

EMPLOYEE DEATHS CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT, AIR AMERICA, AIR ASIA, SOUTHERN AIR TRANSPORT

ROBERT PAUL ABRAMS - 25 September 1964 - Captain. Killed flying a P-51 at the Reno air races while on leave. (FS) (WL) (WM).

JAMES HOWARD ACKLEY - 7 March 1973 - Captain - Killed while flying C-123K, (55424) in northwestern Laos, (19 51 45'N / 101 09 00'E). Other crew members; F/O Clarence N. Driver; AFS Chudchai Chiewcherngsuk and AFS Kenekeo Narissak. (WL) (CILHI) (WM). (Identification pending at AFIRB)

RIZEL S. J. ALAMARES - 13 November 1965 - AFS. Fell from C-123B, N5007X, while taxiing at Udorn, Thailand. (WL) (WM).

ALFREDO J. ALOR - 19 May 1972 - Flight Mechanic - H-34. Gear collapsed on hard landing after receiving small arms fire. Hit by main rotor as he exited A/C. (AAM Log, Vol. 15, #3, page 1) (WL).

HARRY WILLIAM ARNOTT - 15 May 1955 - Machinist. Died of natural causes.

PRINYA ASHAVANOND - 1 October 1967.

TIMOTEO BAGNOT - 8 March 1969. - Illness - Clark Air Force Base (WM).

HOWLAND D. BAKER - 12 September 1964 - AFS, C-123. Floated out of A/C while making a drop at Ban Na, Laos. Was not wearing a parachute. (WL) (WM).

JOHN M. BANNERMAN - 23 November 1972 - Captain - C-7A - Hit by 37 mm near Saravane, Laos. Other crew members; F/O Charles J. McCarthy; AFS B. Somchai; AFS Suthi Chipaibul. (WL) (WM).

PAUL C. BARROW - 15 April 1967 - Killed in Kansas Air National Guard F-100 crash while on leave (WM).

*****GABRIEL J. BATAVIA** - 14 January 1953. (Company roster shows killed).
*** Not on memorial plaque.

NAI BAY - 4 October 1963 - Killed while loading rice on A/C in VTE (Company records) (WM).

WILLIAM HENRY BEALE, JR. - 6 April 1962 - Reserve Captain - A/C (Beaver) crashed into trees at end of runway on T/O at Zieng Dat, Laos (22 18'N / 101 48'E) during very hot weather. Other crew, F/O George A. Varney. (WL) (WM).

JOHN WALLACE BEARDSLEY - 10 March 1970 - F/O - Died of burns sustained in H-34 crash on 2/25/70 near L-54. Captain Harvey B. Potter also died of burns. Flight Mechanic Joe Gaculais survived (AAM Log, Vol. 15,

#3, pg. 1 and AAM Log Vol. 16, #3, page 1) (CILHI -106th General Hospital Records & US ARMY Mortuary Records TAB) (WM).

WALLACE ACRES BELL - 13 October 1962 - Flight Engineer. Killed in a motorcycle accident in VTE (WM) (JG).

EDMUND JOHN BENKERT - 28 November 1964 - Power Plant Supervisor, Tainan. Massive heart attack (DF) (WM).

DAVID W. BEVAN - 13 August 1961 - AFS - C-46, B-136. A/C unexplainably executed shape turn, struck wing on mountain ridge during aerial delivery at Pha Kuao, Laos (19 55'N / 103 09'E). Other crew members, Captain Norwood N. Forte; F/O Roger J. Sarno; AFS Darrel A. Eubanks; AFS John S. Lewis. (CR) (WM).

ROELF BIJL - 17 November 1967 - Captain. - Dornier. Crashed on take off from My Tho, SVN. Someone had placed a heavy object inside the after inspection door without telling anyone. This threw the CG off, causing a hammerhead stall. (FS) (AC) (JP) (WM). (CILHI TSN Mortuary)

*** **JAMES ROBERT BLACK** - 7 January 1974 - Crew Chief. (Died according to company roster) *** Not on memorial plaque.

*** **ROBERT ELLSWORTH BLEVENS** - July 1965 - Engine Consultant. (Died according to company roster) *** Not on memorial plaque.

GERALD ARTHUR BOOTH - 17 July 1969 - Captain. Landing accident in H-34D (H-50) at LS-20. Other crew, Flight Mechanic Montano Centeno. (AAM Log, Vol.15, #3, page 1) (WL) (JP) (WM).

HOWARD HARRY BOYLES, JR. - 10 February 1973 - Captain. A/C, C-123 (564374) hit by missile near Thakhet, Laos (17 16 00'N / 104 55 00'E). Other crew members; F/O Jack W. Cavill; AFS Prasit Chaichana. AFS Sourinch parachuted and survived. (WL) (CILHI)- (THCIL 73-0001) (WM)

EARLE EDWARD BRUCE, JR - 8 August 1967 - Flight Mechanic. A/C, UH-34D (XC 435 045) hit mountain in bad weather enroute from Pakse to Ban Thateng, Laos. Other crewman, F/O John J. Cooney. (WL) (WM).

WALLACE ABBOTT BUFORD - MIA - 6 May 1954 - First Officer. A/C, C-119 was shot down resupplying Dien Bien Phu. Crashed near Ban Sot, Laos Other crew members; Captain James B. McGovern and a French radio operator were killed. A French officer and a local AFS survived. First American casualties of Vietnam War. (FS) (WL) (WM).

LAWRENCE ROBERT BUOL - 26 May 1956 - Captain. Died as a result of five years in Chinese Communist prison. Captured in Mengtsh, China. (FS) (WM) (PM, page 101).

WILLIAM P. CAGNEY - 26 July 1962 - Supply Coordinator. Heart attack, SGN (JF). (WM).

ANTONIO C. CALDERON - 17 June 1967. VTE- Traffic accident (WM).

JAMES CONRAD CAMPBELL - 18 June 1968 - Captain, Instructor Pilot. Crashed in a Bell-204 on a training flight out of Long Thahn, SVN. (WL) (AC) (WM).(JK)

CHARLES RICHARD CASE - 4 April 1975 - Captain. Cancer (AAM Log, Vol. 17, #4, page 3).

REYNALDO CASTILLO - 8 September 1972. Aircraft related (WM).

PABLO C. CASTRO - 12 March 1963. - Heart attack - UDN (WM).

JACK WALTER CAVILL - 10 February 1973 - First Officer. A/C, C123 hit by missile near Thakhet, Laos (171600'N / 1045500'E) (See Boyles) (WL) (CILHI-THCIL 1973-002) (WM).

MONTANO L. CENTENO - 17 July 1969 - Flight Mechanic. UH-34D, (H-50). Landing accident. With Jerry Booth. (WL) (AAM Log, Vol.15, #3, Pg.1) (WM)

PRASIT CHAICHANA - 9 February 1973 - AFS C-123 hit by missile near Thakhet, Laos. See Boyles. (WL) (CILHI) (WM).

WING-KING CHAN - 29 July 1948 - Radio Operator - C-46 Crashed at Tsingtao, China while ferrying Chinese Nationalist troops to the battle of Mukden, Manchuria. Other crew members, Captain Clyde T. Tarbert and First Officer Y.S. Har. CAT's first loss. (FS) (PM, page 48).

AMPOL CHAN-AIUM - 24 December 1967 - PAVN overran AAM radio station (Site L-61) in Phalan District, Laos. Other fatalities; Phanomphom Phochan; Kosoom Ratanakosoom and Nit Tongkorn. Juan Solita was captured and released in April 1968. (WG CILHI) (Shadow War; The CIA's Secret War in Laos, Page 178) (CR) (WM).

W.H. "JIMMY" CHANG - 9 December 1950 - Copilot - C-46 (XT-852) on Korean airlift. Crashed into Mt. Fuji in extremely bad weather. Other crew members Captain Robert Heising and T.W. Wen. (FS).(PM page 122)

YUNG-KUNG CHANG - 20 June 1964 - C-46, B-908. "The Round The Island" flight crashed shortly after takeoff from Taichung, Taiwan as a result of an abortive hijack attempt. There were 51 fatalities, including eighteen company employees,(six on official business, twelve on personal travel) (DF) (FS).

