

Last Week's Battle Toll At 7-Month High for U.S.

SAIGON, South Vietnam, May 11 (UPI)—The United States command said that 19 Americans were killed in action in Indochina last week, 17 more than the week before and the highest United States death toll in seven months. Spokesmen said most of the casualties were suffered in air action.

In addition, 28 Americans were wounded, four more than the previous week but well below the average since the enemy offensive began on March 30. Five were reported missing in action, compared with 27 the previous week.

The South Vietnamese command reported a sharp decline in its casualties for the week ended last Saturday, despite the fact that the period covered the loss by Government forces of Quang-tri. The command said that 603 Government soldiers were killed, down from 769, and 2,028 wounded, down from 2,794. It listed 737 men missing in action, up from 319.

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