Military Abbreviations (WW1 to present) – Canadian & Commonwealth

Below is a list of Canadian & Commonwealth Military Abbreviations and/or Acronyms. This list is principally focused on the Canadian Military from WW1 to present day, however this list also contains many Commonwealth (United Kingdom, Australia, etc.) abbreviations/acronyms. Apologizes in advance for any duplications or spelling errors! If there are errors or additions, please contact me.

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2IC – 2nd in Command
404s - DND 404 (Military Driver's License)

a/ - Acting Rank
AA – Anti-Aircraft; or Approving authority; or Air Attache
AAA – Anti-Aircraft Artillery
AAC – Army Air Corps; Anti Aircraft Co-operation
AACCM – Army Air Corps Center
AACSF – Anti-aircraft Co-operation Flight
AAMTC – Army Air Corps Tactical Development Center
AAU – Anti Aircraft Co-operation Unit
AAEE – Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment
AFA – Air Force
AAF – Army Airfield; or Auxiliary Air Force; or Anti-Aircraft Flight; or Allied Air Force
AAFCE – Allied Air Forces Central Europe
AAFNE – Allied Air Forces Northern Europe
AAFSE – Allied Air Forces Southern Europe
AAG – Assistant Adjutant General
AAGS – Armament & Gas School
AAITS – Aircrew Initial Training School
AAP – Anti-Armour Platoon; or Air to Air Missile; or Aircraft Acceptance Park; or Army Aircraft Park
AAPC – Anti-Aircraft Practice Camp
AA&QMG – Assistant Adjutant & Quartermaster General
AAR – Air-to Air Refueling
AAS – Air Armament School
AASF – Advanced Air Striking Force (1939/40)
AATE – Armament trials Establishment
AATTF – Anti-Aircraft and Target Towing Flight
AATT&DC – Army Air Transport Training & Development Center
AAU – Air Ambulance Unit; or Aircraft Acceptance Unit; or Aircraft Assembly Unit
AAW – Anti-Air Warfare
AB – Able Seaman; or Army Book
ABC – Airborne Cigar (transmitter aboard aircraft which jammed German fighter control frequencies)
ABC Defence - Atomic Biological Chemical Defence
ABGS(ME) – Air Bombing & Gunnery School (Middle East)
ABTF – Air Bombing Training Flight
A/C – Aircraft
A/Cdre – Air Commodore
AC – Aircraftman
AC1 – Aircraftman First Class
AC2 – Aircraftman Second Class
ACAC – Aircrew Allocation Center
ACATC – Air Cadets Adventure Training Center
ACAV – Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle
ACDC – Aircrew Dispatch Center
ACDW – Armored Car Disposal Wing
ACC – Army Co-operation Command; or Allied Control Commission; or Air Control Center; or Armored Car Company
ACCF – Army Co-operation Command Communication Flight
ACCGS – Air Cadets Central Gliding School
ACCML – Airborne Car Contact Unit
ACGFSOC – Air Cadet Gliding Flight Safety Officer’s Course
ACDU – Army Co-operation Development Unit
ACDU (ME) – Air Combat Development Unit (Middle East)
ACF – Air Command Far East
ACWAWF – Air Command Fare East All Weather Flight
ACFS – Air Cadets Flying Scholarship Scheme
ACGSOE – Assistant Chief of the General Staff (Operational Requirements)
ACHI – Air Command Hand
ACHU – Aircrew Holding Unit
ACI – Air/Airway Council Instruction
ACO – Advanced Chain Overseas (radar)
ACO – Air Cadet Organization
ACM – Air Chief Marshal
ACP – Air Cadet Publication (derived from APs); or Aerodrome Control Pilot
APSF - Aden Protectorate Support Flight
APU - Aircraft Preparation Unit
AQMG – Assistant Quartermaster General
AR – Automatic Rifle; or Australian Regiment
AR analyst - Administrative Review Analyst
ARC - Aircrew Recruiting Centre; or Aircrew Reception Centre
ARD - Aircraft Repair Depot; or Alberta Regimental Depot
ARF - Aircraft Repair Flight; or Aircrew Repair Flight
ARFF - Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting
Arm/Armr - Armourer
ARM - Armoured, Armour Corps
