



VIETNAM-ERA STATISTICAL REPORT

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED - FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	426	76	27	0	539
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
TOTALS	477	823	328	58	7	1,693
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	173	437	298	52	4	964
DEFERRED	44	59	5	1	0	109
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	260	327	25	5	3	620
TOTALS	477	823	328	58	7	1,693

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

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

VIETNAM	671	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	247	
CAMBODIA	32	
TOTALS	953	

This update reports the accounting of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Glenn D. McElroy and U.S. Army Captain John M. Nash, both previously missing from Laos.

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
TOTAL	23,520

- 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	55