JOHNNY Y.H. CHANG - 14 January 1966 - C-47, B-929. Shot down while landing at Vi Thanh, SVN. Captain William R. Pruner and Chang were executed. The other crew member, Nguyen Van Thai was lead away with a rope around his neck. (WL) (CR) (WM).(CILHI-TSN 1966-0164)

BANCHING CHANLUACHAI - 11 June 1971. UDN - Traffic accident (WM).

K. V. CHEN - 8 November 1949 - Radio Operator - C-47, (XT-805). Crashed in Yunan Province, China due to an engine fire. Beheaded by tribesmen after bailing out of A/C. Other crew members; Captain Norman R. Jones. killed and co-pilot M. H. Kung survived (PM, page 91. Shows name as K. V. Chin).

N. C. CHEN - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

C. K. CHEN - 20 June 1964 - B-906 hijacking.

H. S. CHEN - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

CHING-CHING CHEN - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

VIVIAN CHEN - 16 February 1968. - Flight Attendant - B 727, B-1018, "Golden Dragon" crashed on approach to Taipei. (FS) (JF).

***** YAO-ZIANG CHEN** - 20 October 1954 - Radio operator - C-47, B-811. While returning to BKK from a night parachute training exercise the A/C wingtip dipped into the Gulf of Siam. Pilot Harry Kaffenberger survived. Co-pilot **Y. C. KAN**; WEI employee **JAMES McCARTHY, Jr.** and three Thai border policemen died. *** Not on plaque. (PM, page 199).

JOSEPH CURTIS CHENEY - 5 September 1963 - Captain - C-46, B-150. Right engine fire due to heavy ground fire, near Ban Phone Mouang, Laos (18 21'N / 105 51'E) while air dropping water buffalo. Other crew members; First Officer Charles G. Herrick; AFS Eugene H. DeBruin; AFS Yik Chu To; AFS Prasit Promsuwan; AFS Prasit Thanee and AFS Pisidh Indaradt. All of the AFS's bailed out, were captured, and later escaped. Indaradt made it home (BKK). CILHI has received what is thought to be the remains of DeBruin. CILHI received an unconfirmed report that TO perished when he fell over a cliff. CILHI has remains that may be of Promsuwan. Thanee is MIA (CILHI) (LCH) (CR) (WL) (WM).

CHUDCHAI CHEWCHERNGSUK - 7 March 1973 - AFS - C-123K. Northwest Laos. See Captain James H. Ackley (WL) (WM) (Name may be spelled CHIEWCHERNGSUK). (Identification pending at AFIRB 10/30/02)

SUTHI CHIMPAIBUL - 23 November 1972 - AFS - C-7A - Hit by 37 mm near Saravane, Laos. With Captain Bannerman. (WL) (WM).

DUONG CHINH - 20 March 1968. Nhatrang - Illness (WM)

H.G. CHO - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

H. Y. CHOI - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

C. C. CHOU - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

HERBERT WINTHROP CLARK - 2 June 1971 - Captain - C-46. A/C hit by ground fire over DZ near Bouan Long. Three AFS bailed out. Other crew member killed in crash, Trikit Thuttanon. (WL) (WM).

TERRY DEAN CLARK - 7 April 1973 - First Officer - UH-1H. Hit by Strella Missile near Huong Hoa, SVN on ICCS mission. Other crew, Captain Charles Osterman and Flight Mechanic Valeriano P. Rosales. (WL) (WM).

KEVIN N. COCHRANE - 10 April 1970 - Captain - C-130. Hit side of mountain approaching Long Tieng, Laos in bad weather. Other crew members, AFS Gerald L. DeLong; AFS Billy K. Hester; F/O Robert B. McKean; F/O Huey D. Rogers and Flight Engineer Milton E. Smart. (WL)(WM) (CILHI-TSN 1970-1269)

BENJAMIN FRANK COLEMAN - 25 July 1972 - Captain - DHC-6, N-5662. Hit mountain in bad weather attempting to drop arms to troops in contact in LS-72 area (Tha Tam Bleung). Other crew members; F/O John T. Grover and AFS Thanom Khanthaphengxay. (WL) (WM).

JOHN JOSEPH COONEY - 8 August 1967 - First Officer - UH-34D. A/C (XC 435 045) hit mountain enroute Pakse - Ban Thateng. Other crewman; Flight Mechanic Earle E. Bruce. (WL) (WM).

ROMEO B. CRISOLOGO - 9 April 1966 - Flight Mechanic - UH-34D, (H-14). Killed by ground fire near Ban Pak, Laos. He had been injured previously on 8 July 1964. (WL) (WM).

ROBERT O'NEAL CRONE - 12 February 1969 - Operations Manager, VTE. Was on an operational survey for Air Support Branch, VTE. Was in a Continental Air Services (CASI) Porter that was hit by ground fire north of Luang Prabang. CASI pilot Irwin and a "kicker" were also killed (AAM Log Vol.16, #3, page 3) (JTF-FA) (WM).

ERNESTO M. CRUZ - 10 January 1971 - Flight Mechanic - UH-34D. Killed by explosion while off loading cargo 4 kms. south of San Thong, Laos (WL) (AC) (AAM Log, Vol. 15, # 3, page 1) (WM).

CECELIO DAQUE - 14 January 1973 - Luang Prabang - Traffic accident. (WM).

RALPH SCHOW DAVIS - 19 August 1969 - First Officer - Porter - LS-20A. A/C hit by gunfire from a Meo soldier while carrying passenger from Long Tieng to Sam Thong. General Vang Pao identified and executed the Meo rifleman. (AC) (WL) (WM).

EUGENE HENRY DEBRUIN - 5 September 1963 - AFS - C-46, B150. A/C crashed near Ban Phone Mouang, Laos (18 21'N / 105 51'E). See Joseph C. Cheney. CILHI received remains thought to be of DeBruin in 2001, ID pending. (CILHI) (LCH) (DF) (WM).

VICTOR DEJAMCO - 20 April 1966 - Walked into the propellor of a Flying Tiger Line A/C at Kadena AFB, Okinawa (WM).

GERALD LEE DELONG - 10 April 1970 - AFS - C-130. Hit side of mountain during approach to Long Tieng. See Cochran (WL) (WM). (CILHI-TSN 1970-1266)

RAFAEL A. DEVERA - 24 July 1964 - (Date is actually 1966, from mortuary records) - SGN - Apparent heart attack (CILHI) (TSN 1966-3521)

REGGIE DIMACULANGAN - 22 December 1967. Manila - Illness (WM).

CHARLES THOMAS DIEFFENBACH - 22 July 1962 - Senior First Officer - Helio Courier. Fire caused by small arms fire north of Phu Bai, Laos. (19 03'N / 105 01'E) (WM).

CARLOS DOMINGUEZ - 30 March 1971. Traffic accident (WM).

CLARENCE N. DRIVER - 7 March 1973 - First Officer - C-123, (55424). See Captain James H. Ackley.(WL) (DF) (Identification pending at AFIRB) (WM).

JEAN HOWARD DUBUQUE - 16 July 1960 - Public Relations Manager - TPE - Heart Attack (JF) (WM).

BERNADO L. DYCHITAN - 7 December 1968 - Flight Mechanic, Trainee - Bell 205. Pin pulled from a grenade while off loading a cargo of grenades at LS-107 (WL) (WM).

WAYNE WILLIAM ENSMINGER - 6 March 1966 - Senior First Officer - Laos. Stabilizer cable broke on take off. Helio courier. (WL) (WM).

DARREL A. EUBANKS - 13 August 1961 - AFS - C-46, B-136 Pha Kuao, Laos. See David W. Bevan.(WM).

FRANK FARTHING - 11 January 1967 - Senior First Officer - Porter - NO 185X. A/C hit mountain in bad weather, Chu Lai, South Viet Nam. (WL) (WM) (CILHI - TSN 1967-0233)

ROBERT OLIVER FINNEY - 2 December 1972 - Crew Chief - Udorn. Died of leukemia. (CR).

NORWOOD NEVERNE FORTE - 13 August 1961 - Captain - C-46, B-136. Pha Kuao, Laos. See David W. Bevan. (WM).

