

# 19 (Demero Mix)

## Paul Hardcastle

In 1965 Vietnam seemed like just another foreign war, but it wasn't  
It was different in many ways, as so were those that did the fighting  
In World War II the average age of the combat soldier was twenty-six

In Vietnam he was nineteen

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N-n-n-n-nineteenThe heaviest fighting of the past two weeks

Continued today twenty-five miles northwest of SaigonI really wasn't sure what was going onN-n-n-n-nineteen,  
nineteen

N-nineteen, nineteenIn Vietnam the combat soldier typically served a twelve-month tour of duty

But was exposed to hostile fire almost every dayN-n-n-n-nineteen

(N-n-n-n-nineteen) nineteenIn Saigon a US military spokesman said today

More than seven hundred enemy troops were killed last week

In that sensitive border area

In all of South Vietnam

The enemy lost a total of two thousand six hundred eighty-nine soldiersAll those who remember the war

They won't forget what they've seen

Destruction of men in their prime

Whose average age was nineteenD-d-d-d-d-destruction

D-d-d-d-d-destructionAccording to a Veteran's Administration study

Half of the Vietnam combat veterans suffered From what psychiatrists 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 still fighting the Vietnam WarNone of them received a hero's welcomeNineteen

S-S-S-S-Saigon

Nineteen, n-n-n-n-nineteen

N-n-n-n-n-nineteenNineteen n-n-n-n-n-nineteen

N-n-n-n-n-nineteen, nineteen(Vietnam, S-S-S-S-Saigon)Purple heart, Saigon(I wasn't really sure what was going  
on)

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