

VIETNAM-ERA STATISTICAL REPORT

AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED - FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

COMPONENT	COUNTRY OF LOSS					TOTALS
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	10	410	73	23	0	516
NAVY	254	82	17	0	7	360
MARINE CORPS	22	163	17	4	0	206
AIR FORCE	180	125	189	17	0	511
COAST GUARD	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIVILIANS	1	19	6	5	0	31
TOTALS	467	799	302	49	7	1,624
PURSUIT STATUS						
FURTHER PURSUIT	213	496	276	41	4	1,030
DEFERRED	28	51	13	1	0	93
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	226	252	13	7	3	501
TOTALS	467	799	302	49	7	1,624

VN = VIETNAM, NORTH
CH = CHINA

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH
LA = LAOS

CB = CAMBODIA

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

VIETNAM	707	
CHINA	3	
LAOS	271	
CAMBODIA	41	
TOTALS	1,022	

This is a updated report to correct return dates for U.S. Marine Corps 1st Lieutenant Stanley Garwood Johnson, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Kenneth Leroy Cunningham, and U.S. Army Sergeant First Billy David Hill, previously posted.

U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS: Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 23,575 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1,996
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	5,614
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5,947
DOGTAGS	10,018
TOTAL	23,575

- a. Of the 1996 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1,941 (97.24%) reports are resolved.
 - 1,340 (67.13%) 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 (27.86%) reports were determined to be fabrications.

- b. The remaining 55 (2.76%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
 - 48 (2.40%) 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, 10,018 “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 can 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	14	1	55