APPENDIX E. GLOSSARY OF MILITARY TERMS

ANPRC radio	American Pack Radio Communications radio
Aslt Pnr Platoon	Assault Pioneer Platoon
ATk Platoon	Anti-Tank Platoon
battle order	A soldier's full range of personal fighting equipment
breaking harbour	Moving out of a temporarily secured area
cannabilisation point	A US Army salvage unit's location
casevac	Casualty evacuation
contact	A skirmish, joining with the enemy in battle.
delousing	Rendering safe a mine or booby trap
Dustoff	A casualty evacuation, the code word for casevac helicopters
enfilade fire	Gunfire directed from the side across a front
fire for effect (FFE)	Artillery fire applied after initial fire has been satisfactorily adjusted
fire support base	A secured location in which supporting artillery is temporarily based
gun line	An assemblage of artillery within a base
harassing and interdiction (H&I)	A type of artillery fire designed to aggravate more than destroy
hutchie	A soldier's individual shelter from weather
in country	In Vietnam
insertion	Delivery of troops into an area by foot, vehicle or aircraft

interdict	To impede or intercept
KIA	Killed in action
Mentioned in Dispatches (MID)	An award for commendable service
MIA	Missing in action
movement axis	The centre line of movement of a body of troops, some of whom might be deployed some distace from the axis
moving by fire and movement	A tactical drill in which designated troops maintain covering fire, while others move forward to take up firing while the first group then moves forward to repeat the process
on net	Mutual understanding
Orders Group	A formal gathering at which orders are imparted by commanders
Pentomic	US Army scheme of organisation for Cold War nuclear scenarios
Pentropic	Australian Army short-lived scheme of organisation for tropical warfare scenarios
pogo	A non-combatant soldier
punji stakes	Sharp metal or wooden stakes used by the Viet Cong in mantraps
re-entrant	A gully between ridgelines
rock sangar	A protective embrasure constructed with rocks
search and clear axis	See: movement axis
SLR	Self-loading rifle
sortie	A single aircraft mission
strafing	Fire applied against ground targets by aircraft using cannon or machine guns
tropical studded	Fitted with brass studs for improved grip in wet tropical terrain (Second World War Australian Army boots)
warn out	Give prior notice to
WIA	Wounded in action

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