BENJAMIN ALEXANDER FRANKLIN - 21 March 1971 - Captain - Porter. Stalled on climb and crashed into mountain slope near LS-72 (WL) (WM).

WILLIAM JAMES FRASER - 7 December 1968 - Captain - Bell 205. Pin pulled on a grenade while unloading a cargo of grenades at LS-107. (WL) (WM).(JK)

VINCENTE B. GAZA - MIA - Captured on or about 24 June 1966 - AAM mechanic. He and his wife Ofelia T. Gaza were captured by the VC while driving from Saigon to Vung Tau, SVN. Mrs. Gaza was released on 4 January 1967. She stated that her husband had died of an unknown disease, caused, she believed by meager rations and hard labor.(CILHI) (CR).

*****APOLINARIO S. GERARDO** - 16 March 1969 - Mechanic - Phu Nhuan, SVN - Heart attack (CILHI) (TSN 1969-1781) *** Not on memorial plaque

WILLIAM JAY GIBBS - 13 May 1969 - First Officer - UH-34D, (H-68). Killed by sniper round to the head on takeoff LS-54. (JG) (WL) (WM).

NORMAN ANGIE GRAMMER - 14 August 1969 - Captain - Bell 204B - (N-8511F). A/C shot down on approach to Long Tieng. Other crewman, Glenn R. Woods, Flight Mechanic. (WL) (AAM Log, Vol 16, #1, page 11) (JP) (WM).

JOHN THOMAS GROVER - 25 July 1972 - First Officer - DHC-6, N-5662. See Captain Benjamin F. Coleman (WL) (WM).

JOEL MICHAEL GUDAHL - 27 August 1972 - First Officer - C-123K (55-4555) Hit mountain near Ban Namm Eui, Laos. Enroute Vang Vieng to Long Tieng with 12,000 pounds of ordinance and 5 passengers. Other crew members, Captain William E. Reeves; AFS Praves Satarakia and AFS Thongkham Khammanephet.(WL) (WM).(CILHI - TSN 1972-0592)

NGUYEN VAN HANH - 16 January 1969 - C-47 - B-949. Hit mountain in bad weather north of Danang, SVN. Other crewmen; Captain Howard W. Kelly and First Officer Milton N. Matheson. (AC) (WL) (WM).

YUNG-SHING HAR - 29 July 1948 - First Officer - C-46, Tsingtao, China. Transporting troops to the battle of Mukden, Manchuria (FS) (PM., Page 48).

TRUETT H. HARPER - 6 March 1970 - Director of Technical Training, Tainan - Heart Attack (GM) (WM) (LCH).

ROBERT E. HARTL - 28 April 1972 - Captain, VTE. Heart Attack (WM).

HOWARD FRANCIS HEINRICH - 4 February 1962 - Senior First Officer - C-46, B-916. Hit by ground fire while approaching drop zone, caught fire and crashed. Plain of Jars (19 21' N, 103 22'E). Other crew members lost, Captain Herbert S. Strouss and H. C. "Perry" Lee. Three AFS jumped and survived. (WL) (CR) (WM).

ROBERT HEISING - 9 December 1950 - Captain - C-46 (XT-852). On Korean Airlift. Crashed on Mount Fuji due to extreme weather. (FS).(PM page 122) (TAB 1950-12-09) (CILHI)

DONALD CALVIN HERITAGE - 27 November 1962 - Senior First Officer - C-123, NX 5004X. A/C shot down by Neutralists anti-aircraft fire while attempting to land at Xieng Khoung (19 27'N, 103 09'E). Other crew member Captain Frederick J. Riley. (WL) (CR) (WM).

CHARLES GRANT HERRICK - 5 September 1963 - First Officer - C-46, B-150. See Cheney/DeBruin (WL) (CILHI) (WM).(CILHI)

BILLY K. HESTER - 10 April 1970 - AFS- C-130 - Hit side of mountain on approach to Long Tieng in bad weather. See Kevin N. Cochrane.(CILHI -TSN 1970-1268)

FU-SHYONG HO - 13 September 1967.

EMMONS BLAINE HODGKINS, JR. - 25 November 1968 - First Officer - C-46, N-1386N. Crashed on take off from LS-19. (AAM Log, Vol. 15, No. 3, page 4) (WM).

PAUL ROBERT HOLDEN - 7 June 1967 - Captain - Natural causes. (Had been wounded during Dien Bien Phu operations, see PM, pg. 189) (FS).

*****DONALD MULLARD HOSKINS** - 18 June 1972 *** (Company roster shows he resigned 26 May 1971).

KENNETH ALFRED HOUP - 17 March 1971 - Instructor Pilot - Porter - (N-393R). Mid-air collision with Army Cobra on approach to Can Tho, SVN. (WL)(WM) (CILHI - TSN 1971-0403)

JOHN (JACK) T. HOUSTON - 9 December 1967 - Shot in traffic incident in VTE (WM).

TSUAN-HO HSIEH - 27 December 1963 - C-47 - B-815. Crashed while making aerial delivery for Thai Police. Other crew; Captain Herbert Liu and L.S. Yu (WM).

T. H. HU - 20 June 1964 - B-908 Hijacking

QUANG-HUANG DU - 11 July 1964.

HUA MING HUANG - 16 October 1968. Heart attack (WM).

TRONG LIEN HUYNH - 12 August 1971. Nhatrang - Illness (WM).

ALFREDO P. JOCO - 31 July 1966 - Natural causes SGN (CILHI - TSN 1966-3693)

CHARLES DAVID JONES - 5 March 1965 - Captain - H-34, (H-26) at L-54 (WM).

NORMAN R. JONES - 8 November 1949 - Captain - C-46 - Yunan Province, China due to engine fire. Stayed with A/C so other crew could bail out. Radio operator K. V. Chen killed by local tribesmen, co-pilot M. H. Kung survived. (PM, page 91)

K. C. KAN - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

***** YAO-CHUNG KAN** - 20 October 1954 - Copilot - C-47, B-811. While returning to BKK from a night parachute training exercise the A/C wingtip dipped into the Gulf of Siam. (See Y.Z. CHEN) (PM, page 199).
*** Not on plaque.

NIRAM KASORPHON - 3 July 1973 - AFS - C-123. See Boyles/Cavill (WL). (CILHI records do not show he was on this aircraft)

***** JOHN WESLEY KEARNS** - 18 December 1972 - Operations Specialist - VTE (Company roster shows killed) *** Name not on plaque.
CIA Officer under AAM cover. He was KIA and has an un-named star on the wall at Langley (WL).

HOWARD WHEELER KELLY - 16 January 1969 - Captain - C-47 - B-949. Hit side of mountain north of Danang, SVN in bad weather (AC) (WL) (WM). (CILHI - DAD 1969-0177, TSN 1969-0493)

THONGKHAM KHAMMANEPHET - 27 August 1972 - AFS - C-123K. Hit mountain enroute from Vang Vieng to Long Tieng. See Joel M. Gudahl (WL) (WM). (CILHI - TSN 1972-0595)

SOUPHANG KHAMPHANH - 2 March 1969.

THANOM KHANTHAPHENGXAY -25 July 1972 - AFS - DHC-6. Hit mountain in bad weather attempting to drop arms to troops in contact. See Captain Benjamin Coleman. (WL) (WM).

PAUL Y. H. KING - 16 February 1968 - Flight Attendent - Killed in CAT Boeing 727 (B-1018) crash on approach to Taipei airport. (FS) (JF).

GEORGE KIRKLAND- 22 July 1973 -Murdered in his sleep during an alledged burglary, VTE. (JF) (WM).

MU-SHUEN KUNG - 20 June 1964 - Copilot - C-46 - B-908 hijacking. (FS) (DF).

MANU (MANOON) LATLOI - 18 April 1974 - Flight Mechanic - UH-34D - Long Tieng. A/C over-shot Tango pad, rolled over and Latloi was thrown from A/C (WL).

THI MAU LE - 5 September 1965. SGN - Traffic accident. (WM).

XUAN DUC LE - 19 October 1967. SGN - Heart attack. (WM).

