



VIETNAM-ERA STATISTICAL REPORT

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED - FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	415	74	26	0	525
NAVY	255	83	17	0	7	362
MARINE CORPS	22	164	17	4	0	207
AIR FORCE	181	124	192	17	0	514
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	5	0	31
TOTALS	469	805	306	52	7	1,639
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	180	418	272	43	4	917
DEFERRED	30	49	11	1	0	91
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	259	338	23	8	3	631
TOTALS	469	805	306	52	7	1,639

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

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

VIETNAM	697	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	269	
CAMBODIA	38	
TOTALS	1,007	

This update reports the accounting of U.S. Army SSG James L. Van Bendegom, previously missing from Cambodia, and U.S. Air Force Captain Richard L. Whitesides, previously missing from South Vietnam.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23,560 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,995
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5,611
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5,944
DOGTAGS	10,010
TOTAL	23,560

- a. Of the 1,995 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:
 - 46 (2.31%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
 - 7 (0.35%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).

- c. Since mid-1982, 10,010 “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