

9th Year Begins For Some POWs

The first American servicemen taken prisoner in Indochina are beginning their ninth year in captivity this week, a spokesman for the Army said here yesterday.

Richard C. Ham, Northern California civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, said there are currently 1618 servicemen and some 50 American civilians missing in action or being held by North Vietnam and its allies.

Ham issued the figures in conjunction with President Nixon's proclamation declaring March 26 to April 1 as a National Week of Concern for American Prisoners of War or Missing in Action.

In the proclamation, the President reiterated his criticism of North Vietnam's failure to abide by the Geneva Convention with regard to identification and treatment of all prisoners.

Ham issued these figures as of March 11:

By country:

	Missing	Cap-tured	Total
North Vietnam	411	388	799
South Vietnam	456	96	552
Laos	262	5	267
Total:	1129	489	1618

By service:

	Missing	Cap-tured	Total
Army	353	75	428
Navy	109	145	254
Marine Corps	99	25	115
Air Force	1129	489	1618

By year:

	Missing	Cap-tured	Total
1964	4	3	7
1965	54	74	128
1966	204	97	301
1967	226	179	405
1968	294	95	389
1969	176	13	189
1970	85	12	97
1971	79	11	90
1972	7	5	12
Total:	1129	489	1618