HSU-CHIU "PERRY" LEE - 4 February 1962 - C-46, B-916 shot down over Plain of Jars (19 21'N, 103 22'E). See Howard F. Heinrich. (WL) (WM).

Z. T. LEE - 17 August 1963 - TPE - Heart Attack.

C. Y. LEE - 20 June 1964 - B-908 Hijacking.

RUBY LEE - 20 June 1964 - B-908 Hijacking.

ROBERT E. LEE - 5 May 1968 - Flight Mechanic - SGN. Cerabrial Trauma (US Army Mortuary Records, Vietnam) (Injury reportedly from motorcycle accident) (WM).(CILHI TSN 1968-3373)

V. L. LEE - 27 - July 1974.

ARTHUR LEONARD - 1 December 1969 - POL Servicing Supervisor, VTE. Died, natural causes. (WM).

JOHN S. LEWIS - 13 August 1961 - AFS - C-46, B-136. During aerial delivery at Pha Kua, Laos (19 55'N, 103 09'E). See David W. Bevan.

RICHARD HARRISON LIEBERTH - 12 October 1965 - Captain - H-34, (H-39) Saravane, Laos (L-34). Other crew, Flight Mechanic Franklin D. Smith. Agency Officers **MIKE DEUEL** and **MIKE MALONEY** also killed. (The Book of Honor) (WM)

BENJI LIN - 20 June 1964 - Captain - C-46 - B-908 Hijacking. Captain Lin was the son-in-law of "Tiger" Wong, the founder of the Republic of China's Air Force and the ROC Ambassador to the UN. (FS) (DF).

HERBERT LIU - 27 December 1963 - Captain - C-47 - B-815. Crashed while making an aerial delivery for the Thai Police near the southwest border. (WM).

NICHOLAS BEJAMINE LOSS - 11 December 1967 - Flight Mechanic - Motorcycle accident, SGN (WM) (Middle name from company roster). (CILHI - TSN 1967-8495)

JUSTIN GERARD MAHONY - 27 September 1965 - First Officer - C-46, N-95742. A/C shot down while landing at Boa Tri, SVN. Other crew Captain John L. Oyer. (WL) (WM).

FELICIANO C. MANALO - 16 July 1972 - Flight Mechanic - UH-34D. Killed by gunfire while attempting a medevac near Pakse, Laos. (WL) (AAM Log, Vol. 15, No. 3, page 1) (WM).

ABDUL H. MARECAR - 6 December 1972.

BRUCE CHARLES MASSEY - 23 March 1967 - Captain - Volpar, N-91284. Hit mountain 15 miles NNW of Danang, SVN in bad weather. Eight educators also lost (AC) (WL) (CILHI TSN 1967-2544) (WM).

CHARLES HARRY MATEER - 30 May 1961 - Reserve Captain - H-34. Resupplying besieged Hmong at Padong, Laos (19 06'N, 103 08'E) in bad weather. Other crew Walter L. Wizbowski (AAM Log, Vol. 17, No. 3, page 11) (CR) (WM).

MILTON NORIS MATHESON - 16 January 1969 - First Officer - C-47, B-949. Hit side of mountain north of Danang, SVN in bad weather. (AC) (WL) (WM). (CILHI - DAD 1969-0176, TSN 1969-0494)

L. T. MAU - 5 April 1969. - VTE - Illness. (WM).

CHARLES JOSEPH MCCARTHY - 23 November 1972 - First Officer - C-7A. Hit by 37 mm near Saravane, Laos, (L-44). (WL) (WM).

PATRICK FACHTNA MCCARTHY - 7 December 1968 - Flight Mechanic - Bell 205. Pin pulled on grenade while unloading a cargo of grenades at LS-107 (WL) (WM).

JAMES B. MCGOVERN - MIA - 6 May 1954 - Captain - C-119. Shot down resupplying Dien Bien Phu. A/C crashed near Ban Sot, Laos. First American casualty of the Vietnam War. (FS) (WM). (PM, page 191).

ROBERT BURHNAM MCKEAN - 10 April 1970 - First Officer - C-130. Hit side of mountain on approach to Long Tieng, Laos in bad weather. (WL) (WM). (CILHI TSN 1970-1267)

WILLIAM LON MEEK - 31 December 1973 - Quality Assurance - Tainan. Natural causes (JP) (Company records show date of death as 20 October 1973).

JON CHRISTIAN MERKEL - 18 February 1970 - Captain - H-34. Killed by a round through cockpit window near Tha Lin Noi, Laos. (WL) (WM).

CHARUK MILINDRE - 17 July 1963 - AFS - C-46 - B-148. Hit side of mountain during rice drop in dense fog at Pak Tha (19 32.5' N, 100 50.5' E). With Capt. Prud'homme (WL) (WM).

ROBERT STEWART MOORE - 3 December 1972 - Sec.Insp. Supervisor VTE. "Brain Malaria" (CR).

VINCENTE U. MORALES - 1 July 1968 - Mechanic - Natural causes. (CILHI - TSN 1968-4908)

HARRY EDWIN MULHOLLAND - 29 April 1971 - Captain - Porter. Struck by FAC U-17, (LS-63) (WL) (WM).

JON CHARLES MURRAY - 25 November 1968 - First Officer - C-46 (86N), LS-39. (AAM Log, Vol. 15, No. 3, page 4) (WM).

THOMAS JOSEPH MURRAY - 4 March 1969 - AFS - VTE. Sport parachute accident. Drowned with wife Priscilla in the Mekong River. (LCH) (WM).

FRANK MUSCAL - 3 October 1965 - First Officer - C-123. A/C hit bulldozer on runway at LS-20A, Long Tieng, Laos (WL) (WM).

CAFERINO B. NABUNG - 11 January 1961. - Captured by the Pathet Lao on 16 December 1960. (CR) (WM).

KENEKEO NARISSACK - 7 March 1973 - AFS - C-123K, (55-5424). Crashed in NW Laos (19 51 45'N, 101 69 00'E) (WL) (WM).(CILHI) (ID pending at AFIRB)

GIDEON ALVADORE NEWTON - 17 July 1963 - AFS - C-46, B-148. Hit side of mountain in dense fog during rice drop at Pak Tha (19 32.5'N, 100 50.5'E) (WL) (WM).

EDWARD NORWICH - 19 July 1949 - Captain - Cessna-195. Near Lanchow, China (FS) (PM, page 76).

CHARLES LEROY OSTERMAN -7 April 1973 - Captain - UH-1H. Hit by Strella missile near Huong Hoa, SVN, on ICCS Mission (WL) (WM).

NORMAN MAYO OWENS - 22 October 1967 - Captain - Massive heart attack. (AAM Log, Vol16, No. 3, page 5) (WM).(CILHI - TSN 1967-7422)

JOHN LERDO OYER - 27 September 1965 - Senior First Officer - C-46, N-95742. Shot down while landing at Bao Tri, SVN. (WL) (WM).(CILHI - TSN 1965-0637, TAB 1965-09-27)

CORNELIO N. PASCUAL - 18 August 1964 - Flight Mechanic - UH-34D, (H-19). Killed by ground fire at Moong Phang, Laos. Captain Zeitler not hit. (WL)(WM).

W. A. PENG - MIA - may have been an AFS on a C-123.

PHANOMPOM PHOCHAN - 24 December 1967 - PAVN overran AAM radio station (Site L-61) in Phalane District town. Four killed, 1 captured. (WG CILHI) (Shadow War, The CIA's Secret War in Laos, page 178) (AAM List) (WM).

HUA HKAN PHUOC - 31 December 1966. SGN - Traffic accident (WM).

***** NGUYEN THI PHUOC** - 5 April 1969. SGN - Traffic accident (WM). ***Not on memorial plaque

LOWELL ZINN PIRKLE - 3 August 1967 - Flight Mechanic - UH-34D, (H-38). A/C hit by rocket grenade while on the LZ. FM Pirkle and a local were killed. The rest of the crew were evacuated. Locals buried Pirkle. Remains recovered by CILHI and identified Jan 1994. (CILHI 1994-162) (WL) (AAM Log, Vol. 15, No. 3, pg 1) (WM).

