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Enclosed you will find three lists relating to casualties, (deaths and personnel that are still classified as missing) sustained by Civil Air Transport, Air America, Air Asia and Southern Air Transport. The starting point was the Memorial Plaque list. As I attempted to ascertain the cause of death of each of these persons to come up with a list of combat losses, I found some names that possibly should be added to the plaque and perhaps one that should not be on it. These decisions will have to be made by the Air America and CAT Boards.

I would like to thank all of you that shared so much information and knowledge over the last two and a half years. Without access to "real" company records it is difficult to feel assured that the lists are completely accurate. I am sure that there other additions and maybe deletions that should be made, but I don't have the records or the recall. I hope that these lists have some value and will help researchers in the future.

Bill Gadoury and Bob Maves of CILHI deserve a special vote of thanks for verifying a great deal of the information and for reviewing Mortuary records that were pertinent.

You will note that there are still a number of those listed that I was unable to establish the cause of death. If any of you can add any information it would be appreciated.

Wadley
Allen,
Your information letter has been
sent to WTD, ITU & the Agency as requested
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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) C-46 Tsingtao, China. CAT's first
 Chan, W.K. (R/O) causality. Transporting troops to the battle of
 Har, Y.S. (F/O) Mukden, Manchuria. (FS)

19 July 1949-NORWICH, Edward (C) Cessna 195 Near Lanchow, China

08 Nov. 1949-JONES, Norman R. (C) C-46 Yunan Province, China. Engine fire
 Chen, K.V. (LCH)

09 Dec. 1950-HEISING, Robert (C) C-46 Korean airlift. Crashed on Mt. Fuji
 Chang, W.H. "Jimmy" due to extreme weather (FS)
 Wen, T.W.

03 Dec. 1952-SCHWARTZ, Norman A. (C) C-47 Shot down in Manchuria on a
 SNOODY, Robert C. mission to pick up an agent that they had
 infiltrated earlier. Schwartz & Snooddy 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) C-119 Shot down resupplying Dien Bien
 BUFORD, Wallace A. (F/O) 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) C-47 (B-811) A/C crashed in Gulf of Siam returning to
 Chen, Yao-Ziang BKK from a night parachute training mission. Pilot
 Harry Kaffenberger survived.. WEI employee
 JAMES McCARTHY, Jr. and three Thai border-
 policemen died. (PM, page 199)

26 Nov. 1960-Tong, S.L. "Eddie" (C) C-46 B-130 Laos. Lost power on T/O, PDJ.
 Wong, K.S. 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) H-34 Pa Dong, Laos. Resupplying the
 WIZBOWSKI, Walter L. 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 captured, 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)	Domier	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 July 1973-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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