Annex C

GLOSSARY

AB-143................................. Designation for MACV Combined Campaign Plan, 1968

AC....................................... Aircraft commander. Aviator in charge of piloting the helicopter.

ADC................................. Assistant Division Commander.

Aero-Scouts..................... See aircraft names.


AG........................................ Adjutant General. The adjutant of a unit authorized a General Staff. See Staff.

Aircraft Names

Aero-Scouts................. Helicopters from Co B, 123 Avn Bn.

"Bubble"......................... Nickname for OH-6, OH-13, or OH-23 helicopter.

"Dolphins"....................... Liftship, 174th Assault Helicopter Company

"Firebirds"....................... Gunship, 71st Avn Co.

"Gunship"......................... UH-1 helicopter armed with miniguns, rockets, 40 millimeter grenade launchers, or any combination thereof.
"Helix".................FAC, light fixed wing aircraft

"Hook"....................CH-47 helicopter. Used for heavy cargo and troop transport.

"Huey"....................UH-1 helicopter.

"Liftship"..............Helicopter used to transport troops during a combat assault.

LOH......................Light observation helicopter.

"Minute men"............Lift ships for 176th Assault Helicopter Company.

"Medevac"..............Medical evacuation helicopter.

"Muskets"................Gunships for 176th Assault Helicopter Company.

"PRIMO"..................11th Bde C&C helicopter.

"Puff the Magic.........AC-47 aircraft armed with multibarreled, 7.62 millimeter, extremely high rate of fire weapon. Also called "Spooky".

"Rattlers"...............Liftships 71st Assault Helicopter Company.

"Scorpions"..............Old name for 123d Avn Bn gunships.

"Sharks"................Gunship 174th Assault Helicopter Company.

"Skeeter"...............LOH, CO B, 123d Avn Bn.

"Slick"..................UH-1 helicopter used for cargo and troop transport. May or may not have door gunners armed with M-60 machineguns.

"Spooky"..................AC-47 aircraft armed with multibarreled, 7.62 millimeter, extremely rapid fire weapon. Also called "Puff the Magic Dragon".

"War Lords".............Gunship Co B, 123 Avn Bn
AIT..............................Advanced Individual Training.

ALO..............................Air Liaison Officer. A tactical
Air Force Officer attached to a
ground force as air advisor.

Ammo..............................Ammunition

"Animals"...........................(Nickname for infantrymen of Co B,
123d Avn Bn.

Antipersonnel mine................A mine designed to cause casualties
to personnel.

AO.................................Area of Operations. An area where
US/FWMAF conduct operations during
a specific period of time. An AO
is assigned normally for a specific
operation which may be within or
outside of a TAOR.

APC...............................Armored personnel carrier.

Arty.................................Artillery

ARVN...............................Army of the Republic of Vietnam;
Vietnamese soldier.

ATP...............................Army Training Program.

ATT...............................Army Training Test.

Avn...............................Aviation.

Bde.................................Brigade.

BG.................................Brigadier General.

"Blow away"........................To kill. (GI slang).

Blown in place........................Destruction by demolition without
removing the object to another location.

Bn..................................Battalion.

Body Count........................Procedure whereby enemy bodies are
counted to provide a statistic for
measuring degree of success of an
operation and to be used in develop-
ing data concerning enemy order of
battle.
Boobytrap. Usually an explosive charge which is exploded when an unsuspecting person disturbs an apparently harmless object or performs a presumably safe act. Can also be a spear trap or similar mechanical device which does not employ an explosive charge.

"Bought it." Killed. (GI slang).

Bounding mine. Type of antipersonnel mine, usually buried just below the surface of the ground. It has a small charge which throws the case up into the air; this explodes at a height of 3 or 4 feet, throwing shrapnel or fragments in all directions.

Break. Radio procedure signifying a break between one conversation or idea and another.

"Bubble". See aircraft names.

Bunker. A fortified structure for the protection of personnel, defended gun position or a defensive position.

CA. Combat assault. Usually used in reference to an assault utilizing helicopters to transport the troops.

Cal. Caliber.

"C&C". Command and control. Used in reference to the helicopter utilized by the tactical commander during a tactical operation.

"C&C ship (or helicopter)"

CD. Civil defendant. Persons who are suspected of being spies, saboteurs, terrorists, or criminals and who do not qualify as prisoners of war.

