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Final VC List of POWs Given U.S.

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WASHINGTON — A Navy pilot who was the last American captured before the Vietnam cease-fire went into effect Jan. 27 was on the final Viet Cong list of 32 prisoners of war turned over to U.S. authorities in Saigon yesterday.

On the list were 27 U.S. military prisoners and five civilians who were captured by the Viet Cong during the 1968 Tet offensive.

The North Vietnamese had yet to furnish a list of the last group of 107 Americans to be released.

On Jan. 27

The last American captured in the war, Lt. Cmdr. Phillip A. Kientzler, 32, Wyckoff, N.J., was shot down over South Vietnam's Quang Tri province on Jan. 27, a few hours before the cease-fire went into effect.

Kientzler had not been identified as a POW on the original list of 99 acknowledged Viet Cong prisoners which was released the day of the cease-fire, presumably because the list was prepared before he was captured.

Downed with Kientzler was Cmdr. Harley H. Hall. The Pentagon has said it has independent information that Hall also was taken captive. But the Viet Cong have said nothing about his status.

Complete List

Also on yesterday's list was Army Spec. 4 Issako Faatoese Malo, 22, the only American Samoan taken prisoner in the war. His official hometown was listed as San Francisco, but his parents live in Samoa.

The list also included Sgt.

Jon R. Cavaiani, 29, of Merced, son of Ugo Cavaiani, head of the California Cling Peach Growers Association, in Merced.