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Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
 Vietnam seemed like just (1)\_\_\_\_\_ foreign war  
 But it wasn't  
 It was different in many ways  
 As so (2)\_\_\_\_\_ (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (6)\_\_\_\_\_  
 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 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ soldier (8)\_\_\_\_\_  
 served  
 A twelve (9)\_\_\_\_\_ tour of duty  
 But was exposed to hostile (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 spokesman said today  
 More (11)\_\_\_\_\_ seven hundred twenty troops  
 Were killed last week  
 In that sensitive (12)\_\_\_\_\_ area  
 In all of South Vietnam  
 The (13)\_\_\_\_\_ lost a (14)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ combat veterans suffered  
 From what psychiatrists call  
 Post (16)\_\_\_\_\_ (17)\_\_\_\_\_  
 disorder  
 Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten (18)\_\_\_\_\_ after coming home  
 Almost eight hundred thousand men  
 Are still (19)\_\_\_\_\_ the Vietnam War  
 None of (20)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (21)\_\_\_\_\_ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 I (22)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't (23)\_\_\_\_\_ what was going  
 on  
 I (24)\_\_\_\_\_ wasn't sure what was going on



Answer

1. another
2. were
3. those
4. twenty
5. twenty
6. miles
7. combat
8. typically
9. month
10. fire
11. than
12. border
13. enemy
14. total
15. Vietnam
16. traumatic
17. stress
18. years
19. fighting
20. them
21. heart
22. really
23. sure
24. really

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