



VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT

BACKGROUND: The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	430	78	28	0	546
NAVY	259	84	19	0	7	369
MARINE CORPS	22	165	17	8	0	212
AIR FORCE	186	130	215	17	0	548
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	6	0	32
TOTALS	478	828	335	59	7	1707
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	173	429	307	52	4	965
DEFERRED	45	65	5	2	0	117
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	260	334	23	5	3	625
TOTALS	478	828	335	59	7	1707

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

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VIETNAM	665	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	240	
CAMBODIA	31	
TOTALS	939	

This update reports the accounting of one Marine, SSgt Samuel E. Hewitt, previously missing from South Vietnam.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23503 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1997
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5562
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5937
DOGTAGS	10007
TOTAL	23503

- a. Of the 1997 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1942 (97.25%) reports are resolved.
 - 1341 (67.15%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
 - 45 (2.25%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 556 (27.84%) reports were determined to be fabrications.

- b. The remaining 55 (2.75%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 49 (2.45%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 6 (0.30%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).

- c. Since mid-1982, 10007 “dog tag” reports have been received on over 10,000 names.
 - Generally speaking 93% of those names reported are individuals who returned to the U.S. alive
 - 5% correspond to U.S. remains that have been recovered/identified and buried in the U.S.
 - and 2% relate to individuals who remain unaccounted for.

- d. In all instances, dog tag reports receive thorough investigative attention, to include informing the military services of those reports with valid names so next of kin can be advised as appropriate.
- e.

The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-1976	1976-1980	1981-1985	1986-1990	1991-1995	1996-2000	2001-2005	2006-2010	Total
36	3	0	1	0	5	5	5	55