



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Records of Deceased, Wounded, Ill, or Injured Army Personnel, Including Dependents and Civilian Employees, 1/1/1961 - 12/1981

#### Record Group 407

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

This series contains information about U.S. Army personnel and their dependents who died or were injured worldwide, including missing in action and prisoners of war. Approximately 85 percent of the records relate to the Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975. The file includes records for active duty; enlisted personnel; general officers on active duty, retired, or otherwise separated from the service; some National Guard and Army Reservists; and some civilian employees and dependents if overseas and the casualty required a notification to someone.

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

The agency created these records to manage casualty information about Army personnel and their dependents who died or were injured worldwide during the time-period of 1/1/1961 - 12/1981.

#### 3. Why are there repeating series of A's and 9's in the records?

This series contains 293,858 records, some of which are duplicate records. 223,848 of the records are for nonfatal casualties. Pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(6) Personal Information, NARA staff masked the "Name" field with "AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA" and the "Service or Social Security Number" field with "99999999" in records of nonfatal casualties and in records of dependents. Individual records of Army personnel who were wounded will be provided in full to the named individual upon receipt of a written request and appropriate identification.

#### 4. What are others names for these records?

This series is also known as the [File from the U.S. Army] Casualty Information System, and as TAGCEN (an acronym for The Adjutant General's Center).

#### 5. 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 of Deceased, Wounded, Ill, or Injured Army Personnel, Including Dependents and Civilian Employees, or using the National Archives Identifier 641697, 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>.