Census Grievance Committee. GVN agency which accepts and processes complaints from citizens.
CG . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Commanding General.

CH . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Chaplain.

"Charlie Bird" . . . . . . . . . Command and control helicopter. See C&C.

"Charlie Charlie" . . . . . . . Command and control helicopter. See C&C.

CHICOM . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Chinese Communist.

Chieu Hoi . . . . . . . . . . . . . Vietnamese program whereby Viet Cong or North Vietnamese who surrender voluntarily are given amnesty. Means "open arms".

CID . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Criminal Investigation Division (Provost Marshal's Office).

CIDG . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Civilian Irregular Defense Group (RVN). Vietnamese irregulars, often advised by U.S. Special Forces.

"Claymore" . . . . . . . . . . . . M-18 mine series. A type of anti-personnel mine developed by the Army, which propels pellets in the direction employed. The VC and CHICOM have devised similar mines, which are also referred to as "claymores".

"Click" . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Kilometer.

CO . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Commanding Officer.

Co . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Company.

COL . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Colonel.

"Cold" . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Not receiving fire, i.e., a "cold LZ."

Combat Action . . . . . . . . . . Report detailing plan and conduct of tactical operation and its results.

Command and Control . . . . . . . An arrangement of personnel and facilities, employed by a commander in planning, directing, and controlling operations. Also used in reference to the commander's helicopter.
Command detonated mine... A mine which is detonated electrically utilizing wires and a detonating generator (blasting machine) or a battery.

Command net... A communications network which connects an echelon of command with some or all of its subordinate echelons for the purpose of command control.

Command Post... In combat, the echelon in which the commander is located. Frequently the field commander is located in a C&C helicopter; thus the helicopter becomes the command post.

COMUSMACV... Commander, United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam.

Console... A grouping of radios in a helicopter which enables the user to have a multiple frequency radio capability.

CORDS... Civil Operations Revolutionary Development Support. US Agency which channels funds and materials for civil works.

"Coyote"... See radio call signs.

CP... Command Post.

CPT... Captain.

CRations... Special type ration designed for troops under combat conditions

CSCC... Combat Support Coordination Center. The CSCC is a facility within which are grouped representatives of artillery, air, naval gunfire, and other agencies deemed necessary by the commander(s).

CSM... Command Sergeant Major.

CSWC... Crew served weapons captured.
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<td>CTZ</td>
<td>Corps Tactical Zone. Military subdivision in Vietnam, providing areas of responsibility to ARVN corps and US Field Force headquarters. Divided into 4 zones, i.e., I CTZ, II CTZ, III CTZ, IV CTZ.</td>
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<td>CWO</td>
<td>Chief Warrant Officer.</td>
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<td>CYA</td>
<td>GI slang expression, usually used among staff personnel when referring to a paper or action prepared as a defense against some future charge. Means &quot;Cover Your Action.&quot;</td>
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<td>DAO</td>
<td>Division aviation officer.</td>
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<td>DEROS</td>
<td>Date eligible for return from overseas.</td>
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<td>Detainees</td>
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<td>&quot;Di Di&quot;</td>
<td>Vietnamese words meaning &quot;to run&quot;.</td>
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<td>&quot;Dink&quot;</td>
<td>Vietnamese person (GI slang).</td>
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<td>DIOCC</td>
<td>District Intelligence and Operations Coordinating Center.</td>
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<td>Direct Support (DS)</td>
<td>Mission in which a field artillery unit is primarily responsive to fire missions in support of a particular ground force.</td>
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<td>District</td>
<td>Political subdivision in RVN, roughly equivalent to a county.</td>
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<td>GVN official governing a district containing several villages, usually a military officer.</td>
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Division Support Command. An organic divisional unit responsible for providing division level supply, transportation, maintenance, medical, and miscellaneous services for all elements of the division.

"Dolphin". See radio call signs; aircraft names.

DSA. District Senior Advisor. Senior US advisor to the District Chief.

Dud. Explosive munition which has failed to explode after being armed; an individual who does not perform properly.

"Dung Lai". Vietnamese words meaning "halt".

Dust Off. Term used for medical evacuation helicopters. Also used referring to being evacuated from the battlefield because of wounds.

EOD. Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit. Personnel with special training and equipment who render explosive ordnance safe (such as bombs, mines, projectiles and boobytraps), make intelligence reports on such ordnance and supervise the safe removal thereof.

Extracted. To be removed by helicopter.

