



RF-4C Loss Chronology

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Listed here are the known RF-4C losses in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict. There are a few places where names and other data are missing or are incomplete. Anyone who can help out on this project is invited to contact Robey at yebon@attbi.com or by snail mail at 5754 Heather Ridge Dr., St. Paul, MN 55126.

25/26 Apr 66 16 TRS RF-4C – 641045 Combat: FTR Night RP 1
Tan Son Nhut Capt Warren L Anderson KIA (XX)
1Lt James H Tucker KIA (XX)

26 Jul 66 16 TRS RF-4C – 641040 Combat: AAA Day RP 1
Tan Son Nhut Capt Marvin Mayfield Rescued by USN helo
1Lt Robert Clark Rescued by USMC helo

19/20 Aug 66 16 TRS RF-4C – 641054 Combat: AAA Night RP 1
Tan Son Nhut Capt Edwin T Hawks Rescued by USN Helo
1Lt Richard M Milikin III KIA (XX)

26/27 Sep 66 16 TRS RF-4C – 650862 Combat: FTR Night RP 1
Tan Son Nhut Maj Joseph M Stine KIA (XX)
1Lt Dyke A Spilman KIA (XX)

7 Oct 66 12TRs RF-4C – 650885 Combat: FTR Night I Corps
Tan Son Nhut Capt James A Treece KIA (XX)
Capt Larry D Knight KIA (XX)

2 Dec 66 11 TRS RF-4C – 650829 Combat: AAA Day RP 6A
Udorn Capt Robert R Gregory POW (KR) Murdered
1Lt Leroy W Stutz POW

6 Dec 66 11 TRS RF-4C – 650819 Combat : AAA Day RP 5
Udorn Lt Col Ted W Dyke Rescued AF Helo
1Lt William R Fannemel Rescued AF Helo

6 Jan 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 641078 Combat: AAA Day RP 5
Udorn Capt William Groves Rescued AF Helo in Thailand
1Lt Larry Martin Rescued AF Helo in Thailand

16 Jan 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650818 Combat: AAA Day RP 6A
Udorn Capt Thomas G Storey POW
1Lt Ronald L Mastin POW

16 Jan 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650883 Combat: FTR Day RP 6A
Udorn Capt Robert J Welch KIA (XX)
1Lt Michael S Kerr POW

17 Jan 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650888 Combat: FTR Day RP 6A
Udorn Maj Gary G Wright KIA (XX)
1Lt Frederick J Wozniak KIA (XX)

12 Mar 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650877 Combat AAA Day RP 5
Udorn Capt Edwin R Goodrich Jr KIA (NR) in crash
Capt John W Clark POW

29 Apr 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650872 Combat: SAM evasion
Udorn Maj Mark L. Stephensen KIA (NR) Night RP 6A
1Lt Gary R Sigler POW

6 Jun 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650834 Combat: FTR Night Laos (PDJ)
Udorn Maj Joy L. Owens KIA (XX)
1Lt Harold R. Sale Jr KIA (XX)

22 Jun 67 12 TRS RF-4C – 650861 Non-combat: Mid-air with civilian
Tan Son Nhut Capt A T Dardeau Rescued Super Constellation
1Lt A J Lundell Rescued

26 Jul 67 16 TRS RF-4C – 641042 Combat: FTR Night RP 1
Tan Son Nhut Maj Gilliland W. Corbitt KIA (XX)
1Lt William O. Bare KIA (XX)

2 Aug 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650848 Combat: possible AAA Day RP 2
Udorn Col Wallace G Hynds Jr KIA (BB)
Capt Carey A Cunningham KIA (NR)

7 Aug 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650839 Combat: Poss SAM Day Laos
Udorn Capt Joseph Otto IV Rescued AF Helo
2Lt Loy E Meeks II Rescued AF Helo

9 Aug 67 16 TRS RF-4C – 641059 Combat: AAA Day RP 1
Tan Son Nhut Capt Lauren R Lengyel POW
1Lt Glenn L Myers POW

12 Aug 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650882 Combat: SAM Day RP 6A
Udorn Capt Edwin L Atterberry POW (KR) Murdered
Capt Thomas V Parrott POW

