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organizations - with designator caps, without designator
12th Squadron, the squadron, the wing, caps
headquarters

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 ~~affair~~
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
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

not use AF for Air Force

chug mind
(I lean toward European
- if used in place of proper
name, I capitulate.)

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
Fifth Air Force, 13th Air Force, 313th Air Squadron
fourteenth parallel
(i.e., numerals used for military terms above tenth)
5 May 1964, 9-10 June, 1971-72

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

Other Terms

code name
aileron
antiC
counterC
wing/tank, drop/tank
spray/bomb, wing/bomb, tail/bomb
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, when-
ever possible, without sounding stilted (Praeger style)
crewmembers
low-level
out-of-commission
50-caliber
battle damage
fuel tank
in-country
damp-valve
spray-out.
pre-mission
ground cover
cross fire
en route
crewmembers
small-arms fire
machine-gun fire
theater of operation
ex-warrior
fighter/bomber
weekkiller
lead aircraft, number two
aircraft
growth-regulator
Orange, Blue White

Notes

Praeger style. Abbreviations used in the Notes are listed at the beginning of the section. Any others used are put in parens at first mention.

Bibliography Praeger style. Alphabetical; if > 1 work by single author

I use US, American, United States interchangeably,
depending on the flow of the sentence & to avoid
repetition of same term, particularly since this
work must use the reference an excessive number of
times.



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