FAC. Forward Air Controller. An officer (Air Force Pilot) member of the tactical air control party who controls aircraft engaged in close air support of ground troops. In Vietnam the FAC controls airstrikes from a light fixed-wing aircraft such as the 0-1 (Piper Cub).

FDC. Fire Direction Center. That element of a command post by means of which the commander exercises fire direction and/or fire control.

FDO. Fire Direction Officer.
Fire for effect............. Fire which is delivered after the burst is within the desired distance of the target; term in a fire message to indicate the adjustment is satisfactory and fire for effect is desired.

Firepower.................... The amount of fire which may be delivered by a position, unit, or weapons system; ability to deliver fire on an overall basis.

"Flap"........................ A situation of confusion or chaos.

FO........................... Forward Observer. A front line observer trained to adjust ground or naval gunfire and pass back battlefield information.

Fortified Village............ A hamlet which has been fortified with bunkers, fighting positions, communications trenches, interconnecting tunnel networks, hiding places, etc.

"Fox Mike"................... Frequency modulated (FM) radio.

Freq........................ Radio frequency.

FSB............................ Fire Support Base. Base of operations from which fire support may be delivered.

FWMAF........................ Free World Military Assistance Forces.

Garble........................ An error in transmission or reception which renders a message or portion thereof incorrect or unintelligible.

"Gook"........................ Vietnamese person. (GI slang)

"Grunts"........................ Nickname for infantrymen.

GT Line....................... Gun-target line. An imaginary straight line from the gun to the target.

"Gunnie"........................ Aviator who flies a gunship.
GVN

G1, G2, G3, etc.

Hamlet

Hamlet Chief

"H&I"

"Hard core"

HE

HES

"Higher"

"High gun"

"Hit the LZ"

"Hook"

"Hootch"

"Hot"

"Huey"

Government of South Vietnam

See Staff

The political subdivision in the RVN governmental structure immediately below village level.

GVN official governing a hamlet, usually a civilian.

Harassing and interdiction fire. Fire designed to disturb the rest of the enemy troops, to curtail movement, and, by threat of losses, to lower morale. Fire placed on an area or point to prevent the enemy from using the area or point.

"Hard core Viet Cong" are those who are completely indoctrinated toward and dedicated to the Viet Cong.

High explosive (projectile).

Hamlet Evaluation System. US program which evaluates GVN control over hamlets.

Higher headquarters or higher authority.

UH-1 armed helicopter in Co B, 123d Avn Bn, which was the controlling commander's aircraft. It was so named because it flew higher than the rest of the aero-scout team.

Land in the landing zone.

See aircraft names.

Term used for hut or structure made of rice straw and bamboo or similar material. (GI slang).

Receiving hostile fire (i.e., a "hot LZ").

See aircraft names.
Hustle..........................To move rapidly.

IG..............................Inspector General. A Special Staff officer who examines and reports on every phase of activity that affects a command, installation, or activity. See staff.

IG Inspection...................Inspector General Inspection. An examination by an inspector general into the performance of a mission and the state of discipline, efficiency, and economy of a command, installation, or activity of the Department of the Army.

III MAF.........................Third Marine Amphibious Force.

"Incoming" ....................Receiving hostile fire.

In-country .....................Physically located within the country.

Inf..............................Infantry.

Info..............................Information.

Infrastructure..................The basic economical, social, or military facilities and installations of a community, state, etc. See Viet Cong Infrastructure.

Innocent Civilians.............Members of the civilian population of Son My village, who were unarmed and committing no hostile acts. (Also called noncombatants.)

INTSUM..........................Intelligence summary. A specific report providing a summary of items of intelligence information, usually at 6 hour intervals.

IWC..............................Individual weapons captured.

JAG..............................Judge Advocate General. See Staff.

Journal.........................A record of significant events, see log.

J1, J2, J3, etc...............See Staff.
"KHA"........................Killed due to hostile action.
KIA................................Killed in action.
Laager..........................South African term used during the
Boer War. Used to mean a defensive
position.
"Lai day"......................Vietnamese words meaning "come
here."
LAW............................See weapons.
"Lead".........................The leader of a flight. See call
signs.
LF.............................Local Force. VC military units
which are directly subordinate to
a provincial or district party
committee and normally operate only
within a specific VC province or
district.
Lift............................A flight of troop-carrying heli-
copters.
"Lift Ship"....................See aircraft names.
"Lima Zulu"....................Landing zone.
LNO............................Liaison officer.
LO..............................Liaison officer.
Log............................A record of significant events. See
Journal.
Logged........................Entered into a Log or Journal.
Logging Time..................Keeping a record of hours of flight.
LOH............................Light observation helicopter.
"Low Gun".....................UH-1 armed helicopter flying at a
low altitude with mission of pro-
tecting the light observation heli-
copter.
LRRP..........................Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol.
LT..............................Lieutenant.
LTC. Lieutenant Colonel.

