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HERBICIDAL WARFARE: THE RANCH HAND PROJECT IN VIETNAM
(Cecil)

Style Sheet

place names, geographic - always cap.

Acronyms-- A complete list of acronyms and code names used in the text is given in Appendix A, p. 491.

+ SIPRI, Stockholm International
Peace Research Institute
CTZ, Corps Tactical Zone
DCM, Deputy Commander ~~affor~~
~~material~~

Capitalization style

U.S. Air Force, the Air Force

U.S. Army, the Army

U.S. government

General F.X. Smith, the general

Chief, MAAG

Colonel Hinch, Deputy Commander for Maintenance, ; but, . . .
the Deputy Commander for Maintenance . . .

Headquarters, I Corps (e.g.), but higher headquarters ~~are~~ physical str headquarters

Project XX-XX

target area 5 , War Zone D

12th Squadron, the squadron

Surgeon General, Comptroller General

X. X. Province, the province

Mekong Delta, the Delta

Congress, congressional

President Johnson, the president, presidential

Secretary of State Rusk, the Secretary of State

U.S. Embassy, the embassy

U.S. Ambassador Smith, the ambassador

head (as in "head of the U.N. F.A.O.-page 244)--if capped elsewhere, please make lower case

Numbers

one, two, . . . , ten, 11, 12

Not written out for units (2d 5th 6th 1st)

Fifth Air Force, 13th Air Force, 313th Air Squadron

fourteenth parallel

(i.e., numerals used for military terms above tenth)

5 May 1964, 9¹/₂ June, 1971¹/₂ 72

Other Terms

code name

aileron

anti-

counter

wing/tank, drop/tank ~~fuel/tank~~

Spray/boom, wing/boom, tail/boom

cross fire, ground fire

Top Secret, Secret

airspeed

flak jacket, flak vest

end-of-tour-report

United States (n), U.S. (adj)--used instead of America, American, whenever possible, without sounding stilted (Praeger)

Notes

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repetition of some terms, particularly since this
work must use the reference an excessive number of
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