ARP - Aircraft Repair Park
ARRC - Associate Royal Red Cross
ARS - Aircraft Repair Section
ARU - Aircraft Repair Unit
ARV - Armoured Recovery Vehicle
Art/Arty - Artillery
ARWF/S - Advanced Rotary Wing Flight/Squadron
A/S - Anti Submarine
AS - Air School
AS&RU - Aircraft Salvage & Repair Unit
ASAP - As Soon As Possible
ASC - Aircrew Selection Centre; or Air Support Command; or Area Support Group; or Army Service Corps
ASD - Aeroplane Supply Depot
ASF - Air Survey Flight
ASF - Aircraft Servicing Flight
ASI - Air Speed Indicator
ASM - Armoured Ground Missile
ASP - Air Stores Park
ASR - Air Sea Rescue
ASR&CF - Air Sea Rescue & Communication Flight
ASRF - Air Sea Rescue Flight
ASRTU - Air Sea Rescue Training Unit
ASS - Air Signals School
AST - Air Service Training (CRO)
ASTOR - Airborne Stand-Off Radar
ASU - Area Support Unit; or Aircraft Storage Unit
ASuW - Anti-Surface Warfare
ASV - Aircrew Surface Vessel, radar for maritime patrol aircraft
ASW - Anti-Submarine Warfare
ASWDU - Air-Sea Warfare Development Unit
A&T – Administration and Training
ATA - Air Transport Auxiliary
ATAF - Allied Tactical Air Force
ATAM - Air-To-Air Missile
ATC - Air Traffic Control
ATC - Armament Training Camp/Air Training Corps (succeeded ADCC, 1941)
ATDC(I) -Air Transport Development Centre (India)
ATDF - Air Transport Development Flight
ATDU - Air Torpedo Development Unit? Air Transport Development Unit
ATF - Autogiro Training Flight
ATFERO - Atlantic Ferry Organization
ATGU - Aircrew Testing & Grading Unit
ATGW - Army Tank Guided Weapon
ATI - Access to Information Act
ATOC - Army Training and Operations Course
ATOF - Army Training and Operations Framework
ATP - Advanced Training Pool; or Aircrew Transit Pool; or Air Transit Pool
ATS - Auxiliary Territorial Service (women); or Armament Training Station; or Air Training Squadron
Att – Attached (att’d)
ATTDU - Air Transport Tactical Development Unit; or Armament Training Unit; or Aircrew Transit Unit; or Air Trials Unit
ATREEL - Air Transportable Reconnaissance Exploitation Laboratory
ATU - Armament Training Unit; or Aircrew Transit Unit; or Air Trials Unit; or Advanced Training Unit
AUAS - Aberdeen University Air Squadron
AUBDS - Anti U-Boat Devices School
Auth – authorized; or authority
AVF - All-Volunteer Force
AVG - American Volunteer Group
AVGP - Armoured Vehicle General Purpose (Grizzly, Cougar and Bison)
AVLB - Armoured Vehicle Launched Bridge
AVM - Air Vice Marshal
AW - Armstrong Whitworth
AWDS - All Weather Development Squadron
AWF - Air Wireless Fitter; or Air Warfare Centre; or All Weather Flight
AWFS - All Weather Fighter Conversion Squadron
AWL - Absent Without Leave
AWOCU - All Weather Operational Conversion Unit
AWOL - Absent With Out Leave
AWACS – Airborne Warning And Control Systems
AWRE - Atomic Weapons Research Establishment
AWWC - Advanced Winter Warfare Course
A/SLt - Acting Sub-Lieutenant

BABS - Blind (Beam?) Approach Beacon System
BAC - British Air Commission
B&C - Barrack & Clothing
BACB - British Air Command Berlin
BACF - Beam Approach Calibration Flight
BADU - Blind later, Beam Approach Development Unit
BAe - British Aerospace
BAFF - British Air Forces in France
BAFO - British Air Forces of Occupation
BAFSEA - British Air Force South-East Asia
BAGS – Bombing and Air Gunnery School
BANS - Basic Air Navigation School
BAOR – British Army of the Rhine
BARU - British Airways Repair Unit; or Base Aircraft Repair Unit
BAS - Beam Approach School
BAS&HEDS Bomber Airborne Support & Heavy Equipment Dropping Squadron
BAT - Beam (originally Blind) Approach
BATDU - Blind Approach Training & Development Unit
BATF - Beam (originally Blind) Approach Training Flight
BATTS - Beam Approach Technical Training School
BB - Two Letter Designator for a Battleship.