LTL. Lien tinh-lo. Vietnamese designation for an interprovincial highway or route.

LZ. Landing Zone.

MACV. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

MAJ. Major.

"Mama San." An old woman. (GI slang)

MEDCAP. Medical Civic Action Program. A military operation during which a hamlet is secured by a military force, and medical care, medicine, food, and clothing are dispensed to the villagers.

MEDEVAC. Medical evacuation. Removed from the battle field because of wounds. Also term used to identify a helicopter used in the medical evacuation.

Medic. A member of the Army Medical Corps, especially one who gives first aid in combat.

MG. Major General.

MI. Military Intelligence branch.

"Mike Mike." Millimeter, i.e. 60 Mike Mike mortar.

Mine. An explosive designed to destroy or damage vehicles, boats, or aircraft or designed to kill or incapacitate personnel. It may be detonated by the action of its victim, by the passage of time, or by controlled means.

Mine sweeper. A device which detects metallic objects; used to detect mines.

"Minigun." A extremely rapid firing machinegun using multiple barrels, 5.56 millimeters.

"Misprison of a felony." The offense of concealing knowledge of a felony by one who has not participated or assisted in it.

C-13
Millimeter, i.e. 60 mm mortar.

The act of listening to, reviewing and/or recording enemy or friendly communication for the purpose of maintaining standards, improving communications, or for reference.

See weapons.

Noncommissioned officer. Ranks Corporal through Sergeant Major.

Net Control Station. A station designated to control traffic and enforce circuit discipline within a given net.

An organization of (radio) stations capable of direct communications on a common channel or frequency.

National Liberation Front. Political arm of the Viet Cong.

Members of the civilian population of Son My Village, who were unarmed and committing no hostile acts. (Also called "innocent civilians.")

Vietnamese fish sauce.

North Vietnamese Army.

The identification, strength, command structure, and disposition of the personnel, units, and equipment of any military force.

A definite tactical feature, the seizure and/or holding of which is essential.

A training process whereby students or trainees acquire knowledge and skill through actual performance of duties.

The authority granted to a commander to direct forces assigned so that the commander may accomplish specific missions, or tasks which are usually limited by function, time, or location.

Orbiting..........................Flying in circles over an area.

"Out".............................Radio procedure signifying end of transmission.

"Over".............................Radio procedure signifying a reply to the preceding transmission is anticipated.

Paddy.............................Rice field.

"Papa San"........................An old man. (GI slang)

Pax.................................Passenger(s).

PD.................................Point detonating fuze for an artillery projectile. Located in the nose of a projectile, which is initiated upon impact.

"Peter Pilot"......................Pilot of a helicopter, as differentiated from the aircraft commander.

PFC.................................Private First Class.

PHOENIX Program..................Coordinated effort to attack the Viet Cong infrastructure on a nationwide basis.

Phonetic Alphabet..................A list of standard words used to identify letters in a message transmitted by radio or telephone:

A.....Alpha                       N.....November
B.....Bravo                       O.....Oscar
C.....Charlie                     P.....Papa
D.....Delta                       Q.....Quebec
E.....Echo                        R.....Romeo
F.....Foxtrot                     S.....Sierra
G.....Golf                        T.....Tango
H.....Hotel                       U.....Uniform
I.....India                       V.....Victor
J.....Juliet                      W.....Whiskey
K.....Kilo                        X.....Xray
L.....Lima                        Y.....Yankee
M.....Mike                        Z.....Zulu

PIC.................................Province Interrogation Center.

"Pinkville".........................Nickname for My Lai (1).

PIOCC................................Province Intelligence and Operations Coordinating Center.

C-15
Plt..........................Platoon.

POL..........................Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants.

"Pop Smoke"..................To employ a smoke grenade in order to identify a location.

POR..........................Preparation of Replacement for overseas movement.

"Pot"..........................Marijuana. A hallucinatory drug.

