

How We Lost a Platoon

Fifty-five Marines and one Sailor assigned to a Marine command, enough to make-up a platoon, were killed in wrecks from Oct. 1, 1999, to July 15, 2000. During this period last year, 38 had died.

[As of Sep. 13, 2000, seven more have died.—Ed.]

Vehicle—Forty-five were riding in cars or trucks; one-third of the deaths were passengers. Seven were riding motorcycles.

Darkness—Thirty-seven (71 percent) died at night.

Alcohol—Eighteen drivers had been drinking. A passenger died in three of those cases.

Fatigue—Ten drivers fell asleep at the wheel. A passenger died in five of those cases.

Seatbelt—Seventeen did not wear seatbelts.

Helmet—Three did not wear helmets.

Ejected—Twelve were ejected. Ten did not wear seatbelts. The seatbelts of two Marines failed.

State—Twelve died in California, and seventeen died in North Carolina.

Pedestrian—Three were killed crossing roads. Two had been drinking.

Rank	Age	Day	Hour	Vehicle	Seatbelt/ Helmet
Pvt.	19	Su	0500	4-wheel	
PFC	21	We	1400	4-wheel	
SSgt.	28	We	1400	4-wheel	
GySgt.	40	Su	1100	4-wheel	No
Sgt.	24	Mo	1600	MC	
MSgt.	39	Tu	2400	4-wheel	
Pvt.	20	Su	2000	4-wheel	No
Cpl.	22	Su	2200	MC	No
PFC	19	Sa	0400	4-wheel	
Cpl.	22	Su	0500	4-wheel	No
Sgt.	28	Su	0800	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	21	We	2400	4-wheel	
PFC	19	Th	0400	4-wheel	
Cpl.	21	Th	1500	4-wheel	
Cpl.	25	Su	0300	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	28	Fr	2200	4-wheel	No
Cpl.	27	Su	1400	4-wheel	
GySgt.	36	Fr	2400	4-wheel	No
Cpl.	24	Th	0200	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	20	Su	0800	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	21	Fr	0700	4-wheel	
PFC	18	Mo	2300	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	20	Mo	2000	4-wheel	
LCpl.	21	Tu	1900	MC	
PFC	23	Sa	0700	4-wheel	Unknown
LCpl.	20	Tu	0600	4-wheel	
LCpl.	19	Sa	0600	4-wheel	
LCpl.	24	Su	0300	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	19	Th	2200	4-wheel	No
Sgt. Maj.	45	Sa	1900	MC	No
LCpl.	20	Su	0600	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	21	Mo	1500	4-wheel	
LCpl.	27	Tu	2400	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	20	Tu	0600	4-wheel	
LCpl.	24	Tu	0600	4-wheel	
LCpl.	26	Th	2300	MC	
LCpl.	22	Su	2000	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	21	Mo	0500	4-wheel	
PFC	21	Tu	0400	4-wheel	
LCpl.	22	Su	0200	4-wheel	
DT3	21	Tu	0600	4-wheel	
LCpl.	22	Sa	0100	MC	
PFC	19	Sa	0400	4-wheel	
Sgt.	28	Fr	1700	4-wheel	
Cpl.	20	Sa	0700	4-wheel	
LCpl.	22	Sa	2400	Ped	
SSgt.	27	We	1500	4-wheel	No
LCpl.	20	Fr	2300	MC	No
Sgt.	23	Su	0300	Ped	
PFC	21	Sa	0300	4-wheel	
PFC	21	Sa	0300	4-wheel	
Cpl.	19	Mo	2100	Ped	
Sgt.	25	Fr	2300	4-wheel	
LCpl.	19	Sa	0100	4-wheel	
Cpl.	21	Sa	2400	4-wheel	No

*Not reported

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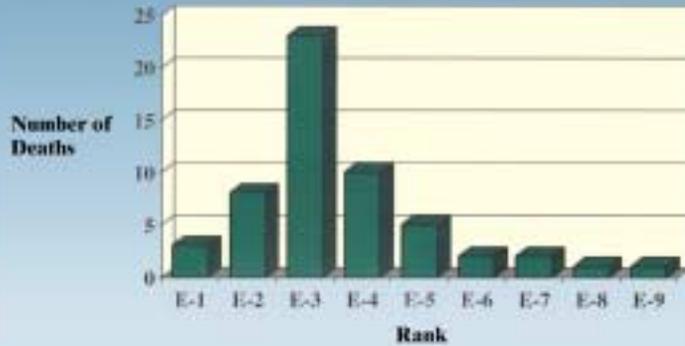
Alcohol State Sex Fatigue Speed

Alcohol	State	Sex	Fatigue	Speed
Yes	CA	M		
	NC	F		
	NC	M		
	SC	M		
	CA	M		
Yes	GA	M		
	FL	M		
	HI	M		
Yes	NC	M		
Yes	NY	M		
	AZ	M	Yes	Yes
	TN	M		
	FL	M	Yes	
	NY	M		
Yes	NC	M		
	NC	M		Yes
	CA	M		Yes
Yes	NC	M	Yes	
Yes	MI	M		Yes
	NC	M	Yes	Yes
	VA	M	Yes	
Yes	FL	M	Yes	
	NC	F		
	CA	M		
Drugs	CA	M	Yes	
	NC	M		
Yes	CA	M		
	WS	M		
	NC	M		
Yes	SC	M		
Yes	CA	M	Yes	
Unknown	SC	M		
	NC	M		Yes
	NC	M		
	NC	M		
	CA	M		
Yes	NC	M		
Yes	GA	M		
	AL	M	Yes	
Yes	CA	M		Yes
	CA	M		
Yes	HI	M		
	PA	M	Yes	
	PA	M		
	WV	M		
Yes	NC	M		
	FL	M		
Yes	LA	M		
Yes	NC	M		
	MS	M		
	MS	M		
*	CA	F		
Yes	TX	M		
Yes	NC	M		
*	CA	M		

Age of Victims



Rank of Victims



Day of Death

