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**Table 1 — Non-Viet Nam Experience for Calendar Years 1969 to 1971
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	13,080	1,682	6,054	1,493	1,031	1,206	781	458	375
Army	5,820	867	2,964	570	321	401	321	176	200
Navy	2,804	302	1,295	433	276	224	147	74	53
Air Force	3,055	173	1,070	373	359	522	271	181	106
Marine Corps	1,245	325	653	98	59	54	34	17	5
Coast Guard	131	15	71	12	14	5	4	7	3
Public Health ^b	25	0	1	7	2	0	4	3	8
Annual death rate per 1,000 total									
All branches	1.59	1.60	1.49	1.38	1.43	1.72	2.28	3.11	4.50
Army	1.87	1.72	1.75	1.55	1.89	2.38	2.42	3.42	5.51
Navy	1.40	1.63	1.23	1.44	1.32	1.53	2.23	2.23	4.07
Air Force	1.33	1.00	1.14	1.08	1.24	1.53	2.17	3.31	3.58
Marine Corps	1.91	1.83	1.96	1.89	1.64	1.70	2.53	3.14	2.47
Coast Guard	1.16	1.16	1.30	.86	1.20	.50	.89	4.11	2.24
Public Health ^b	1.38	.00	.30	1.19	.64	.00	2.76	2.85	7.73
Annual death rate per 1,000, accidental^c									
All branches	1.18	1.30	1.30	1.19	1.05	.88	.75	.67	.61
Army	1.36	1.38	1.49	1.24	1.32	1.06	.78	.66	.77
Navy	1.12	1.35	1.12	1.32	1.07	.89	.76	.51	.51
Air Force .....	.93	.89	1.03	.97	.88	.80	.78	.82	.47
Marine Corps	1.52	1.40	1.72	1.72	1.25	1.01	.45	.00	.49
Coast Guard .....	.91	1.08	1.23	.64	.71	.20	.00	.00	.75
Public Health ^b .....	.72	.00	.30	1.02	.32	.00	1.38	1.90	.97

^a Excludes all Viet Nam and 4 months post-separation exposure and deaths.

^b Includes National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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

Table 2 — Viet Nam Experience for Calendar Years 1969 to 1971 Separately, All Ages^a

Branch of service	Number of Deaths				Annual rate, per 1,000			
	Three Years	1969	1970	1971	Three Years	1969	1970	1971
All branches.....	20,029	11,653	5,999	2,377	16.6	21.9	14.3	9.3
Army	15,255	8,207	4,913	2,135	18.0	23.2	16.3	11.1
Navy ^b	725	450	209	66	7.7	10.0	6.9	3.7
Air Force	582	292	192	98	4.0	4.9	3.8	2.7
Marine Corps	3,467	2,704	685	78	28.4	36.1	17.7	9.4

^a Death claims in this experience are based on actual claims received by the SGLI primary insurer.

^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 1969 to 1971, All Ages Combined^a

Branch of Service	Number of Deaths				Annual rate, per 1,000			
	Three Years	1969	1970	1971	Three Years	1969	1970	1971
All branches	2,778	908	986	884	2.84	2.92	2.93	2.68

^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 almost double that of non-combat active duty because of the inclusion of many physically impaired lives, mostly service-disabled lives.