BBCS - Bengal/Burma Communication Squadron
BB&BLEAU - Bomb Ballistics & Blind Landing Experimental Unit
BBOC Brought Back on Charge
BBU - Bomb Ballistics Unit
BC - Battle Captain (Ops Officer); or Battery Commander (Artillery); Bomber Command; or Basic Component
BCAir - British Commonwealth Air Component, Japan
BCAS - Bomber Command Armament School
BCATP - British Commonwealth Air Training Plan
BCBS - Bomber Command Bombing School
BCCF(S) - Bomber Command Communication Flight (Squadron)
BCDU - Bomber Command Development Unit
BCFFU - Bomber Command Film Flight Unit
BCHU - Bomber Command Holding Unit
BCIR&EF Bomber Command Instrument Rating & Examining Flight
BCIS - Bomber Command Instructors School
BCJCF - Bomber Command Jet Conversion Unit
BCMC - Bomber Command Modification Centre
BCOF - British Commonwealth Occupation Force
BCHU - Bomber Command Holding Unit
BCIR&EF Bomber Command Instrument Rating & Examining Flight
BCIS - Bomber Command Instructors School
BCJCF - Bomber Command Jet Conversion Unit
BCMC - Bomber Command Modification Centre
BCOF - British Commonwealth Occupation Force
BCOL - Base Coordinator of Official Languages
BCR - British Columbia Regiment
BCRD - British Columbia Regimental Depot
BCRM - British-Canadian Recruiting Mission
BCRS - Bomber Command Radar School
BCTAE - British Commonwealth Trans Antarctic Expedition
Bde – Brigade
Bdr - Bombardier (Cpl in the Artillery)
BDR - Battle Damage Repair
BDT - Bomber Defence Training
BDTF - Bomber Defence Training Flight
BDU - Battle-Dress Uniform; or Bomb Dummy Units; or Bombing Development Unit; or Bomber Development Unit; or
Balloon Development Unit; or Bomb Disposal Unit
BEF - British Expeditionary Force
BER - Beyond Economical Repair
BEM - British Empire Medal
BF - Bring Forward (placed on a document with date the Clerk is to bring it back from the files)
BFA - Blank Firing Attachment
BFG – British Forces Germany
BFPO – British Forces Post Office
BFT - Battle Fitness Test
BFTS - British Flying Training School
B&GF - Bombing & Gunnery Flight
B&GS - Bombing & Gunnery School
BG - Battle Group
BG - Brigadier General
BGGS – Brigadier General, General Staff
BGHQ - Battle Group Headquarters
BGO – Brigade/Battalion Guide Officers
BGS – Brigadier, General Staff
BGT - Basic Gliding Training (Air Cadets)
BHFU - BloodHound Firing Unit
BHSU - BloodHound Support Unit
BIQ - Basic Infantry Qualification
BK - Battery Captain
BL – Breech Loading
BLEU - Blind Landing Experimental Unit
BLS - Bombing Leaders School
BM – Brigade Major
BMH – British Military Hospital
BMQ - Basic Military Qualification
BMT - Basic Military Training (Past term for BMQ and QL2)
Bn - Battalion
BoB – Battle of Britain
BobMF – Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
BOCC – Burial Officer Canadian Corps
BOD - Board of Directors
BOH – British Official History
BOHICA - Bend Over Here It Comes Again
BOQ - Bachelor Officers’ Quarters
BOR - Battalion Orderly Room
BOS - Battalion Orderly Sergeant
BOTC - Basic Officer Training Course
BOTP - Basic Officer Training Program
BPC – Board of Pension Commissioners
BRCS – British Red Cross Society
BRD - Base Repair Depot
BRSC - British Rear Support Command
BRTC - Basic Recruit Training Course
Br. CWO - Branch Chief Warrant Officer
BPSO - Base Personnel Selection Office
BSDU - Bomber Support Development Unit
BSM – Battery/Brigade Sergeant Major
BSRU - Base Signal Radar Unit
BSTU - Bomber Support Training Unit
BT – Bathythermograph
BTF - Bomber Towing/Training Flight
BTU - Bombing Trials Unit
Bt/y/Btty – Battery
BU - Broken Up
Bus - Bilingual Units
BQMS - Battery Quartermaster Sergeant
B&W – Buildings & Works
B/WEO - Base or Wing Education Officer
B/WPSO - Base or Wing Personnel Selection Officer
BWF - Bristol Wireless Flight
BZ - (Bravo Zulu) Good job or well done

(C) - Coastal
C&S - Sheet metal & Copper Smith
CA - Controller, Aircraft (Air Ministry)
CA (AF) – Canadian Army (Active Force)
CAACU - Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit
CAC – Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation; or Coast Artillery Co-operation; or Consolidated Aircraft Corporation; or Chrislea Aircraft Co.
CACS - Central Air Command Section
CACF - Coast Artillery Co-operation Flight
CACU - Coast Artillery Co-operation Unit
CAD – Central Ammunition Depot
CADC - Canadian Army Dental Corps
CADC - Canadian Army Dental Corps
CADPAT - Canadian Disruptive Pattern (uniform design)
CAEU - Casualty Air Evacuation Unit
CAGS - Canadian Army Gymnastics Staff
CAHC - Canadian Army Hydrological Corps
Cal Fit - Calibration Flight
CAMC – Canadian Army Medical Corps
CASC – Canadian Army Service Corps
CF/Unit - Camouflage Flight/Unit
C&M - Care and Maintenance
Cam-ship - Catapult-Armed Merchant Ship
Cam – Camouflaged (Camo)
CAMC - Canadian Army Medical Corps
CAMO - Camouflage Unit
Can Cav Bde - Canadian Cavalry Brigade
Can Cyc(list) Bn - Canadian Cyclist Battalion
Can D(Div) Cyc - Canadian Divisional Cyclists
Can Div Cav - Canadian Divisional Cavalry
Can Div HQ - Canadian Divisional Headquarters
Can Div Sig - Canadian Divisional Signals
Can Eng - Canadian Engineers
Can Fd Art - Canadian Field Artillery
Can For C - Canadian Forestry Corps
Can Hy By - Canadian Heavy Battery
Can Inf Bde - Canadian Infantry Brigade
Can Inf Wks C - Canadian Infantry Works Corps
Can LH - Canadian Light Horse
Can Labr Bn - Canadian Labour Battalion
Can MMG Bde - Canadian Machine Gun Brigade
Can Mtd Rif - Canadian Mounted Rifles
Can Ord C - Canadian Ordnance Corps
Can Pnr Bn - Canadian Pioneer Battalion
Can Postal C - Canadian Postal C.
