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The purpose of this Military Style Guide is to ensure standardization and the use of military terms and abbreviations in the proper format and context. The abbreviations, acronyms, terms, unit designation practices, etc. provided here are those used by the US armed forces during the Vietnam-era.

For additional information see:

Vietnam US Order of Battle by Shelby Stanton

Words of the Vietnam War by Gregory R. Clark

1. GROUND UNIT ECHELON (SIZE) ABBREVIATIONS

(listed from smallest to largest)

Team	Tm
Squad	Sqd
Section	Sec
Platoon	Plat
Detachment	Det
Company	Co
Battery	Btry
Troop	Trp (not used by USMC)
Battalion	Bn
Squadron	Sqdn (not used by USMC, except for aviation squadrons)
Regiment	Regt
Group	Grp
Brigade	Bde
Division	Div
Corps	Corps
Field Force	FF (not used by USMC) I FFV and II FFV (I and II Field Force, Vietnam) were corps equivalent commands.
Army	Army (numbered field army; number is always spelled out)

The term “Task Force” (TF) was used to describe temporary groupings of various types of units to conduct specific missions. There was no standard size or composition.