5 Sep 67 16 TRS RF-4C – 660387 Non-combat: High speed abort,
Tan Son Nhut departed the runway caught fire. Both safe

12 Sep 67 12 TRS RF-4C – 650857 Combat: AAA Day RP 1
Tan Son Nhut Capt James Birmingham Rescued AF Helo
1Lt Robert A Kopp Rescued AF Helo

16 Sep 67 16 TRS RF-4C – 641037 Combat: FTR RP 1
Tan Son Nhut Capt William L Nellans KIA (XX)
1Lt Peter A Grubb KIA (XX)

17 Sep 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650894 Combat: SAM Day RP 6A
Udorn Maj John E Stavast POW
1Lt Gerald S Venanzi POW

2 Oct 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 660403 Non-combat: Fuel/Eng Failure on
Udorn Maj Douglas M Miller Rescued AF Helo Blue Tree sortie
Maj Leslie F Brown Rescued AF Helo

15 Oct 67 12 TRS RF-4C – 65-0855 Combat: FTR Night Laos
Tan Son Nhut Capt Richard D Appelhans KIA (XX)
Capt George W Clarke Jr KIA (XX)

17 Nov 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650899 Combat: SAM Day RP 6A
Udorn Maj Raymond F Ross Rescued USN
Capt Fleming L Hobbs Jr Rescued USN

19 Nov 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650880 Combat: SAM Day RP 6A
Udorn Lt Col Vernon P Ligon Jr POW
Capt David E Ford POW

20 Nov 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 650394 Combat: SAM Day RP 6A
Udorn Lt Col John C Scholtz Jr Rescued AF Helo
Capt John Ciminero Rescued AF Helo

23/24 Nov 67 11 TRS RF-4C – 6508444 Combat: FTR Night RP 6A
Udorn Maj Brendan P Foley KIA (XX)
1Lt Ronald M Mayercik KIA (XX)

5 Jan 68 11 TRS RF-4C – 65-0865 Combat : AAA Day RP 6A
Udorn Lt Col William T Rodenbach Rescued AF Helo in Thailand
1Lt Eugene T Pizzo Jr Rescued AF Helo in Thailand

7 Jan 68 16 TRS RF-4C – 65-0913 Combat: AAA Day II Corps
Tan Son Nhut Capt Hallie W Smith KIA (XX)
1Lt Charles L Bifulchi KIA (XX)

4 Feb 68 14 TRS RF-4C – 66-0443 Combat: FTR Dawn Laos
Udorn 1Lt William T Potter KIA (XX)
1Lt Robert J Edgar KIA (XX)

17 Feb 68 460 TRW RF-4C – 63-7749 Ground Loss: VC rocket attack
Tan Son Nhut

18 Feb 68 460 TRW RF-4C – 66-0391 Ground Loss: VC rocket attack
Tan Son Nhut

18 Feb 68 460 TRW RF-4C – 64-1043 Ground Loss: VC rocket attack
Tan Son Nhut

19 Feb 68 460 TRW RF-4C – 65-0842 Ground Loss: VC rocket attack
Tan Son Nhut

27 Feb 68 14 TRS RF-4C – 660431 Combat: FTR Day RP 1
Udorn Maj Gilbert S Palmer Jr KIA (XX)
Capt Thomas T Wright KIA (XX)

3 Apr 68 11 TRS RF-4C – 650909 Combat: FTR Day RP 1
Udorn Capt Ronald R Rexroad KIA (XX)
Capt John C Hardy KIA (NR)

13 Apr 68 12 TRS RF-4C – 660383 Combat: AAA Day Laos
Tan Son Nhut Maj Walter M Stischer POW
Capt Donald L Verhees Rescued AF Helo

28 Apr 68 16 TRS RF-4C – 660398 Combat: FTR Day I Corps
Tan Son Nhut Lt Col William R Cook KIA (XX)
Maj Joseph C Bors KIA (XX)