Can Remt D - Canadian Remount Depot
Can Rly Cons C - Canadian Railway Construction Corps
Can San Sec - Canadian Sanitary Section
Can Scts - Canadian Scouts
Can Siberian Exp Fce - Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force
Can Sta Hosp - Canadian Stationary Hospital
Can Tank C - Canadian Tank Corps
Canada COM - Canada Command
CANCOM - Canada Command
CANFORGEN - Canadian Forces General Order
CANLANDGEN - Land Force General Message
CANSOFCOM - Canadian Special Operations Forces Command
Canex - Canadian Forces Exchange
CANS - Civil Air Navigation School
CAP - Captain
CAPC – Canadian Army Pay Corps
CAPS - Canadian Army Pay Services
CAOC - Canadian Army Ordnance Corps
CAOS - Combined Air Observers School
Capt - Captain
Capt (N) - Captain (Navy)
CAR - Canadian Airborne Regiment
CARD - Central Aircraft Repair Depot
CARS – Canadian Association of Returned Soldiers
CAS – Chief of the Air Staff; or Casualty
CASC - Canadian Army Service Corps
CASC MT - Canadian Army Service Corps Motor/Military/Mechanical
Casevac - Casualty Evacuation
CASF - Canadian Active Service Force; or Canadian Army Special Force
CASTS - Combined Anti Submarine Tactical School
CAT - Damage Category
CAT - College of Air Training
CATCS - Central Air Traffic Control School
Cav – Cavalry
CAVC – Canadian Army Veterinary Corps
CAW - College of Air Warfare
CB – Counter-Bombardment; or Companion of the Order of the Bath
CBCF - Coastal Battery Cooperation Flight
CBCS - Coastal Battery Cooperation School
CBD - Canadian Base Details; or Canadian Base Depot
CBE - Central Bomber Establishment; or Commander of the Order of the Bath
CBG - Canadian Brigade Group
CBRN - Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear
CBSO – Counter Battery Staff Officer
Cbt Tm - Combat Team
CC - Confined to Camp; or Capability Component
CCAC – Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre
CCAPMF - Coastal Command Aircraft Preparation & Training Unit
CCB – Canadian Cavalry Brigade; or Canadian Cyclist Battalion
CCBMGS - Canadian Cavalry Brigade Machine Gun Squadron
CCC – Canadian Concentration Camp
CCCS - Canadian Corps Composite Company
CCS – Canadian Casualty Clearing Station
CCD - Course Control Document; or Canadian Convalescent Depot; or Canadian Corps Depot
CFN - Canadian Forces Newspapers
CFNClU - Canadian Forces National Counter-Intelligence Unit
CFNES - Canadian Forces Naval Engineering School
CFNIS - Canadian Forces National Investigation Service
CFP - Canadian Forces Publication: A Canadian military book or PAM.
