

BATTLE DEATHS IN UNITED STATES WARS6-2-66

Revolutionary War	4,435
War of 1812	2,260
Mexican War	1,733
Civil War - Union Forces	140,414
- Confederate Forces	74,524
Spanish-American War	385
World War I	53,513
World War II	292,131
Korean War	33,629
Vietnam War (to May 21, 1966)	<u>3,466</u>
Totals	606,490

Auto Safety Legislation

These figures were obtained from: ^{Statistical}~~Statistical~~ Abstract of the U. S., 1965;
World Almanac, 1966.

The two sources have a slight disagreement for each World War. I used the larger figure in each case.

The figure for the Vietnam War was obtained from the Office of the Department of Defense.

These figures include all the wars fought by the United States since the Declaration of Independence, except some so-called wars with the Indians, and such adventures as Pershing's expedition into Mexico and other similar occurrences. There were some deaths in these affairs, notably in "Custer's Last Stand," in which two or three hundred were killed. But I can not get any totals. They would not affect the final total materially.

Therefore, in 191 years of American history, from 1775 to 1966, there were 606,490 Battle Deaths, while in 54 years and 3 months of motor vehicle history, from January 1, 1913 to March 31, 1966, there were 1,555,088 motor vehicle casualties. The ratio is 2.5 motor vehicle casualties for each battle death.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS

6-1-66

	Jan., Feb., Marhh)	
1966	(For March, April, May)	10,710
1965		49,000
1964		47,700
1963		43,564
1962		40,804
1961		38,091
1960		38,137
1959		37,910
1958		36,981
1957		38,702
1956		39,628
1955		38,426
1954		35,586
1953		37,955
1952		37,794
1951		36,996
1950		34,763
1949		31,701
1948		32,259
1947		32,697
1946		33,441
1945		28,076
1944		24,282
1943		23,823
1942		23,309
1941		39,969
1940		34,501
1939		32,386
1938		32,582
1937		39,643
1936		38,089
1935		36,369
1934		36,101
1933		31,363
1928 - 1932		155,250 (Average annual of 31,050)
1923 - 1927		109,000 (Average annual of 21,800)
1918 - 1922		63,500 (Average annual of 12,700)
1913 - 1917		34,000 (Average annual of 6,800)
Totals		<u>1,555,088</u>

These figures are taken from published reports of the National Safety Council, Chicago. No figures beyond ~~March~~, 1966, are available.