LESTER MONROE PORTER - 25 November 1968 - Assistant Club Manager - C-46 N-1386N. Engine failed on takeoff from Savannakhet, Laos. 21 passengers died (WL) (WM).

HARVEY BERT POTTER - 2 March 1970 - Instructor pilot - H-34. Died from burns received as a result of crash near (L-54) on 25 February 1970. (AAM Log, Vol. 15, No.3, page1) (AAM Log, Vol.16, No.3, page1) (WM). (CILHI - TAB 1970-03-02)

BILLY PAUL PRATT - 22 September 1971 - Captain - Cancer.

PRASIT PROMSUWAN - MIA - 5 September 1963 - AFS - C-46, B-150. Right engine fire due to heavy ground fire near Ban Phone Mounang, Laos (18 21'N / 105 51'E) "Kickers" bailed out, were captured, then escaped. (See Captain Cheney) (CILHI) (WM).

GERALD IRWIN PRUD'HOMME - 17 July 1963 - Captain - C-46, B-148. Crashed into mountain side while making rice drop in dense fog near Pak Tha, Laos (19 32.5'N / 100 50.5E) (WL) (CR) (WM).

WILLIAM RUSSEL PRUNER - 14 January 1966 - Captain - C-47 - B-929. Shot down while landing at Vi Thanh, SVN. Pruner and Y. H. Chang were executed. Nguyen Van Thai was lead away with a rope around his neck (WL) (WM). (CILHI - TSN 1966-0163)

LLOYD KENNETH RANDELL - 24 April 1972 - Captain - Porter. Hit mountain in bad weather enroute Long Tieng to LS-113. (WL) (WM).

JAMES A. RASMUSSEN - 18 February 1962 - Captain - B-26. Hit mountain during low level training flight, Tainan, Taiwan. (WL) (WM).

KOSOOM RATANAKOSOOM - 24 December 1967 - Killed when PAVN troops overran AAM radio station in the Phalane District (Site L-61). (AAM list) (Shadow War, The CIA's Secret War in Laos, page 178) (WM)

JAMES EDWARD RAUSCH - 12 June 1972 - Captain - UH-34D. Killed by one round through the cockpit while landing near Ban Houei, Laos. (AC) (WL) (WM).

WILLIAM EARL REEVES - 27 August 1972 - Captain - C-123K (55-4555). Hit mountain near Ban Namm Eui, Laos in bad weather. Enroute Vang Vieng to Long Tieng with 12,000 pounds of ordnance and 5 passengers. (WL) (WM) (CILHI TSN 1972-0593).

BALTAZAR REYES - 25 November 1968 - C-46 - Engine failed on takeoff from Savannakhet, Laos. (WL) (WM).

FREDERICK JOHN RILEY - 27 November 1962 - Captain - C-123 - NX-5004X. Shot down by Neutralists while trying to land at Xieng Khoung (19 27'N / 103 09'E). (WL) (WM).

GEORGE LYTLE RITTER - MIA - 27 December 1971 - Captain - C-123. Shot down by the Chinese. Enroute to LS-69A (19 33 57'N / 101 22 25'E) This site is on the JTF-FA excavation list. (CILHI) (AC) (DF) (WM).

HUEY DYSON ROGERS - 10 April 1970 - First Officer - C-130. Hit side of mountain on approach to Long Tieng, Laos in bad weather. (WL) (WM) (CILHI - TSN 1970-1271)

VALERIANO R. ROSALES - 7 April 1973 - Flight Mechanic - UH-1H. Hit by Strella missile near Huong Hoa, SVN while on ICCS mission. With Captain Terry Clark (WL) (WM).

BOONRANG SAMBURAN - 17 February 1972 - A/C related (WM).

ALBERT A. SANDOVAL - 24 August 1964 - Captain - Helio Courier. Normal takeoff. A/C crashed about 1000' from end of runway. "Pilot apparently incapacitated prior to crash", Pakse, Laos (15 08'N / 105 47'E) (WL) (CR) (WM). (CILHI TSN 1964-0116)

ROGER JOSEPH SARNO - 13 August 1961 - Senior First Officer - C-46, B-136, Pha Kua, Laos (LS-14) (19 55'N / 103 09'E). See David Bevan.(WM).

MEIKO SASE - 11 April 1969. Tokyo - Illness (WM).

PRAVES SATARAKIJ - 27 August 1972 - AFS - C-123K. Hit mountain in bad weather. near Ban Namm Eui, Laos. Enroute Van Vieng to Long Tieng with 12,000 pounds of ordnance and 5 passengers. With Captain Reeves (WL) (WM).(CILHI - TSN 1972-0594, death certificate shows **Joseph Praves Satarakij**)

KHAMPHONH SAYSONGKHAM - MIA - 27 December 1971 - AFS - C-123. Shot down by the Chinese enroute to LS-69A (19 33 57'N / 101 22 25'E) This site is on the JTF-FA excavation list. With Captain Ritter (CILHI) (AC) (DF) (WM).

ALEXANDER SCANDALIS - 5 July 1965 (Company records show 5 July 1969) - Captain - C-45 - A/C hit by missile after takeoff from Tan Son Nhut, Saigon, SVN (WL) (WM) (WM shows C-46 N-99332).(CILHI - TSN 1965-0338)

NORMAN ALBERT SCHWARTZ - MIA - 29 November 1952 - (Originally reported as 3 December 1952) - Captain - C-47. Shot down near Antu Manchuria (128 20' E / 42 35' N) while attempting to recover western agent Li Chun-ying. Co-pilot Robert Snoddy also killed, CIA agents **DICK FECTEAU** and **JACK DOWNEY** were captured and served 20 years in Chinese Communist prison. CILHI had investigative team at site in July 2002 and plan to return.(FS) (WM) (DF) (PM, pg 140).

WELCOME AMES SCOTT - 30 September 1960 - Power Plant Supervisor, Tainan - Heart Attack (WM).

PRATHEP SERMSAKUL- 11 October 1971. VTE - Drowned in Mekong River (WM).

K. H. SHIA - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

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BUNCHA SIRISAPYA - 4 July 1969. - BKK - Traffic accident (WM).

MILTON EUGENE SMART - 10 April 1970 - Flight Engineer - C-130. Hit side of mountain on approach to Long Tieng, Laos in bad weather. (WL) (WM) (CILHI - TSN 1970-1270)

FRANKLIN D. SMITH - 12 October 1965 - Flight Mechanic - H-34 (H-39). Crashed near Saravane, Laos (L-34). Agency employees **MIKE DEUEL** and **MIKE MALONEY** also killed. (AC) (The Book of Honor) (WM).

THOMAS CLYDE SMITH - 22 February 1969 - First Officer. Fell from balcony after touching live electric wire, BKK. (WM).

WILSON PERRY SMITH - 15 March 1973 - Captain. Heart attack (CR).

ROBERT CHARLES SNODDY - MIA - 29 November 1952 - Copilot - C-47. Shot down in Manchuria. See Norman Schwartz.(FS) (WM) (PM, pg 140).

LOUIS B. SOHA - 9 October 1956 - Crew Chief - "Died". (WM).

B. SOMCHAI -23 November 1972 - C-7A - Hit by 37mm near Saravane, Laos. With Captain Bannermam (WL) (WM).

R. SOMPHONE - 16 February 1966. VTE. Heart attack (WM).

KHAMOUTH SOUSADALAY - 4 February 1972 - AFS - C-7A crashed attempting "to go around" at Pha Khao. (WL).

SAMPAS SREESURAJ - 6 January 1968. VTE. Encephalitis (WM).

SOMBOON SRIPA - 6 January 1968. Thailand - Illness (WM).

HERBERT S. STROUSS - 4 February 1962 - Captain - C-46, B-916. A/C hit by ground fire while approaching drop zone, caught fire and crashed. Xieng Khoang Ville, Laos (19 21' N / 103 22' E). Three AFS's jumped and survived (CR) (WL) (WM).

WILLIAM JAMES SULLIVAN - 12 April 1962 - Elect. Mechanic/Avio - Traffic Accident, UDN. (WM).

