



VIETNAM-ERA STATISTICAL REPORT

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED - FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	419	76	27	0	532
NAVY	257	84	17	0	7	365
MARINE CORPS	22	165	17	8	0	212
AIR FORCE	181	126	208	17	0	532
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	5	0	31
TOTALS	471	813	324	57	7	1,672
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	179	435	292	51	4	961
DEFERRED	35	49	5	1	0	90
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	257	329	27	5	3	621
TOTALS	471	813	324	57	7	1,672

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

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

VIETNAM	687	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	251	
CAMBODIA	33	
TOTALS	974	

This update reports the accounting of U.S. Air Force CMSgt Arden K. Hassenger, previously missing from Laos.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23547 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,995
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5,603
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5,941
DOGTAGS	10,008
TOTAL	23,547

- a. Of the 1995 firsthand reports received since 1,975, 1,942 (97.34%) reports are resolved.
 - 1,341 (67.22%) 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 (2.26%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
 - 556 (27.87%) reports were determined to be fabrications.

- b. The remaining 53 (2.66%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 47 (2.36%) 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, 10,008 “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	1976-1985	1986-1995	1996-2005	2006-2015	Total
36	3	1	12	1	53