1. The number of Cuban casualties in Angola since late 1975 is estimated to be between 4,300 and 6,000, of which one-fourth to one-third are fatalities.

2. In Angola, there were about 1,300 to 1,500 battle fatalities and 500 deaths from miscellaneous causes, such as accident and disease. Very little information however many of their troops are killed or wounded abroad. Reportedly, some of the Cuban troops who were killed in Luanda are buried in a cemetery there, but those dying "in the field" are generally buried where they fall. Families of the war dead are eventually notified by the government, but the relatives are usually first informed by letter from a friend serving in Africa.

4. Cubans with minor wounds are treated in the field and returned to duty. The more seriously wounded are sent to Luanda or to East European countries and generally are not returned to Cuba until they have recovered. Those requiring prosthesis are fitted and rehabilitated in Eastern Europe. Reportedly, very few, if any, wounded veterans have been seen in Cuba.

This lack of exposure to a facet of war may explain, among other reasons, why the Cuban people have not opposed Havana's international military involvement.