POW..........................Prisoner of war. Correct term is "PW".

Prep..........................Shortened term for preparation or preparatory fire. A heavy volume of prearranged ground or aircraft fire delivered to destroy, disrupt, disorganize, and neutralize the enemy and to demoralize and destroy the defending forces prior to the initiation of the attack. Fire delivered on a target preparatory to an assault.

"Prick 9"......................AN/PRC 9 portable, man-carried radio.


Province......................Political division in RVN, roughly equivalent to a state

Province Chief..............GVN official governing a Province, usually a military officer, roughly equivalent to a governor.

Provost Marshal.............Staff officer who supervises all activities of military police of a command and who advises the commander on military police matters, prisoners of war, military prisoners, and other matters of concern to the commander.

PSA..........................Province Senior Advisor. Senior US advisor to the Province Chief.

PSYOPS........................Psychological Operations. These operations include psychological warfare, and in addition, encompass those political, military, economic, and ideological actions planned and conducted.
to create in neutral or friendly foreign groups the emotions, attitudes, or behavior to support the achievement of national objectives.

"Puff the Magic Dragon"......See aircraft names.

"Push"........................Term used to mean a radio frequency.

PVT..........................Private.

PW............................Prisoner of war. (Incorrectly called "POW")

PZ............................Pickup zone.

QL............................Quoc-lo. Vietnamese designation for a national highway or route.

Radio Call Sign................A group of letters, numerals, or a combination of both which identifies a radio station.

"Coyote"....................TF Barker.

"Coyote 3"..................MAJ Calhoun.

"Coyote 6"..................LTC Barker.

"Coyote 23".................Pickup zone control, LZ Dottie.

"Coyote 65"................Net Control Station, MSG Johnson.

"Coyote Alpha 6"............A Company Commander, CPT Riggs.

"Coyote Bravo 6"..........B Company Commander, CPT Michles.

"Coyote Charlie 6".......C Company Commander, CPT Medina.

"Coyote Charlie 81"......81mm Mortar FDC, located at LZ Uptight.

"Dolphin"....................Liftships, 174th Avn Co.

"Dolphin Lead"..............Leader of liftships, 174th Avn Co.

"Dolphin 2, 3, 4, 5".....Individual liftships, 174th Avn Co.

"Dust Off"..................Medevac helicopter.

"Helix 32"..................FAC.
"Helix 22".................FAC.

"Lobo 65"..................Net Control Station, 4th Bn, 3d Inf.

"Newsboy India Two
Zero".....................US Navy "Swift Boat."

"Rawhide"..................11th Bde.

"Rawhide 6"..............COL Henderson, Bde CO.

"Rawhide 3"..............MAJ McKnight, 11th Bde S3.

"Saber".....................Americal Division.

"Saber 6"..................MG Koster, CG Americal Division.

"Sane Drank Delta Mike
(Same Drink)"............US Navy "Swift Boat."

"Shark".....................Gunships, 174th Avn Co.

"Shark 6"..................Gunship platoon commander, 174th Avn Co.

"Skeeter"..................OH-23 helicopter, Aero-Scout team, Co B, 123d Avn Bn (flown by WO1 Thompson on 16 Mar 68).

"War Lord"..................Gunships, Co B, 123d Avn Bn.

"War Lord Alpha Lead"...Aero Scout team leader, Co B, 123d Avn Bn.

R&R.........................Rest and Recuperation. The withdrawal of individuals from combat or arduous duty for short periods of rest and recuperation.

"Rawhide"..................See radio call signs.

RD..........................Revolutionary Development. The formalized GVN program in specified hamlets located generally with RD campaign areas. It includes the local security for those hamlets and the political, economic, and social activities at that level.

RD Cadre....................Revolutionary Development Cadre. Vietnamese team which implements the Revolutionary Development program within the community.
Reconnaissance. A mission undertaken to obtain, by visual observation or other detection methods, information about the activities and resources of an enemy or potential enemy; or to secure data concerning the meteorological, hydrographic, or geographic characteristics of a particular area.

Reconnaissance by fire. Employment of artillery, mortar, aircraft, or small arms fire to cause the enemy to disclose his position.

Reconnaissance in Force. A limited objective operation by a considerable force to discover and test the enemy's dispositions and strengths, or to develop other intelligence.

Report of Investigation. An official written record of all pertinent information obtained in an inquiry concerning a crime, offense, accident, or allegation.

