



Fill in the gaps

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In 1965  
 Vietnam seemed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ (2)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 heaviest (4)\_\_\_\_\_ of the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ two weeks  
 Continued (6)\_\_\_\_\_ twenty five miles  
 (7)\_\_\_\_\_ of Saigon  
 I really wasn't sure (8)\_\_\_\_\_ was (9)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 spokesman (10)\_\_\_\_\_ today  
 More than seven hundred twenty troops  
 Were killed (11)\_\_\_\_\_ week  
 In that (12)\_\_\_\_\_ border area  
 In all of (13)\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam  
 The (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (15)\_\_\_\_\_ a total of  
 Two (16)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (17)\_\_\_\_\_ veterans suffered  
 From what psychiatrists call  
 Post traumatic stress disorder  
 Many vets (18)\_\_\_\_\_ of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some (19)\_\_\_\_\_ to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten years after (20)\_\_\_\_\_ home  
 Almost eight (21)\_\_\_\_\_ (22)\_\_\_\_\_ men  
 Are still fighting the (23)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 heart (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 I really wasn't sure what was going on  
 I really wasn't sure (24)\_\_\_\_\_ was going on



**Fill in the gaps**

**Answer**

1. like
2. just
3. average
4. fighting
5. past
6. today
7. northwest
8. what
9. going
10. said
11. last
12. sensitive
13. South
14. enemy
15. lost
16. thousand
17. combat
18. complain
19. succumb
20. coming
21. hundred
22. thousand
23. Vietnam
24. what