age of the combat soldier was (4)\_\_\_\_\_  
 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 (5)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_ of duty  
 But was exposed to hostile fire (7)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 spokesman said today  
 More than seven hundred (8)\_\_\_\_\_ troops  
 Were killed last week  
 In that (9)\_\_\_\_\_ border area  
 In all of South Vietnam  
 The enemy lost a total of  
 Two (10)\_\_\_\_\_ six hundred and eighty  
 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers  
 All those who (12)\_\_\_\_\_ the war

They won't forget what they've seen  
 Destruction  
 Of men in their prime  
 Whose (13)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (14)\_\_\_\_\_ call  
 Post (15)\_\_\_\_\_ stress disorder  
 Many (16)\_\_\_\_\_ complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten (17)\_\_\_\_\_ after (18)\_\_\_\_\_ home  
 Almost (19)\_\_\_\_\_ hundred (20)\_\_\_\_\_  
 men  
 Are (21)\_\_\_\_\_ (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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-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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 I (24)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on  
 I really wasn't sure what was going on



Answer

1. just
2. another
3. many
4. twenty
5. twenty
6. tour
7. almost
8. twenty
9. sensitive
10. thousand
11. nine
12. remember
13. average
14. psychiatrists
15. traumatic
16. vets
17. years
18. coming
19. eight
20. thousand
21. still
22. fighting
23. heart
24. really

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