



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	129	214	17	0	546
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	6	0	32
TOTALS	478	827	334	59	7	1705
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	173	428	306	52	4	963
DEFERRED	45	65	5	2	0	117
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	260	334	23	5	3	625
TOTALS	478	827	334	59	7	1705

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

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VIETNAM	666	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	241	
CAMBODIA	31	
TOTALS	941	

This update reports the accounting of two USAF servicemen, Major Thomas J. Beyer, previously missing from South Vietnam and Major Richard G. Elzinga, previously missing from Laos.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23510 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1997
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5568
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5938
DOGTAGS	10007
TOTAL	23510

- 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