EDUARDO T. SUNGA - 26 November 1968. - Philippines - Traffic accident. (WM).

BETTY TANG - 16 February 1968 - Flight Attendant - CAT B-727 (B-1018) crash on approach to Taipei (FS).(JF)

NARONG TANTILOHAKUL 17 July 1963 - AFS - C-46, B-148. Hit side of mountain in dense fog during rice drop at PakTha, Laos (19 32.5' N / 100 50.5' E). With Captain Prud'homme (CR) (WL) (WM).

CLYDE T. TARBET - 29 July 1948 - Captain - C-47 - Crashed at Tsingtao, China while transporting troops to the battle of Mukden, Manchuria. (FS) (PM, page 48).

JAMES TATE - 26 June 1967 - Special Assistant to VP/Traffic & Sales. Natural Causes. (WM).

NGUYEN VAN THAI - 14 January 1966 - C-47, B-929. Shot down landing at Vi Thanh, SVN. Pruner and Chang executed. Thai led away with rope around his neck. (WL) (WM).

PRASIDHI THANEE - MIA - 5 September 1963 - AFS - C-46, B-150. Right engine fire due to heavy ground fire near Ban Phone Mouang, Laos (18 21' N / 105 51' E). Kickers bailed out, were captured, escaped and only Pisidh Indaradt made it home safely. Remains thought to be of DeBruin have been recovered, identification pending. With Captain Cheney (CR) (CILHI) (WM).

FRANK GERALD THORSEN - 31 July 1973 - Captain - Volpar. Killed by one round through the cockpit, 13 kms. north of Pa Doung, Laos. (WL) (AC) (WM).

TRIKIT THUTTANON - 2 June 1971 - C-46. A/C hit by ground fire over DZ near Bouan Long, Laos. 3 AFS's bailed out. With Captain Clark (WL) (WM).

YIK CHIU TO - MIA - 5 September 1963 - AFS - C-46, B-150. Right engine fire due to heavy ground fire. "Kickers" bailed out, were captured, escaped. CILHI has received an unconfirmed report that TO fell off a cliff after the escape and probably perished. (CILHI) (CR) (WM).

S. L. "EDDIE" TONG - 26 November 1960 - Captain - C-46 - B-130. Lost power on takeoff, Plain of Jars, Laos. Eddie Tong was the son of the ROC Ambassador to the U.S., Dr. Wellington Tong (WL) (WM).

NIT TONGKORN - 24 December 1967 - Killed when PAVN troops overran an AAM radio station in the Phalane District, Laos (Site L-61), (AAM List) (The Shadow War, The CIA's Secret War in Laos, page 178) (WM).

JAIME TORRES - 19 March 1967. Savannakhet - Accident (WM)

VICHIT TOVIRA - 18 June 1968 - May have been with Captain James C. Campbell in a Bell-204 at Long Thahn, SVN

ROY FRANCIS TOWNLEY - MIA - 27 December 1971 - First Officer. Shot down by the Chinese enroute to LS-69 (19 33 57' N / 101 22 25' E) This site is on the JTF-FA excavation list . (CILHI) (DF) (AC) (WM).

EARL ADAM TRAGER - 7 December 1969 - Supervisor/ First Officer, Heart Attack (CR)

TRAN BUU TRAI - 22 January 1969 - "Died" per Company roster.

VAN TU - 28 August 1972 - SGN - Non line of duty accident (WM). Listed of the plaque as **T. U. VAN** (WM)

LEON MOORE TUCKER - 21 September 1966 - First Officer, VTE. Heart attack (WM).

B. Y. VAN - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

GEORGE RICHARD VARNEY - 6 April 1962 - Senior First Officer - Beaver. Takeoff accidnt resulting from insufficient runway. (Hot weather). Xieng Dat, Laos (22 18' N / 101 48' E) (WM).

*****PAUL CHRISTIAN VELTE** - 29 September 1976 - Treasurerr / Controller, Taipei. Died, (CR). *** Not on memorial plaque.

GEORGE ANTHONY VERDON - 17 July 1963 - First Officer - C-46, B-148. Hit side of mountain in dense fog while making rice drop at Pak Tha, Laos (19 32.5" N / 100 50.5' E) (WL) (CR) (WM).

*****LUC KIEN VINH** - 20 June 1967 - Laborer - Saigon. Died. (CR). *** Not on memorial plaque

BOUMY VONGACHAK - 28 December 1970 - AFS - C-7A. - (LS-2). Killed by ground fire over the DZ. (WL).

S. C. WANG - 2 June 1971 - UDN - Cerebral hemmorage (WM).

ARNOLD WEIR - 1 April 1949 - Heart Attack, Kunming, China.

EDWARD JAMES WEISSENBACK - MIA - 27 December 1971 - AFS - C-123. Shot down by the Chinese enroute to LS-69A (19 33 57' N / 101 22 25' E). This site is on the JTF-FA excavation list. (CILHI) (AC) (DF) (WM).

T. W. WEN - 9 December 1950 - Radio operator - C-46 (XT-852). Crashed on Mt. Fuji, Japan in bad weather. On the Korean airlift. (FS).(PM, page 122)

H. C. WENG - 20 June 1964 - B-908 hijacking.

LEONARD IRVING WIEHRDT - 8 April 1972 - Captain - Porter. Flew into the ground east of LS-69 while flying cover for another AAM A/C that had been shot down. (WL) (WM).

JOHN W. WILMOT, JR. - 19 May 1966 - Captain - UH-34D, (H-42). A/C hit by gunfire while landing FAR forces NE of LS-32 (WL) (WM).

WALTER LUKE WIZBOWSKI - 30 May 1961 - Captain - H-34. Resupplying beseiged Hmong at Padong, Laos (19 06' N / 103 08' E) in bad weather. (AAM Log Vol. 17, No. 3, Page 11) (CR) (WM).

K. S. WONG - 26 November 1960 - C-46, B-130. A/C lost power on takeoff, Plain of Jars. (WL) (WM).

GLENN ROGER WOODS - 14 August 1969 - Flight Mechanic - Bell-204B (N 8511F). Shot down on approach to Long Tieng, Laos. (AAM Log Vol.16, No.1, Page 11) (WL) (WM).

AUBREY ARON WOOTEN - 17 July 1963 - AFS - C-46, B-148. Hit side of mountain during rice drop at Pak Tha, Laos (19 32.5' N / 100 50.5' E) in bad weather.(CR) (WL) (WM).

MORIMITSU YAZIMA - 20 June 1962. - Tachikawa - Illness (WM).

C. YOTHIPANA - 22 July 1966. - UDN - Heart attack (WM).

L. S. YU - 27 December 1963 - C-47 - B-815 - Crashed making aerial delivery for Thai Police near the southwest border. With Captain Herbert Liu (WM).

CHAVENG YUPHAPHIN - 25 November 1968 - Engine failed on takeoff from Savannakhet, Laos. 21 passengers died. With Captain Hodgkins (WL) (WM).

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RH = RICHARD HELMS, A LOOK OVER MY SHOULDER, PAGE 263
TAB = U.S. ARMY MORTUARY, TACHIKAWA AIR BASE, JAPAN
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CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT (CAT) and AIR AMERICA FATALITIES
COMBAT LOSSES IN CHINA and SOUTH EAST ASIA

