

POW List Released by Pathet Lao

Washington

The Pentagon yesterday released the names of seven POWs as disclosed by the Communist Pathet Lao in Laos.

They include six Air Force officers and one Navy officer.

They are Captain Jack M. Butcher, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Major Norbert A. Gotner, of Kansas City, Kan.; Major Edward W. Leonard Jr., of Winlock, Wash.; Captain Stephen G. Long, of Hastings, Neb.; Captain Charles F. Riess, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Lieutenant Colonel Walter M. Stischer, of San Antonio, Texas.

The Navy man is Lieutenant Henry J. Bedinger, of Hatboro, Pa.

The State Department also released the names of two American civilians as disclosed by the Pathet Lao. They are Ernest C. Brace, 41, Detroit, a pilot with Bird & Sons, shot down May 21, 1965; and Samuel Mattix, 21, Centralia, Wash., a missionary captured Oct. 28, 1972. The name of a Canadian POW was also listed. He is Lloyd D. Oppel, 21, Courtenay, B.C., also a missionary captured with Mattix.

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