



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Records About the Ground Combat Operations by the Army During the Vietnam War, 5/20/1966 - 3/12/1973 (SITRA) Record Group 218

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1. What information is in these records?

This series contains records of ground combat operations in Southeast Asia during the Vietnamese Conflict conducted by the U. S. Armed Forces, allied armed forces, and enemy forces. This series is not complete. It does not contain records of all combat operations in Southeast Asia during the Vietnamese Conflict.

2. Why were these records created?

The agency created the files to provide information on combat operations in Southeast Asia.

3. What version of these records is available through the Access to Archival Databases (AAD) resource?

The [Translation Version] of these records is currently available through AAD and replaces the de-NIPS'd version, which was previously available in AAD. For more details about the original format of the records and subsequent versions, please review the scanned technical documentation at the file level for these records.

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

The raw data files, 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, Records About the Ground Combat Operations by the Army During the Vietnam War, or using the National Archives Identifier 604416, which is the description identifier for this series.

In the results, select to view the full series description. Click on the link “file(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

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may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at:
<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf>.