29 July 1948-TARBET, Clyde T. (C) Chan, W.K. (R/O) Har, Y.S. (F/O)	C-46	Tsingtao, China. CAT's first casualty. Transporting troops to the battle of Mukden, Manchuria. (FS)
19 July 1949-NORWICH, Edward (C)	Cessna 195	Near Lanchow, China
08 Nov. 1949-JONES, Norman R. (C) Chen, K.V. (LCH)	C-46	Yunan Province, China. Engine fire
09 Dec. 1950-HEISING, Robert (C) Chang, W.H. "Jimmy" Wen, T.W.	C-46	Korean airlift. Crashed on Mt. Fuji due to extreme weather (FS)
03 Dec. 1952-SCHWARTZ, Norman A. (C) SNOODY, Robert C.	C-47	Shot down in Manchuria on a mission to pick up an agent that they had infiltrated earlier. Schwartz & Snoodly were killed. Jack DOWNEY & Dick FECTEAU were captured and imprisoned. Not recovered.
14 Jan. 1953 BATAVIA, Gabriel J.		Killed, per roster, no details
06 May 1954-McGOVERN, James B. (C) BUFORD, Wallace A. (F/O)	C-119	Shot down resupplying Dien Bien Phu. Crashed near Ban Sot, Laos. CILH has excavated the site twice in '02. one set of remains recovered. ID Pending. Return to site pending (05/03)
26 May 1954-BUOL Lawrence R.		Died as a result of five years spent in Chinese Communist prison. Captured in Mengtsh, China
20 Oct. 1954-Kan, Y.C. (F/O) Chen, Yao-Ziang	C-47 (B-811)	A/C crashed in Gulf of Siam returning to BKK from a night parachute training mission. Pilot Harry Kaffenberger survived.. WE! employee JAMES McCARTHY, Jr. and three Thai border-policemen died. (PM, page 199)
26 Nov. 1960-Tong, S.L. "Eddie" (C) Wong, K.S.	C-46 B-130	Laos. Lost power on T/O, PDJ. son of the Chinese Ambassador to the U.S., Dr. Hollington Tong (WL)
1 Jan. 1961 - Nabung, Caferino B.		Captured by Pathet Lao on 16 Dec. 1960 (CR)(WM)
30 May 1961- MATEER, Charles H. (C) WIZBOWSKI, Walter L.	H-34	Pa Dong, Laos. Resupplying the beseiged Hmong in bad weather 19 06' N 103 08' E (AA Log, Vol. 17, No. 3, pg 11)

13 Aug. 1961-BEVAN, David W.(AFS) C-46 EUBANKS, Darrel A.(AFS) FORTE, Norwood N. (C) LEWIS, John S. (AFS) SARNO, Roger J. (F/O)	B-136 LS-14. Pha Kua, Laos during aerial delivery 19 55'N 103 09' E
04 Feb. 1962-HEINRICH, Howard F.(F/O)C-46 STROUSS, Herbert S. (C) Lee, H.C. "Perry"	B-916 Shot down over Plain of Jars, Laos 19 21' N, 103 22' E 3 AFD's jumped & survived(WL)
18 Feb.1962-RASMUSSEN, James A.(C) B-26	Tainan, Taiwan. Training flight. Flew into side of a mountain. (WL)
06 Apr. 1962-BEALE, William H. (C) Beaver VARNEY, George R. (F/O)	LS-26 A/C crashed into trees at end of runway at Zieng Dat. T/O in hot weather 22 18' N, 101 48' E
22 July 1962-DIEFFENBACH,Charles T. (C) Helio	North of Phu Bai Fire caused by small arms fire. 19 03' N, 105 01' E
27 Nov. 1962-HERITAGE, Donald C (F/O).C-123 RILEY, Frederick J. (C)	NX 5004X. Shot down by Neutralists while trying to land at Xieng Khoung. (WL) 19 27' N, 103 09' E.
17 July 1963-PRUDHOMME, Gerald I.(C)C-46 VERDON, George A. (F/O) NEWTON, Gideon A. (AFS) WOOTEN Aubrey A. (AFS) Milindre, Charuk (AFS) Tantilohakui, Narong (AFS)	B-148 Hit side of mountain in dense fog during rice drop at Pak Tha. (WL) 19 32.5' N. 100 50.5' E.
05 Sep.1963-CHENEY, Joseph C.(C) C-46 DeBRUIN, Eugene H. (AFS) HERRICK, Charles G.(F/O) To, Yik Chu Promsuwan, Prasit (AFS) Thanee, Prasadhi (Prasit) (AFS)	B-150 Seno, Laos This site has been excavated by CILHI 7/01.Cheney & Herrick ID'd & returned 164245N / 1061021. The kickers bail out, were captuered, escaped and are still being hunted. Indradt, Pisidh survived (CILHI)
27 Dec. 1963-LIU, Herbert (C) C-47 Hsien, Tsuan-Ho Yu, L.S.	B-815 Crashed making aerial delivery for the Thai Police
18 Aug. 1964-Pascual, Cornelio N.(FM) UH-34D	(H-19) Killed by gunfire at Moong Phang (WL)
24 Aug.1964-SANDOVAL, Albert A. Helio Courier	B-849 Crashed on T/O, Pakse, Laos. (WL) Pilot apparently incapacitated prior to crash.
12 Sep.1964-BAKER, Howland D.(AFS)C-123	LS-20A Floated out of A/C during airdrop, was not wearing parachute Ban Na, Laos (WL)
03 Mar.1965-JONES, Charles D. (C) H-34	L-54 (H-26)

05 July 1965-SCANDALIS, Alexander (C)	C-45	Saigon, SVN. Hit by a missile after T/O from Tan Son Nhut (WL)
27 Sep. 1965-MAHONEY, Justin G. (F/O) OYER, John L. (F/O)	C-45	Shot down while landing at Bao Tri, SVN (WL)
03 Oct. 1965-MUSCAL, Frank (F/O)	C-123	LS-20A Long Tieng, Laos Hit Bulldozer on runway. (WL)
12 Oct. 1965-LIEBERTH, Richard H. (C) SMITH, Franklin D. (FM)	H-34	Saravane, Laos L-34 (H-39) (AC) Agency employees Mike Deuel and Mike Maloney also killed
13 Nov. 1965- Alamares, Rizel S.J. (AFD)	C123B	Fell from A/C while taxing. Udorn N5007X (WL)
14 Jan. 1966-PRUNER, William R. (C) Thai, Nguyen Van Chang, Y.H. "Johnny"	C-47 B-929	Shot down landing at Vi Thanh, SVN. Pruner & Chang executed, Thai lead away with rope around his neck (WL)
06 Mar. 1966-ENSMINGER, Wayne W.	Helio	Laos, Stabilizer cable broke on T/O
09 Apr. 1966-Crisologo, Romeo B. (FM)	UH-34D (H-14)	Killed by ground fire near Ban Pak (WL)
19 May 1966-WILMOT, John W., Jr.	UH-34D	A/C (H-34) hit by gunfire while landing FAR forces NE of LS-32 (WL)
11 Jan. 1967-FARTHING, Frank	Porter	Hit mountain in bad weather SVN (WL)
23 March 1967 MASSEY, Bruce C. (C)	Volpar	(N91284) Hit mountain in bad weather 15 miles NNW of Danang, SVN (AC), (WL)
03 Aug. 1967-PIRKLE, Lowell Z. (FM)	UH-34D	A/C (H-38) hit by rifle grenade near Luang Prabang, Laos (WL)
08 Aug. 1967-BRUCE, Earl E. Jr. (FM) COONEY, John J. (F/O)	UH-34D LS-54	(XC 435 045) A/C hit mountain in bad weather, enroute Pakse - Ban Thateng (WL)
17 Nov. 1967-BIJL, Roelf (C)	Dornier	Crashed on T/O from My Tho, SVN Someone had placed a heavy object inside the after inspection door without telling anyone. This threw the CG off, cuasing a hammerhead stall (FS)(AC)
24 Dec. 1967-Chan-Aium, Ampol Phochan, Phanomphom Ratanakosoom, Kosoom Tongkorn, Nit		Killed by PAVN troops when they overran an AAM radio station in the Phalane District, Laos Juan Solita was captured, then released in April 1968

