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Fill in the gaps

In 1965  
 Vietnam seemed (1)\_\_\_\_\_ just another  
 (2)\_\_\_\_\_ war  
 But it wasn't  
 It was different in many ways  
 As so (3)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 twenty (5)\_\_\_\_\_ miles northwest of  
 Saigon  
 I really wasn't sure what was (6)\_\_\_\_\_ on  
 Ni-ni-ni-ni-nineteen, nineteen, nineteen  
 Ni-nineteen, nineteen  
 In Vietnam  
 The (7)\_\_\_\_\_ soldier typically served  
 A twelve month (8)\_\_\_\_\_ of duty  
 But was exposed to (9)\_\_\_\_\_ fire  
 (10)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (11)\_\_\_\_\_ spokesman said today  
 More than seven hundred twenty troops  
 Were killed last week  
 In that (12)\_\_\_\_\_ border area  
 In all of (13)\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam  
 The enemy lost a total of  
 Two thousand six hundred and (14)\_\_\_\_\_  
 (15)\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers  
 All those who remember the war

They won't forget (16)\_\_\_\_\_ they've seen  
 Destruction  
 Of men in (17)\_\_\_\_\_ prime  
 Whose (18)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (19)\_\_\_\_\_ call  
 Post traumatic stress disorder  
 Many vets complain of alienation, rage, or guilt  
 Some succumb to suicidal thoughts  
 Eight to ten years after coming home  
 Almost eight hundred thousand men  
 Are (20)\_\_\_\_\_ (21)\_\_\_\_\_ the Vietnam  
 War  
 None of them (22)\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (23)\_\_\_\_\_ (Saigon)  
 Purple (24)\_\_\_\_\_ (Sa-Sa-Saigon)  
 I really wasn't (25)\_\_\_\_\_ what was going on  
 I really wasn't sure (26)\_\_\_\_\_ was going on



Answer

1. like
2. foreign
3. were
4. twenty
5. five
6. going
7. combat
8. tour
9. hostile
10. almost
11. military
12. sensitive
13. South
14. eighty
15. nine
16. what
17. their
18. average
19. psychiatrists
20. still
21. fighting
22. received
23. heart
24. heart
25. sure
26. what

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