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W. A. Poissant, Chief Actuary, Veterans Administration, submitted this mortality experience of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance as being of interest to Companies writing military business.

**Table 1 — Non-Viet Nam Experience for Calendar Years 1966 and 1967
Combined by Branch of Service and Age^a**

Branch of service	Age, years									
	All ages	17-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	
Deaths, number										
All branches	8,796	750	3,916	1,101	768	889	517	441	414	
Army	3,424	322	1,646	397	199	312	204	166	178	
Navy	2,123	189	983	336	205	177	110	63	60	
Air Force	2,302	86	757	281	301	343	179	193	162	
Marine Corps	831	143	487	67	49	43	19	17	6	
Coast Guard	103	10	43	18	14	10	4	2	2	
Public Health ^b	13	0	0	2	0	4	1	0	6	
Annual death rate per 1,000, total										
All branches	1.51	0.82	1.42	1.45	1.39	1.89	2.48	3.49	8.17	
Army	1.52	1.00	1.44	1.43	1.14	1.79	2.69	3.32	6.08	
Navy	1.51	0.75	1.44	1.74	1.97	1.62	2.58	3.41	7.42	
Air Force	1.38	0.43	1.11	1.15	1.26	2.15	2.24	3.66	13.66	
Marine Corps	1.91	1.08	2.31	1.94	2.03	2.04	2.49	4.65	7.72	
Coast Guard	1.44	0.91	1.42	1.59	1.70	1.60	1.74	1.52	3.64	
Public Health ^b	1.09	0	0	1.05	0	3.82	2.61	0	65.22	
Annual death rate per 1,000, accidental ^c										
All branches	1.09	0.70	1.23	1.22	0.99	0.95	0.97	0.79	2.19	
Army	1.05	0.87	1.19	1.14	0.76	0.81	0.87	0.52	1.44	
Navy	1.17	0.66	1.27	1.54	1.47	0.87	1.08	0.76	1.11	
Air Force	0.95	0.38	1.00	0.96	0.89	1.17	0.99	1.00	4.89	
Marine Corps	1.59	0.87	2.11	1.65	1.57	1.00	1.18	1.64	1.29	
Coast Guard	1.19	0.82	1.42	1.41	1.33	0.48	0.87	0.76	0	
Public Health ^b	0.42	0	0	1.05	0	1.91	0	0	10.87	

^a Excludes all Viet Nam and 4 months post-separation exposure and deaths. The two years were combined because there was no significant variation between them.

^b Includes Environmental Science.

^c Includes all accidents, whether on or off duty.

Table 2 — Viet Nam Experience for Calendar Years 1966 and 1967 Separately, All Ages Combined^a

Branch of service	Number of deaths				Annual rate per 1,000			
	Total		Hostile		Total		Hostile	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
All branches	5,989	10,972	4,930	9,305	20.2	24.0	16.6	20.3
Army	3,635	6,265	2,988	5,403	20.9	22.1	17.2	19.1
Navy ^b	299	572	147	310	9.3	13.1	4.6	7.1
Air Force	235	318	147	171	6.2	4.4	3.9	2.4
Marine Corps	1,820	3,817	1,648	3,421	34.1	64.5	30.9	57.8

^a Death claims in this experience are based on actual claims received by the SGLI primary insurer. Previously published figures for calendar year 1966 were based on claims as reported by the Department of Defense.

^b Includes Coast Guard. The exposure for the Navy has been adjusted to make it correspond as closely as possible with the allocation of deaths to the Viet Nam area.

Table 3 — Four Months Post-Separation Experience for Calendar Years 1966 and 1967, All Ages Combined^a

Branch of service	Number of deaths			Annual rate per 1,000 ^b		
	Both years	1966		Both years	1967	
		1966	1967		1966	1967
All branches	1,247	571	676	3.29	3.39	3.21

^a The SGLI policy provides for a continuation of the active duty coverage for 120 days after separation from service without premium payment.

^b The 4 month post-separation experienced for all ages combined is a little over double that of non-combat active duty because of the inclusion of many physically impaired lives, mostly service-disabled lives.