05 May 1968-LEE, Robert E. (FM)		Saigon
18 Jun. 1968-CAMPBELL, James C. Tovira, Vichit	Bell 204	Crashed on training flight Long Thahn, SVN (WL) (AC)
25 Nov. 1968-HODGKINS, Emmons B.Jr.(F/O) MURRAY, Jon Charles (F/O) Yuphaphin, Chaveng	C-46	(86N) L-39 (AA Log, Vol 15, No 3 pg,4)
25 Nov. 1968-PORTER, Lester M. Reyes, Baltazar	C-46	Engine failed on T/O, Savannakhet, Laos. 21 pax died (WL)
07 Dec. 1968-FRASER, William J.(C) McCARTHY, Patrick F.(FM) Dychitan, Bernardo L.	Bell-205	Pin pulled om grenade while off-loading cargo of grenades. LS-107 (WL)
16 Jan. 1969-KELLY, Howard W, (C) MATHESON, Milton N.(F/O) Hanh, Nguyen Van	C-47	(B-949) Hit side of mountain in bad weather N. of Danang, SVN (AC),(WL)
12 Feb. 1969-CRONE, Robert O'Neal	CASI Porter	N. of Luang Prabang, Laos
13 May 1969-GIBBS, William J.	UH-34D	Laos LS-54 (H-68) Killed by sniper round through window.(WL)
17 July 1969-BOOTH, Gerald A.(C) Centeno, Montano (FM)	UH-34D	LS-20 (H-50) Landing accident (WL)
14 Aug. 1969-GRAMMER, Norman A.(C) WOODS, Glenn R. (FM)	Bell-204	A/C shot down on approach to Long Tieng (WL)
19 Aug. 1969-DAVIS, Ralph S.	Porter	LS-20A A/C hit by gunfire from Meo soldier. Carrying pax from Long Tieng to Sam Thong. Vang Pao identified & executed the Meo rifleman (WL)(AC)
18 Feb. 1970-MERKEL, Jon Christian (C)	H-34	Killed by round through cockpit window near Tha Lin Noi (WL)
02 Mar. 1970-POTTER, Harvey B. (C)	H-34	Near L-54. Died of burns recieved in crash 02/25/70
10 Mar. 1970-BEARDSLEY, John W. (F/O)	H-34	Near L-54. Died of burns received in crash 02/25/70
10 Apr. 1970-COCHRANE, Kevin N.(C) DeLONG,, Gerald L. (AFS) HESTER, Billy K. (AFS) McKEAN, Robert B. (F/O) ROGERS, Huey D. (F/O) SMART, Milton E. (F/E)	C130	Hit side of mountain during approach to Long Tieng (Bad weather)(WL)
28 Dec. 1970 Vongachak, Boumy (AFS)	C-7A	LS-2, killed by gunfire over DZ (WL)

1 Jan. 1971	Cruz, Ernesto M. (FM)	UH-34D	4 kms. south of San Thong Explosion during offloading of cargo (WL)(AC)
17 Mar. 1971	HOUP, Kenneth A. (C)	Porter	Midair collision with Army Cobra on approach to Can Tho (WL)
21 Mar. 1971	FRANKLIN, Benjamin A. (C)	Porter	Stalled on climb & crashed into mountain near LS-72 (WL)
29 Apr. 1971	MULHOLLAND, Harry E. (C)	Porter	Struck by FAC U-17, LS-63 (WL)
02 June 1971	CLARK, Herbert W. Thuttanon, Trikit	C-46	A/C hit by ground fire over DZ near Bouan Long. 3 AFS bailed out (WL)
27 Dec. 1971	RITTER, George L. (C) TOWNLEY, Roy F. (F/O) WEISSENBACH, Edward J. (AFS) Saysongkham, Khamphanh	C-123	Enroute to LS-69A CILHI will do excavation. It will be 3-5 years out. (193357N 1012225E)(CILHI (DF)(AC) Shot down by Chinese
2 Feb. 1972	Sousadalay, Khamough (AFS)	C-7A	Pha Khao A/C crashed attempting to go around (WL)
08 Apr. 1972	WIEHRDT, Leonard (C)	Porter	East of LS-69 A/C flew into the ground while flying cover for AAM plane that had been shot down (WL)
24 Apr. 1972	RANDELL, Lloyd K. (C)	Porter	Hit mountain in bad weather. Enroute Long Tieng to LS-113 (WL)
19 May 1972	Alor, Alfredo J. (FM)	UH-34D	Gear collapsed on landing after receiving small arms fire. Hit by main rotor as he exited A/C (WL)(AC) AA Log, Vol15, No.3, pg1
12 June 1972	RAUSCH, James E. (C)	UH-34D	One round through cockpit while landing near Ban Houei (AC)(WL)
16 Jul. 1972	Manalo, Felciano C. (FM)	UH-34D	Killed by gunfire while attempting Medevac near Pakse (WL) AA log, Vol16, No.1, pg.8
25 July 1972	COLEMAN, Benjamine F. (C) GROVER, John T. (F/O) Khanthaphengxay, Thanom (AFS)	DHC-6	LS-72 area (Tha Tam Bleung) Hit mountain in bad weather attempting to drop arms to troops in contact. (WL)
28 Aug. 1972	GUDAHL, Joel M. (F/O) REEVES, William E. (C) Satarakia, Praves (AFS) Khammanephet, Thongkham (AFS) Tu, Van (listed on plaque as T.U. Van)	C-123K	Laos (Ban Namm Eui) Hit mountain in bad weather. Enroute Vang Vieng to Long Tieng with 12,000 pounds of ordinance & 5 pax (WL)

23 Nov.1972-BANNERMAN, John M. (C) C-7A Hit by 37mm near Saravane (WL)
 McCARTHY, Charles J. (F/O) (L-44)
 Somchai, B.
 Chipaibul, Suthi (AFS)

10 Feb.1973-BOYLES, Howard H.,Jr(C) C-123 A/C hit by missile near Thakhet This
 CAVILL, Jack W. (F/O) site has been excavated by **CILHI**.
 Chaichana, Prasit(AFS) **Remains recovered & identified.**
 (171600N 1045500E) AFS Sourinch
 parachuted and survived. (WL)

07 Mar.1973-ACKLEY, James H. (C) C-123K NW Laos This site **has been**
 DRIVER, Clarence N. (F/O) **excavated by CILHI**. Remains
 Chiewcherngsuk, Chudchai (AFS) recovered. Identification pending. (WL)
 Narissak, Kenekeo (AFS)

07 Apr. 1973-CLARK, Terry D. (F/O) UH-1H Hit by Strella near Huong Hoa, SVN
 OSTERMAN, Charles (C) ICCS mission (WL)
 Rosales, Valeriano P. (FM)

31 July1973-THORSEN, Frank G. (C) Volpar One round through cockpit. 13 kms north
 of Pa Doung (WL)(AC)

8 Apr.1974 Latloi, Manoon (FM) UH-34D Long Tieng, Overshot Tango Pad; rolled
 over;Latloi thrown from A/C (WL)

Capitalized surname = U.S. Citizen
 (C) = Captain
 (F/O) = First Officer
 (RO) = Radio Operator
 (FM) = Flight Mechanic
 (AFS) = Air Freight Specialist (Kicker)

AA Log = Air America Log
 (WL) = Dr. William Leary
 (AC) = Allen Cates
 (FS) = Felix Smith
 (WL) = Dr. William Leary
 (WM) = William Merrigan

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CAT LOSSES IN SCHEDULED OPERATIONS.

There were two crashes involving the scheduled airline side of CAT. The first occurred on 20 June 1964. The scheduled CAT "Round the Island" (C-46, B 908) flight crashed northwest of the Taichung airport as the result of an abortive hi-jack attempt. There were 51 fatalities, including the two would be hijackers. Eighteen CAT employees were on board including the pilot, copilot, and two flight attendants. There were a number of Taipei Station dependents and an employee or two on board. In addition there were several dignitaries. For a good description of the event see pgs. 273-277 of China Pilot.

Capt. Benji Lin - Pilot - Benji was the son-in-law of "Tiger" Wong, the father of the Republic of China's Air Force and the ROC Ambassador to the United Nations.

Mu-Shuen Kung - Copilot
H. Y. Cho - Flight Attendant
Ruby Lee - Flight Attendant
Chang, Yung-Kung
Chen, K V.
Chen, N. C.
Chen, C. K.
Chen, H. S.
Chen, Ching-Ching
Cho, H. G.
Chou, C. C.
Hu, T. H.
Kan, K. C.
Lee, C. Y.
Shin (or Shia), K.C.
Van, B. Y.
Weng, H. C.

The second occurred on the night of 16 February 1968. The "Golden Dragon", B-727 was on approach to Taipei Airport when it crashed, killing 21 of the 63 people on board. Three employees were killed.

Vivian Chen - Flight Attendant
Paul Y.H. King
Betty Tang - Flight Attendant