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A. Subj: GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations and terms are commonly used in the combat zone by all agencies and are listed here in amplification of those used in the text.

ABF	Attack by fire
ALC	Area Logistic Command
AMMI PONTOON	A multi-purpose barge, standard size is twenty-eight feet by ninety feet
AO	Area of Operations
ARVN	Army of the Republic of Vietnam
ASPB	Assault Support Patrol Boat
ATC	Armored Troop Carrier
ATSB	Advance Tactical Support Base
A/W	Automatic Weapons
Black Pony/Bronco	OV-10 Twin Engine Turboprop Counterinsurgency Aircraft
Border Surveillance Zone	The area contiguous to the National Borders of RVN
BW	Boston Whaler
CCB	Command and Communications Boat
CDEC	Combined Document Exploitation Center
CESE	Civil Engineering Support Equipment
CG	Coastal Group (VNN)
CHICOM	Chinese Communist
CIDG	Civilian Irregular Defense Groups - mercenaries of Vietnamese, Laotian, Cambodian descent who fight primarily around own villages
CLC	Central Logistics Command

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CMD	Capital Military District
CMEC	Combined Material Exploitation Center
CMIC	Combined Military Interrogation Center
CORDS	Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support
COSVN	Central Office for SVN (Enemy Headquarters)
CPDC	Central Pacification and Development Council
CRIP	Civilian Reconnaissance Intelligence Platoon
CSCC	Combat Support Coordination Center
CTC	Central Training Command
CTZ	Corps Tactical Zone
CZ	Coastal Zone
DELTA HAWK	Mohawk OV-10 Aircraft
DIOCC	District Intelligence and Operations Coordinating Center
DUSTOFF	Medical evacuation by helicopter
Douche Boat	ATC equipped to deliver a high pressure stream of water
DSA	District Senior Advisor
ENIFF	Enemy initiated firefight
FSB	Fire Support Base
FWMAF	Free World Military Assistance Forces
GDA	Gun Damage Assessment
GVN	Government of Vietnam
H&I	Harassment and Interdiction Fire Support
ICS--SEA	Integrated Communications System - Southeast Asia
IUWG	Inshore Undersea Warfare Group
IUWS	Inshore Undersea Warfare Surveillance

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MSD	Minesweeper, Drone
MSF	Mobile Strike Force - mercenaries who deploy and go anywhere
MSS	Military Security Service
MSW	Ministry of Social Welfare
MUSE	Mobile Utilities Support Equipment
NGFS	Navy Gunfire Support
NILO	Naval Intelligence Liaison Officer
NOD	Night Observation Device
NP	National Police
NPPF	National Police Field Force
NVA	North Vietnamese Army
PBR	Patrol Boat, River
PCF	Patrol Craft, Fast (SWIFT Boat)
PD	Pacification and Development
PDCC	Pacification and Development Coordination Center
PG	Patrol Gunboat
PGM	Patrol Gunboat (Motor)
PPDC	Province Pacification and Development Council
PRU	Provincial Reconnaissance Unit
PSA	Province Senior Advisor
PSYOPS	Psychological Operations
PSDF	Peoples' Self Defense Force
QFB	Quiet Fast Boat
RAC	River Assault Craft

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JGS	Joint General Staff (RVNAF)
KBA	Killed by Air
Kit Carson Scouts	Former Viet Cong who have rallied and serve with Allied forces as scouts
KIA	Killed in Action
KSB	Kenner Ski Barge
LAFT	Light Attack Fire Team (OV-10's) (VA(L)-4)
LAW	Light Anti-tank Weapon
LCPL	Landing Craft, Personnel, large
LDNNM	Vietnamese equivalent of USN Underwater Demolition Teams (Lien Doi Nguoi Nhan - Frogmen Group)
LHFT	Light Helo Fire Team (UH-1B's) (HA(L)-3)
LID	Light Infantry Division
LOC	Line of Communication
LOH	CH-6 Light Observation Helicopter
LRRP	Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol
MACV	Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
MASF	Military Assistance Service Funded
MATSB	Mobile Advance Tactical Support Base
MCH	Ministry of Chieu Hoi
MEDCAP	Medical Civic Action Program
MID	Military Intelligence Detachment
MONITOR	Heavily armored LCM-6 (40mm cannon or .105mm howitzer)
MRB	Mobile Riverine Base
MRF	Mobile Riverine Force
MSB	Minesweeper, Boat

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RAD	River Assault Division
RAID	River Assault and Interdiction Division (VNN)
RAS	River Assault Squadron
RD	Revolutionary Development
RDC	Revolutionary Development Cadre
RF/PF	Regional Forces/Popular Forces
RPG	River Patrol Group (VNN)
RPG	Rocket Propelled Grenade
RSSZ	Rung Sat Special Zone
RVNAF	Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces
SEA WOLF	UH-1B Helo, heavily armed, USN Operated
SOI	Signal Operation Instruction
SSI	Standing Signal Instructions
STABS	Strike Assault Boat Squadron
STRDC	Son Thon REvolutionary Development Cadre
STZ	Special Tactical Zone
TAOI	Tactical Area of Interest
TAOR	Tactical Area of Responsibility
TCN	Third-Country Nationals
USARV	United States Army, Vietnam
VCI	Viet Cong Infrastructure
VCLF	Viet Cong Local Force
VCMF	Viet Cong Main Force
VNAF	Vietnamese Air Force
VNMC	Vietnamese Marine Corps

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VNN	Vietnamese Navy
WBCP	Waterborne Guard Posts
ZIPPO	Flame thrower equipped ATC or MONITOR
SHADOW	C-119 Aircraft (armed)
SKIMMER	20' Fiberglass Motorboat
SLICK	UH-1B Helo (USA)
SPOOKY	C-47 Aircraft (armed)

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