18 May 68 14 TRS RF-4C – 66-0442 Combat: FTR Day RP 1
Udorn Capt Terry J Uyeyama POW
Capt Tommy E Gist KIA (XX)

25 Jun 68 Udorn	11 TRS RF-4C – 637755 Capt Michael S Jones Maj Francis J McKenna	Combat: AAA Night Laos Rescued AF Helo Rescued AF Helo
23 Jul 68 Tan Son Nhut	12 TRS RF-4C – 650895 MGen Robert F Worley Maj Robert F Brodman	Combat: AAA Day I Corps KIA Rescued AF Helo
15 Aug 68 Udorn	14 TRS RF-4C – 660447 Capt Terrin D Hicks Capt Joseph F Shanahan	Combat: AAA Day RP 1 KIA (XX) POW
23 Aug 68 Udorn	14 TRS RF-4C – 660466 1Lt Francis L Setterquist 1Lt Charles L Bergevin	Combat: FTR Night RP 1 KIA (XX) KIA (XX)
31 Aug 68 Tan Son Nhut	12 TRS RF-4C – 650858 Capt Thomas G Dorsett Capt Dennis G Kenny	Combat: AAA Day I Corps Rescued Army Helo Rescued Army Helo
17 Sep 68 Udorn	11 TRS RF-4C – 650915 Capt Leighton L Paul Capt Edgar F Davis	Combat: AAA Day Laos Rescued AF Helo KIA (XX)
27 Oct 68 Udorn	11 TRS RF-4C – 650846 Capt William H Stroven Capt Kenneth A Stonebraker	Combat: FTR Dawn RP 1 KIA (XX) KIA (XX)
30 Oct 68 Udorn	14 TRS RF-4C – 660457 Maj R E Boucher Capt R D Smith	Non-combat Loss at Udorn Safe Safe
21 Nov 68 Udorn	14 TRS RF-4C – 660432 Capt P N Shiraiishi Capt E U Larue	Non-combat Loss at Udorn Safe Safe
23 Nov 68 Udorn	14 TRS RF-4C – 660445 Capt Bradley B Cuthbert Capt Mark J Ruhling	Combat: AAA Day RP1 KIA POW
9 Dec 68 Udorn	11 TRS RF-4C – 641048 Maj R I McCann Capt J B Koebberling	Combat: AAA Day RP 1 Rescued AF Helo Rescued AF Helo

11 Dec 68 Udorn	11 TRS RF-4C – 650820 Capt Harlan J Drewry Capt Russell D Galbraith	Combat: AAA Night Laos Rescued AF Helo KIA (XX)
22 Dec 68 Udorn	11 TRS RF-4C – 650906 Capt Terry L Greenhalgh 1Lt Robert E Hoffman	Combat: possible AAA Day Laos KIA Rescued AF Helo
29 Jan 69 Tan Son Nhut	16 TRS RF-4C – 670447 Maj Harper B Keeler Maj Ludwig C Baumann	Combat: FTR Night II Corps KIA KIA
12 Apr 69 Tan Son Nhut	16 TRS RF-4C – 670446 Maj Arnold W Lamp Capt C E Mattern	Non-combat Loss: Spatial Fatal Disorientation Rescued
17 Apr 69 Udorn	14 TRS RF-4C – 660405 Capt R Bartholomew Capt B F Doyle Jr	Combat: AAA Dawn Laos Rescued AF Helo in Thailand Rescued AF Helo in Thailand
30 Apr 69 Tan Son Nhut	16 TRS RF-4C – 660390 Maj Glenn A Gordon Maj Francis E Stewart	Combat: AAA Day Laos KIA in crash at Da Nang with major battle damage KIA in crash at Da Nang with major battle damage
5 Jun 69 Udorn	11 TRS RF-4C – 660388 Col Ralph F Findlay Capt D M Moy	Combat: AAA Day RP 1 Rescued AF Helo Rescued AF Helo
18 Aug 69 Tan Son Nhut	16 TRS RF-4C – 650921 Crew safe	Non-combat loss crash on takeoff
16 Nov 69 Udorn	14 TRS RF-4C – 660468 Capt Charles P Sloan Jr 1Lt Al L Guise	Combat: AAA Day Laos Rescued Helo near Udorn Rescued Helo near Udorn
16 Nov 69 Tan Son Nhut	16 TRS RF-4C – 650916 Maj E P Mophew Capt R C Cotton	Combat: AAA Day Laos Rescued AF Helo Rescued AF Helo
22 Nov 69 Udorn	14 TRS RF-4C – 660441 Capt L P Wright 1Lt F O Paige	Combat: AAA Day Laos Rescued AF Helo in Thailand Rescued AF Helo in Thailand

