



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS) Extract Files, ca. 2001 - 4/29/2008; Korean War Extract Data File, as of April 29, 2008 Record Group 330

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1. What information is in these records?

Although the agency created these records starting in about 2001, they concern records of U.S. military personnel who died as a result of the Korean War. Dates of death in the DCAS "Korean War Extract Data File, as of April 29, 2008" (ARC Identifier 2240988) range from June 28, 1950 to March 10, 1954.

2. Why were these records created?

The Department of Defense (DoD), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Defense Human Resources Activity, Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), Data Analysis Program Division created and maintained this series as an automated repository for DoD of all official casualty information for the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict, and all active duty deaths since October 1, 1979. The records are used to produce various standard and as-requested reports in support of DoD organizations, outside government agencies, Congress, the President, the media, and the general public. The DMDC continues to maintain and revise these records.

3. What is some of the new information in the DCAS Korean War Extract Data File?

Occupation and Religion

Two new fields, Member Occupation Code and Member Occupation Name were included. For example, Member Occupation Code '04745' is interpreted as "Light Weapons Infantryman." Member Occupation Name is given the same value and meaning. There are also two new fields for religion, "Religion Short Name" and "Religion Code."

Race and Ethnicity

"Race OMB Name" and "Race Name" in the DCAS files replace "Race" in the KCCF file. OMB stands for Office of Management and Budget. In addition to the race fields, DCAS has fields for ethnic information: "Ethnic Short Name" and "Ethnic Group Name." Codes/Meanings for Ethnic Short Name are CHINESE, HISPANIC OR LATINO, INDIAN TRIBES US, JAPANESE, NOT SPECIFIED, and PUERTO RICAN. Ethnic Group Name Codes/Meanings are ASIAN, HISPANIC, NORTH AMERICAN NATIVE, UNKNOWN.

Casualty Location

A group of casualty location fields were also added in DCAS. These include:
Casualty City: IOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE (Sample value)
Casualty State or Province: FR (Only Code Given), FOREIGN (Meaning)

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Casualty Country/Over Water: KS (Sample Code), REPUBLIC OF KOREA (Meaning)
Region Name: ASIA or OVER WATER (2 Codes Given)
Country/Over Water Name: SEA OF JAPAN (Narrative field)
Location Name: KOREA (Sample value)

Unit Information

The Member Unit field provides unit information, such as 7 RGT 1 CAV DIV.

Duty

There are three codes for this field: C (Code), CALL (Meaning). CALL means Active and Reserve U.S. Military Forces should be ready to support military operations, as a result the code indicates the members who were called to service. There is also a Y code meaning ON and a Z code meaning UNKNOWN.

War or Conflict

There is only one code value, K, for this field. It will always mean KOREAN WAR.

Operation Incident Type

There is only one code value, C, for this field. It will always mean COMBAT.

4. What known data anomalies occur in these records?

SOUTHEAST ASIA appears as a code/meaning in the Location Name field in the "Korean War Extract Data File, as of April 29, 2008;" VIETNAM CONFLICT appears as a code/meaning in the Operation/Incident Name field; SOUTH VIETNAM appears as a code/meaning in the Country/Over Water Name field. Two records contain markers in the Vietnam Wall Row and Panel indicator fields. We believe all of these may be data-entry errors.

5. What happened to the specific casualty codes used in the KCCF records?

The Cause of Casualty field in the "Korean Conflict Casualty File (KCCF)," which was populated only in records of Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps casualties, was replaced by two fields, Casualty Category Name (with 6 possible codes), and Incident Casualty Reason Name (with 4 possible codes) in the "DCAS Korean War Extract Data File, as of April 29, 2008." A large number of records have no values in the Incident Casualty Reason Name field. To view records on the basis of the KCCF Cause of Casualty codes, please return to the AAD Main Page and click on Korean Conflict Casualty File, 1/1/1950 - 2/7/1957, and search on that field.

6. What happened to the field, Air or Non-air Casualty in KCCF?

The field, Air or Non-air Casualty field in the "Korean Conflict Casualty File (KCCF)," which was populated only in records of Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps casualties, was replaced by two fields, Incident Casualty Reason Name (with 4 possible codes) and Region Name (with 2 possible codes). A large number of records have no values in the Incident Casualty Reason Name field. To view records on the basis of the KCCF Air or Non-air Casualty codes, please return to the AAD

Main Page and click on Korean Conflict Casualty File, 1/1/1950 - 2/7/1957, and search on that field.

7. How can I access a copy of the full file(s)?

The raw data file, along with the associated technical documentation, may be downloaded from the National Archives Catalog at: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>. There you can search by the series name, Defense Casualty Analysis System (DCAS) Extract Files, or using the National Archives Identifier 2163536, which is the description identifier for this series description.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link “file unit(s) described in the catalog” next to “Includes:” for a list of the file units within this series. Then select the file unit containing the records of interest to you. The file unit description will include the list of electronic records and documentation files available for viewing and/or downloading.

Additional information about downloading electronic records from the Catalog is available at: <https://www.archives.gov/research/electronic-records/access-in-catalog-faqs>.

Please keep in mind that the data file consists of the raw structured data as loaded into AAD (i.e. the coded values without meanings), but without the AAD software that displays the meanings for coded values and field titles. For more details about using files containing raw structured data, you may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at: <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf>.