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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Record Group 218

Series: Records About Air Sorties Flown in Southeast Asia, 1/1970 - 6/1975

What information is in these records?

This series consists of files with records on air combat missions flown in Southeast Asia by the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, South Vietnam Air Force, Royal Laotian Air Force, South Korean Air Force and Royal Australian Air Force during the Vietnamese Conflict. The records include information about both fixed-wing airplanes and helicopters. The data includes unit designation, mission call sign, aircraft type, model, and series, mission flying time, time on target, ordnance, ordnance expended, and bomb damage assessment.

Why were these records created?

The agency created these files to provide information on combat air missions during the Vietnam Conflict. The agency used these files to create daily, weekly, monthly and as-required reports, including "Summarized Tables of Combat Sorties and Losses in Southeast Asia," "Helicopter Sorties and Losses in South Vietnam," and "U.S. Combat Sorties in North Vietnam and the Gulf of Tonkin."

What does the term "fraggged" mean in these records?

The term "fraggged" refers to "fragmentary orders" or those that were derived from the authority of standing general orders of the U.S. Seventh Air Force. The "fraggged" fields contain the military branch or service, launch base, number and type of military airplanes, function, and type of target of the initial orders.

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