



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Cambodian Friendly Units Files, 1/1970 - 3/1977 Record Group 330

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1. What information is in these records?

This series contains data on over 900 military units in the Cambodian Armed Forces (Forces Armées Nationales Khmères) that were friendly to the allied side during the Cambodian War and the Vietnam War. Records may include the unit's identity, size, military branch, authorized and actual strength, status and equipment, types of military missions, name of commanding officers, and the unit's location.

2. Why were these records created?

The agency used the Cambodian Friendly Units Files to facilitate and support analysis of Cambodian armed forces combat performance and to provide a basis for National Security Council policy on Cambodia during the Cambodian War.

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. For more details about the original format of the records, please review the scanned technical documentation at the file level for these records.

4. What is the definition of Khet?

A Khet is a province of Cambodia. The records identify 21 unique provinces.

5. A number of records are not complete and contain null values; why is this?

The file was in a computerized application using the National Military Command System Information Processing System or NIPS, a report generator software product. The NIPS software supported three types of records: Control Set, Fixed Set, and Periodic Set. The Control Set contained the record identification data. The Fixed Set contained constant information about each unit. In the translated version, each record in the file contains all fields from all eighteen periodic sets. The agency did not collect data for every field in every record, so no records are completely populated.

6. How can I access a copy of the full file?

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, Cambodian Friendly Units Files, or using the National Archives Identifier 610063, 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>.