CFPAF - Canadian Forces Personnel Assistance Fund
CFPAS - Canadian Forces Personnel Appraisal System
CFPD - Canadian Forces professional development
CFPM - Canadian Forces Provost Marshall (Commanding Officer of Canadian Military Police)
CFPO - Canadian Forces Post Office
CFPP - Canadian Forces Parliamentary Program
(C)FPP - Civilian Ferry Pilots Pool
CFPSA - Canadian Forces Personnel Support Agency
CFR - Canadian Forces Registration (vehicles license plate number); or Commissioning From Ranks
CFRC - Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre
CFRETS - Canadian Forces Recruiting, Education and Training System
CFRG - Canadian Forces Recruiting Group
CFRIMS - Canadian Forces Resources Information Management System
CF(S) - Communications Flight (Squadron)
CFS - Canadian Forces Station; or Central Flying School
CFSAL - Canadian Forces School of Administration and Logistic
CFSATS - Canadian Forces Small Arms Trainer Simulator
CFSCE - Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics
CFSF - Canadian Forces Supply Depot
CFSME - Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
CFSME - Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering
CFSO - Canadian Forces Supplementary Orders
CFTO - Canadian Forces Technical Order
CFWD - Communication Flight Western Desert
CGA - Canadian Garrison Artillery
CGH - Canadian General Hospital
CGIS - Central Gliding Instructors School
CGM - Conspicuous Gallantry Medal
CGMF - Central Glider Maintenance Flight
CGN - Cruiser, Guided Missile, Nuclear
CGR - Canadian Garrison Regiment; or Canadian Graves Registrar
CGS - Central Gunnery School; or Central Gliding School; or Chief of the General Staff
CH - Chain Home (Radar chain)
Chap - Chaplin
CHAP - Cadet Harassment and Abuse Prevention
CHEL - Chain Home Extra Low (Radar)
CHL - Chain Home Low (Radar chain)
CHRC - Canadian Human Rights Commission
CHRPCC - Civilian Human Resource Planning and Coordination Committee
CHRSC - Civilian Human Resource Service Centers
CIB - Canadian Infantry Brigade
CIBD - Canadian Infantry Brigade Depot
CIBG - Canadian Infantry Brigade Group
CIC - Cadet Instructors Cadre, formerly the Cadet Instructors List or
CIG - Chief Instructor in Gunnery
CIGS - Chief of the Imperial General Staff
CinC - Commander in Chief
CIRU - Canadian Infantry Reinforcement Unit
CITC - Canadian Infantry Training Centre
CIWC - Canadian Infantry Works Corps
CJTF - Combined Joint Task Force
CL - Casualty List
CLAM - Combat Liberation Army of Meaford
CLB - Canadian Labour Battalion
CLE - Central Landing Establishment
CLFCSC - Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College (located in Kingston, ON)
CLH - Canadian Light Horse
CLP - Canadian Labour Pool
CLS - Chief of the Land Staff; or Central Landing School
CM - Career Manager; or Court Martial
CMBG - Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group
Cmd - Command
CMD - Conventional Munitions Disposal
Cmdre - Commodore
CMG - Canadian Military Engineer
CMF - Central Med Forces
CMGB - Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George
CMGB - Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group
CMGC - Canadian Machine Gun Corps
CMGCD - Canadian Machine Gun Corps Depot
CMGD - Canadian Machine Gun Depot
CMGO - Canadian Machine Gun Officer
CMH - Canadian Military Hospital
CMIS - Career Management Information System
CMJ - Chief Military Judge
CMP - Chief of Military Personnel; or Corps of Military Police
CMPA - Canadian Military Police Association
CMR - Canadian Mounted Rifles
CMS - Chief of Maritime Staff
CMTC – Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre
CMU - Civilian Maintenance Unit
CN&CS - Central Navigation & Control School
CNF - Commonwealth Naval Forces
CNS - Central Navigation School
CNVTS - Central Night Vision Training School
CO - Commanding Officer (can also be OC); or Chain Overseas (Overseas version of CH)
COA - Course of Action
COD - Command Ordinance Depot
C of I - Court of Inquiry
COI - Conflict of Interest
COIN - Counter-Insurgency Operations
Col – Colonel
Comd. – Commander; or Command (Com)
COMINT - Communications Intelligence
Comm(s) - Communication(s)
Comms Z – Communications Zone
Compo – Composite Ration (also called comp rat)
COMSEN – Communications Centre
Conv – Conversion; or Convalescent
Coord – Co-ordinate
CORD - Central Ontario Regimental Depot
COTU - Coastal Operational Training Unit
COS - Chief of Staff; or Company Orderly Sergeant; or Change of Strength
Coy - Company
C&P - Counseling and Probation
CP - Command Post; or Close Protection
CPC – Canadian Postal Corps
CPE - Central Photographic Establishment
CPF - Canadian Patrol Frigate. (Halifax Class); or Coastal Patrol Flight
Cpl – Corporal
CPO – Chief Petty Officer (Navy Rank); or Command Pay Office
CPO1 - Chief Petty Officer 1st Class
CPO2 - Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class
CPR - Civilian Performance Planning and Review
CQMS - Company Quartermaster Sergeant
CRB - Career Review Board
CRC - Control and reporting center
CRCR - Canadian Reserve Cavalry Regiment
CRD - Controller of Research & Development
CRDF - Cathode Ray Direction Finding
CRE - Central Reconnaissance Establishment
CRF - Controller of Research & Development
CRIS - Cranio-Rectal Insertion Syndrome
CROR - Canadian Special Operations Regiment
CRPS - Combined services Project Development Unit
CS - Combat Stress Reaction
CSS - Communications and Support Squadron; or Combat Service Support
C Sups – Combat Supplies
C SCOT R - Canadian Scottish Regiment. A Reserve Infantry Regiment on Vancouver Island.
