



## VIETNAM-ERA STATISTICAL REPORT

### AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED - FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	426	78	27	0	541
NAVY	258	84	18	0	7	367
MARINE CORPS	22	165	17	8	0	212
AIR FORCE	186	129	211	17	0	543
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	6	0	32
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,695</b>
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	173	437	300	52	4	966
DEFERRED	44	59	5	1	0	109
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	260	327	25	5	3	620
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VN = VIETNAM, NORTH  
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH  
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

### AMERICANS ACCOUNTED - FOR (Post - January 27, 1973)

VIETNAM	671	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	245	
CAMBODIA	32	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>951</b>	

This update reports the accounting of U.S. Air Force Captain Darrell J. Spinler, previously missing from Laos; U.S. Army SP4 Randal D. Dalton, previously missing from Cambodia; and U.S. Army SFC Donald Shue, previously missing from South Vietnam.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23,520 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

**SUMMARY OF REPORTS**

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,997
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5,577
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5,939
DOGTAGS	10,007
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,520</b>

- a. Of the 1997 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,942 (97.25%) reports are resolved.
  - 1,341 (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, 10,007 “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 may be advised as appropriate.

**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	<b>55</b>