RF/PF. Regional Forces / Popular Forces; GVN Paramilitary units.

"Roger". Radio procedure meaning "I understand".

ROK. Republic of Korea.

Round. All the parts that make up the ammunition necessary in firing one shot; One shot fired by a weapon.

RTO. Radio-telephone operator. The man who carried the radio or whose job is to operate the radio.

"Ruff Puff". Regional Forces / Popular Forces.

RVN. Republic of Vietnam.

RVNAF. Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces.

"Saber". See radio call signs.

Safe-haven hamlet. A hamlet under Viet Cong domination, which provides the VC with aid and C-19
comfort, and in which the VC feel safe from Allied attack.


"S & D"..........................See Search and Destroy.

Sapper..........................VC/NVA soldiers who infiltrate friendly positions in order to employ explosives.

Satchel charge..................A number of blocks of explosive taped to a board fitted with a rope or wire loop for carrying and attaching.

"Scarf up"........................To seize or capture.

Search and clear................Clearing operations. Military operation to clear an area permanently of organized VC/NVA main forces, including the provincial battalions, in order to eliminate the immediate enemy threat.

Search and destroy..............Military operation conducted for the purpose of seeking out and destroying enemy forces, installations, resources, and base areas. This term is no longer used.

Sector...........................Province military structure.

SFC...............................Sergeant First Class.

SGM...............................Sergeant Major.

SGT...............................Sergeant.

"Shark"...........................See aircraft names; call signs.

SHELREP..........................Shelling report. A report of enemy shelling containing information on caliber, direction, time, density, and area shelled.

SIR...............................Serious Incident Report. Report of any incident which may result in damaging public confidence in the US Armed Forces and cause continued or widespread adverse publicity.
SITREP......................... Situation report. A report giving the situation in the area of a reporting unit or formation.

SIW.......................... Self-inflicted wound.

"Six".......................... Radio call sign normally assigned to a unit commander.

SJA........................... Staff Judge Advocate. See Staff.

"Skeeter"...................... See Radio call signs; aircraft names.

"Slick"........................ See aircraft names.

"Slope"........................ Vietnamese person. (GI slang)

Small arms.................... All arms, including automatic weapons, up to and including .60 caliber and shotguns.

Solatium........................ Payment as compensation for loss or injury.

"Song".......................... Vietnamese word for river.

SOP............................. Standing operating procedure.

Sortie.......................... An operational flight by one aircraft.

SP............................... Specialist.

"Spooky"......................... See aircraft names.

Spot Report.................... A concise narrative report of essential information covering events or conditions that may have an immediate and significant effect on current planning and operations.

Sqd.............................. Squad.

SSG............................. Staff Sergeant.

Staff............................ Officers who are specifically ordered or detailed to assist the commander in his exercise of command.

General Staff (GS)......... A group of officers in the headquarters of Army divisions or similar or larger units which assist their commanders in planning, coordinating, and supervising C-21
operations. Consists of four or more principal functional systems: personnel (G-1), military intelligence (G-2), operations and training (G-3), logistics (G-4), civil affairs (G-5). G-2 Air and G-3 Air are Army officers assigned to G-2 or G-3 who assist in planning and coordinating joint operations or ground and air units.

Joint Staff.............The staff of a commander of a unified command (such as MACV) which includes members for the services comprising the force. A joint staff may be designated J-1, J-2, J-3, etc. J-5 is Plans and Policy.

Personal Staff...........Such staff officers as the commander elects to coordinate and administer directly, instead of through the chief of staff. The commander's aides are members of his personal staff.

Special Staff............All staff members having duties at a headquarters and not included in the general staff group or in the personal staff group. Special staff includes aviation officer, staff judge advocate (SJA or JAG), chaplain, Inspector General (IG), provost marshal, adjutant general (AG), etc.

Unit Staff...............In brigades and smaller units, staff sections are designated S1, S2, S3, etc., with duties corresponding to those of the general staff.

"Stand Down".............Assume a lower level of readiness, as to "stand down" from an alert.

"STRAC"..................An expression meaning "sharp" or on top of the situation. Formerly "Strategic Army Corps".

Subhamlet...............Subdivision of a hamlet.

Subsector................District military structure.

Support Command...........See Division Support Command.

Suppressive fire........Firepower delivered upon a target to discourage or preclude the enemy from C-22
returning the fire,

"Swift Boat".................Vessel employed by the Navy to screen river banks and coast lines.