CSU - Communications and Support Unit
CT - Component Transfer
CTAT - Controlled Technology Access Transfer
CTC – Canadian Training Centre
CTF - Combined Task Force (refers to a multi-national TF)
CTO - Compensated Time Off
CTTS - Communications & Target-towing Squadron; or Civilian Technical Training School
CTU - Combat Training Unit; or Crew Training Unit
CTW - Combat Training Wing
CU - Conversion Unit; or Camouflage Unit; or Communications Unit
Cu - Converted
CV - Common Valve; or Combat Vehicles
CVD – Central Vehicle Depot
CVN - Aircraft Carrier, Nuclear
CVR (T) or (W) – Combat Vehicle Reconnaissance (Tracked) or (Wheeled)
CW - Communication Wing; or Chemical Warfare
CWAC - Canadian Women's Army Corps
CWAC ACCOMM - Canadian Women's Army Corps Accommodations
CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission
CWO - Chief Warrant Officer
CWP - Contractor's Working Party
CWRO – Canadian War Records Office
CZP - Correct Zeroing Point
CzTU - Czechoslovak Training Unit
D Cdt s - Directorate of Cadets
D Dent Svcs - Director Dental Services
D Env P - Director, Environmental Protection
D Fin Ops - Directorate Financial Operations
D Law HR - Director Law Human Resources
D Law MJPR - Director Law Military Justice Policy and Research
D Law/ I - Director of Law/ International
D Law/Mil Per - Director of Law/Military Personnel
D Mar Pers - Directorate of Maritime Personnel
D Med Pol - Director Medical Policy
D Med Svcs - Director Medical Services
D Mil C - Director Military Careers
D Pub Pol - Directorate of Public Policy
DAC – Divisional Ammunition Company
DAF - Desert Air Force
DAFTF - Desert Air Force Training Flight
DAIP - Director Access to Information and Privacy
DAOD - Defense Administration Orders and Directives
DAPP - Director Accounts Processing, Pay and Pensions
DART - Disaster Assistance Response Team
DATCO - Deputy Air Traffic Controller
DBF - Destroyed By Fire
DBR - Damaged Beyond Repair
DC Pol - Directorate Contracting Policy
DCCL - Director, Claims and Civil Litigation
DCCO - Director Civilian Classification and Organization
DCDS - Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff
DCEP - Director Civilian Employment Policies
DCHRHP - Director of Civilian Human Rights and Harassment Programs
DCIM - Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine.
DCM – Distinguished Conduct Medal
DCO - Deputy Commanding Officer; or Duty Carried Out
DCOS - Deputy Chief of Staff
DCSA - Directorate Casualty Support and Administration
DDDO - Direction for Domestic Operations
DDG - Destroyer, Guided Missile
DDH - Destroyer, Helicopter carrying
DDL - Destroyer Deck Landings
DDR - East Germany Deutsche Democratic Republic - also GDR
DDSAL - Director of Disposals, Sales, Artifacts and Loans
DECR - Director, External Communications and Public Relations
Def – Defence
Del/Dly - Delivery
DEO - Direct Entry Officer
DEOP - Direct entry officer plan
DEP - Delayed Entry Program; or Director Ethics Program
Det – Detachment; or Detached
Dett - Detachment (detachment to another unit or Squadron)
DEU - Distinctive Environmental Uniform
DEW - Distant Early Warning (The DEW-line radar system)
DEW Line – Distant Early Warning Line
D/F - Direct Finding (Station)
DF – Defensive Fire
DFC - Distinguished Flying Cross
DFCS - Day Fighter Combat School, part of CFE
DFLS - Day Fighter Leaders School
DFM - Distinguished Flying Medal
DFPP - Director of Financial Policy and Procedures
DFS - Direct Fire Support
DG Cond Svc - Director General Conditions of Service
DG Int - Director General Intelligence
DGA - Director General of Aviation
DGADR - Director General Alternative Dispute Resolution
DGCESP - Director General Civilian Employment Strategies and Programs
DGE - Director General Environment
DGEPS - Director General Equipment Program Services
DGER - Director General Employee Relations
DGFD A - Director General Force Development Analysis
DGH S - Director General Health Services.
DGIIAP - Director General International and Industry Programs
DGGLP - Director General Learning and Professional Development
DGGLR - Director General Labour Relations and Compensation
DGMC - Director General (Military Careers)
DGNS - Director General Nuclear Safety
DGPA - Director General (Public Affairs)
DGPGP - Director General Personnel Generation Policy
DGRC - Director General (Reserves and Cadets)
DGRD - Director General of Research & Development
DGSP - Director General (Strategic Planning)
DHHF - Defence Helicopter Flying School
DHHH - Directorate of History and Heritage
DHO - Director of Health Operations
DHR - Director Human Rights and Diversity
DHRIM - Directorate Human Resources Information Management. (The PeopleSoft people.)
DI - Drill Instructor; or Daily Inspection (This was done every morning on equipment)
DICASS - Directional Command Activated Sonobouy System.
DIFAR - Directional Frequency Analysis and Recording.
