



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	202	17	0	526
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	5	0	31
TOTALS	471	813	318	57	7	1,666
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	179	435	286	51	4	955
DEFERRED	35	49	5	1	0	90
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	257	329	27	5	3	621
TOTALS	471	813	318	57	7	1,666

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

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

VIETNAM	687	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	257	
CAMBODIA	33	
TOTALS	980	

This update reports the accounting of USAF Col Joseph Christiano, Lt Col Dennis L. Eilers, Col Derrell B. Jeffords, CMSgt William K. Colwell and CMSgt Larry C. Thornton, all previously missing from Laos. This report also includes the accounting of USAFR Capt Virgil K. Meroney III, 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 1975, 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, 10008 “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