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1970 and 1975, and at least one million Cambodians were executed, starved, or worked to death under the Khmer Rouge between 1975 and 1978; the number of Cambodians and Vietnamese killed in Cambodia since 1979 is not known. South Vietnam lost at least 220,000 military dead and at least 300,000 civilian dead during the war, and tens of thousands of Vietnamese refugees died at sea after 1975. It is estimated that at least 50,000 civilians were killed by American bombing in North Vietnam. In 1995 the Vietnamese government stated that 1,100,000 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong soldiers died between 1954 and 1975.

1960	Personnel 900	DEATHS	
1961	3,200		
1962	11,300		
1963	16,300		
1964	23,300	260	
1965	184,000	1300	
1966	385,000	8000	
	485,000	9300	
1967	536,000	14,500	
1968		9,400	
1969	475,000	4,200	
1910	334,000	1,300	
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Skyraider] See A-1.

Shrike] Air-to-ground missile with a 145-pound warhead and a range of 10 miles, designed to home in on enemy radar sites.

T-28] Single piston-engined fighter-bomber. The T-28 had a crew of two, a maximum speed of 346 mph, was armed with two .50 caliber machine guns, and could carry 1,800 pounds of bombs.

TAC] Tactical Air Command.

Thompson submachine gun] American submachine gun used in World War II. It fired a .45 caliber bullet, had a 20-round magazine, an effective range of 100 yards, and weighed 12 pounds.

U.S. ARMY AND MARINE ORGANIZATION

Platoon] Unit of about 40 men at full strength, commanded by a second lieutenant.

Company] Unit made up of three rifle platoons and one weapons platoon, and other troops, usually commanded by a captain. The equivalent unit in the air and armored cavalry is a troop.

Battalion] Unit usually made up of four rifle companies, one support company, and a headquarters company, usually commanded by a lieutenant colonel. The equivalent unit in the cavalry is a squadron.

Regiment] In the marines and the armored cavalry, a formation made up of three battalions or squadrons plus supporting troops, commanded by a colonel. During the Vietnam War army infantry battalions were identified by the names of their historic regimental affiliations, but were operationally organized into brigades.

Brigade] Formation made up of between two and four battalions plus supporting troops, commanded by either a colonel or a brigadier general.

Division] Formation made up of three brigades (in the marines, three regiments) plus supporting troops. American divisions in Vietnam had between 15,000 and 22,000 men and were commanded by a major general. By 1969 the U.S. had seven army and two marine divisions in Vietnam, along with four separate brigades and an armored cavalry regiment.

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