Wife of a P.O.W. Held Since '64 Seeks Divorce

OAKLAND, Calif. Oct. 10 (AP)—The wife of the first American pilot shot down in Vietnam and captured by the North Vietnamese is seeking a divorce, the family attorneys confirmed today.

Lieut. Everett Alvarez, of the Navy was married only two months before being sent to Vietnam. The officer was shot down over the Gulf of Tomkin Aug. 15, 1964. Mrs. Tangee Alvarez has not seen her 34-year old husband for more than eight years. years.

She originally filed for dissolution of marriage in Alameda Superior Court in July, 1970, court records showed. However, Lieut Alvarez's sister, Delia, of Santa Clara, Calif., said the matter was not made public and the divorce has not yet been completed.

"We wanted to get the word to my brother in a letter, before he heard about it from the press or someone else," Delia Alvarez said. She said her brother was notified by letter and it took about six months to acknowledge it by return mail.

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