



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Records About Combat Operations by Army Units and Their Use and Loss of Military Supplies During the Vietnam War, 7/1/1967 - 6/30/1970

#### Record Group 330

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#### 1. What information is in these records?

The records contain information about the use and the loss of military supplies, such as ammunition and equipment, by unit and by type of combat activity during the Vietnamese Conflict.

#### 2. Why were these records created?

The agency created these records to generate statistical information about combat material losses by type of unit and type of action for the period 1968- 1970. The statistical data were used to predict potential combat losses and expenditures of equipment and ammunition under various conditions in Vietnam in order to improve supply and resupply efficiency.

#### 3. Why are there four types of records?

The records in the Ammunition Expenditure files potentially identify the unit and its major command, weapon code and density, military mission code and intensity, conditions of the incident (terrain, target fire, weather, daylight), date of the action, and rounds of ammunition the unit expended by type of military weapon. The Item Losses file has records that potentially document the major and minor organization, the military supplies lost, date of loss, the cause of loss, the type of mission and intensity, conditions (terrain, weather, visibility), the Corps Tactical Zone, the age, status and disposition of the item, and numerical totals on casualties (killed in hostile action, wounded in hostile action), and on the number of persons (passengers) involved in the loss. The Item Name file contains the full name of the equipment, model number, and federal stock number of items; this information can facilitate searching for item loss records. The fourth file is the Organization Name File that has the name and code for U.S. Army commands identified in this series.

#### 4. 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, Records About Combat Operations by Army Units and Their Use and Loss of Military Supplies During the Vietnam War, or using the National Archives Identifier 572881, 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 may wish to review our "Introduction to Raw Data" at: <https://www.archives.gov/files/research/electronic-records/raw-data-intro.pdf>.