DIHRS - Defence Integrated Human Resource System
DIMSP - Directorate Information Management Strategic Planning
DIN - Defence Information Network
DIP - Director Intellectual Property
DIPR - Director Information Resource Plans and Regulation
Disb - Disbanded
Dis - discharged
Dof W – Died of Wounds
DOL - Director Official Languages
DOS SJS - Director of Staff, Strategic Joint Staff
DM - Deputy Minister
DMASP - Director Materiel Acquisition and Support Programme
DMC - Defence Management Committee
DMCARM - Director Military Careers Administration and Resource Management
DME - Distance Measuring Equipment
DMFS - Directorate Military Family Services
Dml – Demolition
DMMD - Director Materiel Management Distribution
DMPD - Director, Management Policy Development
DMPPP - Director Materiel Policy and Procedures
DNCO – Duty Not Carried Out; or Did Not Complete Operation
DND – Department of National Defence
DO - Duty Officer; or Daily Order
DOB - Date of Birth; or Deployed Operating Base
DOL - Director Official Languages
DOS SJS - Director of Staff, Strategic Joint Staff
D of W – Died of Wounds
DP - Development Period; officer and NCM careers are divided into Developmental Periods
ERS - Empire Radio School; or Engineer Repair Section
E&RFTS - Elementary & Reserve Flying Training School
ESR - Engineer Support Regiment
ETA - Estimated Time of Arrival
ETO - European Theatre of Operations
ETPS - Empire Test Pilots School
EU - Equipment Unit
EUAS - Edinburgh University Air Squadron
Evd - Evaded Capture
EWAU - Electronic Warfare Avionics Unit
EWE&TU - Electronic Warfare Experimental & Training Unit
EW - Electronic Warfare; or Early Warning
E&W - Electrical & Wireless School
EWSS - Emergency Water Supply
EX - Exercise; or Executive Group

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FHP - Force Health Protection
FIBUA - Fighting In Built Up Areas
FIDO - Fog Investigation and Dispersal Operation
F I DS/U - Fighter Interception Development Squadron/Unit
Fin - Financial
Fin O - Financial Officer
FIS - Flying Instructors School
F I U - Fighter Interception Unit
F/L - Flight Lieutenant
FLET - Forward Location Enemy Troops
FLOT - Forward Location Own Troops; or Flotilla (Flot)
FLS - Fighter Leaders School
Fit - Flight
FLUs - French Language Units
FMA - Flight Mechanic Airframes
FMAS - Financial and Managerial Accounting System
FMC - Force Mobile Command
FME - Flight Mechanic Engines
Fmm - Formation
FMP - Field Message Pad
FMS - Facilities Management Squadron; or Field Maintenance Squadron
FSMO - Full Service Marching Order
F/O - Flying Officer
FOA - Field Operations Allowance
FOB - Forward Operating Base
FOO - Forward Observation Officer
FOUO – For Official Use Only
FP - Ferry Pool
FPF - Final Protective Fire
FPP - Ferry Pilots Pool
FPU - Ferry Preparation Unit; or Film Production Unit
FR - Fighter Reconnaissance
Frac – Fractured (injury)
FRD - Forward Repair Depot
FRS - Flying Refresher School
FRT - Forward Repair Team
FRU - Field Repair Unit/Fleet Requirements Unit
F/S - Flight Sergeant
FS - Fighting School
FSAF&G - Fleet School of Aerial Fighting & Gunnery School
FSDS - Fighter Support Development Squadron
FSP - Forward Staging Post
FSS - Fire and Security Training School
FSTU - Fighter Support Training Unit
FTC - Flying Training Command
FTCPF - Flying Training Command Practice Flight
FTF/U - Ferry Training Flight/Unit
FTFIt - Ferry Training Flight
FTLU - French Tactical Liaison Unit
FTR - Failed to Return
FTS - Flying Training School
FTU - Ferry Training Unit/Floatplane Training Unit/Flight Trials Unit
FU - Ferry Unit
FUBAR - F**ked up Beyond All Repair
FUP – Forming Up Point (or Position)
FWS - Fighter Weapons School
F w - Feldwebel/Focke Wulfe
GATES - German Army Training Establishment Shilo
GATU - Ground Attack Training Unit
G/C - Group Captain
GC - Gliding Centre; or Groupe de Chasse; or Good Conduct (badge)
GCA - Ground Controlled Approach
GCAOS - Ground Controlled Approach Operation School
GCAS - Ground Controlled Approach Squadron
GCATU - Ground Controlled Approach Training Unit
GC badge – Good Conduct Badge
GCCS - Global Command and Control System (Maritime)
GCF - Gunnery Co-operation Flight/Group Communication Flight
GCHQ - Government Communications HQ
GCI - Ground Controlled Interception
GCS - Ground Controlled Squadron
GCT - Ground Combat Training
GD - General Duties
GDC - Group Disbandment Centre
GDGS - Group Defence Gunnery School