S1, S2, S3, etc.............See Staff.

TAOI......................Tactical area of interest. An area including, but not necessarily limited to, the TAOR in which the designated US/FWMAF commander is knowledgeable of the location, activities, and operations of all GVN forces and installations, CIDG camps, and RD areas. The TAOI differs from the TAOR in that US/FWMAF commanders are not charged with primary tactical responsibility in the TAOI.

TAOR.......................Tactical area of responsibility. An area assigned to a commander who is responsible for installations, the control of movement, and the conduct of tactical operations with troops under his control. All fire and maneuver conducted within the TAOR must be coordinated with the commander.

Task Force..................A temporary grouping of units under one commander, formed for the purpose of carrying out a specific operation or mission.

TF.........................Task Force.

"That's affirm".............Affirmative.

The 5 S's.................Procedures for handling prisoners of war, i.e., "Search, Silence, Segregate, Speed, Safeguard".

TL.........................Tinh-lo. Vietnamese designation for a provincial highway or route.

TOC.........................Tactical operations center. A physical groupment of those elements of an Army general and special staff concerned with current operations and the tactical support thereof.

Track.................Tracked vehicles, i.e. tanks, 'APC's'.

UHF.........................Ultra high frequency radio.
USARPAC ....................... United States Army, Pacific.
USARV ....................... United States Army, Vietnam.
VC .......................... Viet Cong.
VCI .......................... Viet Cong Infrastructure.
VCS .......................... Viet Cong suspect or Viet Cong sympathizer.
VHF .......................... Very high frequency radio.
Viet Cong ........................ Vietnamese words meaning Vietnamese Communist.
Viet Cong Infrastructure .... The political and administrative organization through which the Viet Cong control or seek to control the South Vietnamese people.
Village ........................ Political subdivision below district level, consists of several hamlets, roughly equivalent to a metropolitan area.
Village Chief ...................... GVN official governing a number of hamlets, usually a civilian.
VIP .......................... Voluntary Informant Program. Program whereby Vietnamese are paid for information leading to the capture of weapons, ammunition, equipment, or Viet Cong personnel.
VR .......................... Visual reconnaissance.
VR Aircraft ....................... Aircraft utilized to conduct a visual reconnaissance.
VT .............................. Variable time fuze. A fuze designed to detonate a projectile when activated by external influence other than contact in the close vicinity of a target.
"War Lord" ...................... See radio call signs; aircraft names.
"Waste" ........................ Term meaning to shoot or to kill (GI slang).
Web gear ........................ Military equipment consisting of a belt and harness made of webbing, C-24
Weapons

AK 47............................Communist-made automatic rifle.

C-4............................Plastic explosive. More powerful than an equivalent weight of TNT.

LAW............................Light antitank weapon. Lightweight weapon carried by an individual soldier which delivers a high explosive projectile against a target.

Minigun........................5.56 millimeter, multi-barreled, extremely high rate of fire weapon.

M-1............................US rifle, caliber .30, M-1, semiautomatic. World War II vintage weapon, no longer issued to US units.

M-16............................US rifle, 5.56 millimeter, M-16, automatic or semiautomatic. Also known as AR-15.

M-18............................US mine, M-18 series. Also known as "claymore".

M-60............................US Machinegun, 7.62 millimeter, M-60. Also known as "60".

M-79............................US grenade launcher, M-79, propels a 40 millimeter grenade.

SKS............................Communist-made carbine.

"8 inch"........................8 inch howitzer.

"16"..........................See M-16.

"45"............................US pistol (automatic), caliber .45.

"50"............................US heavy machinegun, caliber .50.

"60"............................See M-60.

"60mm"..........................60 millimeter mortar.

"79"............................See M-79.

"81mm"..........................81 millimeter mortar.
"105".........................105 millimeter howitzer.
"155".........................155 millimeter howitzer.
"175".........................175 millimeter gun.
"Willy Peter"...............White phosphorus artillery projectile.

WOl........................First Warrant Officer rank.

"8 inch"....................See weapons.
"16".........................See weapons.
"45".........................See weapons.
"50".........................See weapons.
"60".........................See weapons.
"60mm"......................See weapons.
"79".........................See weapons.
"81mm"......................See weapons.
"105".........................See weapons.
"155".........................See weapons.
"175".........................See weapons.