

Paul Hardcastle, Nineteen

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 2
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The shooting and fighting of the past two weeks continued today
25 miles north-west of Saigon
I wasn't really sure what was going on

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In Vietnam the combat soldier typically served a twelve month tour of duty
But was exposed to hostile fire almost everyday
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In Saigon a U.S military spokesman said today more than 700 enemy troops
Were killed last week in that sensitive border area
Throughout all of South Vietnam the enemy lost a total 2689 soldiers

All those who remember the war
They won't forget what they've seen
Destruction of men in their prime
Whose average was 19
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According 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 War

None of them received a heroes welcome

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