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21 Dec 69 Udorn	14 TRS Capt Charles P Sloan Jr 1Lt Al L Guise	RF-4C – 660396	Combat: AAA Day Laos Rescued Air America Helo Rescued Air America Helo	22 Jul 71 Tan Son Nhut	12 TRS Lt Col Wayne Musgrove 2Lt Jeff F Stuermer	RF-4C – 650847	Combat: possible AAA Day Cambodia Rescued Army Helo Rescued Army Helo
10 Apr 70 Udorn	11 TRS Maj John L Leaphart Capt Joseph C Bernholtz	RF-4C – 650863	Combat: AAA Day Laos Eject at Udorn; major battle damage Eject at Udorn; major battle damage	1 Oct 71 Udorn	14 TRS Capt James V Newendorp Capt JJ Sigler	RF-4C – 660439	Combat: possible AAA Day III Corps KIA in crash Rescued by VNAF helo
16 Apr 70 Tan Son Nhut	12 TRS Maj Richard L Ayers Capt Robert E Rausch	RF-4C – 660409	Combat: FTR Day Laos KIA (XX) KIA (XX)	20 Jan 72 Udorn	14 TRS Maj Robert Moch 1Lt John L Stiles	RF-4C – 680573	Combat: AAA Day Laos Rescued Air America Helo Rescued Air America Helo
5 May 70 Tan Son Nhut	12 TRS Maj Robert E Moffitt Lt Col David A Kellum	RF-4C – 650914	Combat: AAA Day I Corps Rescued AF Helo Rescued AF Helo	20 Apr 72 Udorn	14 TRS Maj Edwin K Elias 1Lt Ernest S Clark	RF-4C – 680598	Combat: SAM Day RP 1 POW Rescued AF Helo
19 May 70 Udorn	RF-4C – 650827 Maj C A Crawford Capt F P Norton		Combat: AAA Day Laos Rescued Air America Helo Rescued Air America Helo	13 Aug 72 Udorn	14 TRS Capt William A Gauntt 1Lt Francis W Townsend	RF-4C – 680604	Combat: AAA Day RP 1 POW KIA (XX)
4 Jun 70 Tan Son Nhut	12 TRS Maj Bobby G Huggins Maj Alvin E Mather	RF-4C – 660385	Combat: FTR Night III Corps KIA KIA	19 Aug 72 Udorn	14 TRS Capt Roger E Behnfeltd Maj Tomatsu Shingaki	RF-4C – 690355	Combat: SAM Day RP 6A KIA (NR) POW
29 Jul 70 Udorn	14 TRS Capt Gary A Chavez Capt Donald A Brown	RF-4C – 660436	Combat: FTR Laos KIA (XX) KIA (XX)	22 Sep 72 Udorn	14 TRS Capt Jimmy G Watts 1Lt John H Pomeroy	RF-4C – 690351	Combat: AAA Day RP 1 Rescued AF Helo Rescued AF Helo
8 Oct 70 Udorn	14 TRS Capt William A Ott Capt Donald E Shay Jr	RF-4C – 680610	Combat: FTR Dusk Laos KIA (XX) KIA (XX)	9 Dec 72 Udorn	14 TRS Maj Billie Joe Williams 1Lt Hector M Acosta	RF-4C – 680597	Combat: SAM Day RP 3 KIA (NR) POW
13 Nov 70 Udorn	14 TRS Maj David I Wright 1Lt William W Bancroft Jr	RF-4C – 660420	Combat: AAA Day RP 1 KIA (BB) KIA (BB)				
21 Dec 70 Udorn	14 TRS 1Lt Marcus M Mullis Maj Alan F Rush	RF-4C – 680601	Combat: AAA Day Laos Rescued AF Helo Rescued AF Helo				
10 Jul 71 Tan Son Nhut	12 TRS Capt Richard C Wheeler 2Lt Jeff F Stuermer	RF-4C – 660392	Combat: AAA Day Cambodia Eject at TSN; major battle damage Eject at TSN; major battle damage				

Entries that show KIA (XX) were all flyers that were carried as MIA with the DPMO issuing a presumptive finding of death. KIA (NR) were MIA guys ID'd by forensic evidence, with the singular exception on my list of a WSO that washed up near Da Nang a week after his loss. POW means he returned, POW (KR) means those DRCPBs murdered our guys.