GDP - General Defence Plan
GE - George Cross
GED - Ground Equipment Depot; or General Educational Development
Gen - General
GEP - General Equipment Park
GES - Glider Exercise Squadron
GEU - Glider Exercise Unit
GG - Ground Gunnery
GGS - Ground Gunnery School
GHQ - General Headquarters
GI - Ground Instructional
GIC - Gliding Induction Course (Air Cadets)
GIF - Glider Instructors Flight
GIP - Grid Intersecting Point
GIS - Glider Instructors School
GL - Gun Laying (radar)
GMC - General Military Course
Gnd - ground
Gnr - Gunner
(G) OTU - Glider Operational Training Unit
GoC - Government of Canada
GOC - General Officer Commanding
Gnr - Gunner (private in artillery)
Gp - Group
GP - General Purpose
GP CF - Group Conversion Flight
GP/DA - Group Disposal Account (book-keeping exercise for damaged aircraft)
GPEU - Glider Exercise Unit
GPS - Glider Pilot Instructors School
GPMG - General Purpose Machine Gun
GPO - Gun Position Officer
GPS - Global Positioning System
GPUTF - Glider Pick-up Training Unit
GPR - Glider Pilot Regiment
GQA - Government Quality Assurance
GR - General reconnaissance
GR&ANS - General Reconnaissance and Air Navigation School
GRF - Ground Radar Fitter
GRICS - Ground Radio Installation Clearance Service (security clearance for visitors)
GRS - General Reconnaissance School
GRSF - Ground Radio Servicing Flight
GRSS - Ground Radio Servicing Squadron
GRU - General Reconnaissance Unit
GRU/F - General Reconnaissance Unit/Flight
Grunt - Slang Word For An Infantryman
GS - Gliding School; or General Specification; or Grading School
GSE - Glider Servicing Echelon
GSF - Glider Servicing Flight
GSP - Government Security Policy
GSU - Group Support Unit
GSW - Gunshot Wound
GTF - Gunnery Training Flight
GTPS - Glider & Tug Pilots School
GTS - Glider Training Squadron; or Glider Training School
GU - Grading Unit
GUAS - Glasgow University Air Squadron
GWDS - Guided Weapon Development Squadron
GWF - Ground Wireless Fitter
GWOT - Global War On Terror
GWTS - Guided Weapon Training Squadron
HAA - Heavy Anti Air
HAAPC - Heavy anti-aircraft Practice Camp
HAD - Home Aircraft Depot
HATS - Hull, Armament, Turret, Suspension
HAZMAT - Hazardous Material
(HB) - Heavy Bomber
(HB)CU - (Heavy Bomber) Conversion Unit
HB - Hostile Battery
HCA - Health Care Administrator
HCCS - Home Command Communications Squadron
HCEU - Home Command Examining Unit
HCF - Helicopter Communications Flight; or Home Communications Flight
HCU - Heavy Conversion Unit
HD - Home Defence
Hdlg Sqn - Handling Squadron
HU - Helicopter Development Unit
HE - High Explosive; Home Establishment (movements)
HEAT - High Explosive Anti Tank
Hel - Helicopter
HMTT - Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck
HFDF - High Frequency Direction Finding ("Huff-Duff")
HF - Heavy Freight Flight
HFU - Home Ferry Unit
HGCU - Heavy Glider Conversion Unit
HGSMU - Heavy Glider Maintenance Unit
HGSU - Heavy Glider Servicing Unit
HGTU - Heavy Glider Training Unit
HHT - House Hunting Trip
HKAAF - Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force
HKFS - Hong Kong Fighter Squadron
HKVA - Hong Kong Volunteer Air Force
HLVW - Heavy Lift Vehicle, Wheeled; or Heavy Logistics Vehicle Wheeled
HM - Her/His Majesty
HMCS - Her Majesty's Canadian Ship
HMWMV - High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (Humvee)
HMS - His/Her Majesty's Ship (UK)
HMT - His/Her Majesty's Transport Ship
HOCF = Helicopter Operational Conversion Flight
Hosp - Hospital
How - Howitzer
Hptm - Hauptman
HQ - Headquarters
HQ AC - Headquarters Air Cadets
HQ ATA - Headquarters Air Transport Auxiliary
HQ EFT - Headquarters Elementary Flying Training
HQ FFP - Headquarters Ferry Pilots Pool
HQ P&SS - Headquarters Provost & Security Services ('Snowdrops')
HQ PTC - Headquarters Personnel & Training Command
HQ STC - Headquarters Strike Command
HQ TAF - Headquarters Tactical Air Force
HQME - Headquarters Middle East
HQTCPS - Headquarters Technical Training Command Publicity Section
HR - Human Resources
HRG - Historical Research Group
HRMS - Human Resources Management System
HS Flt - High Speed Flight
HSO - Health Services Officer
HST - High Speed Telegraphist
HTCU - Heavy Transport Conversion Unit
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I(A) - India
IA - Immediate Action
IAAD - Inland Area Aircraft Depot
IAAS - Inland Area Aircraft School
IAF - Indian Air Force
IAFVR - Indian Air Force Volunteer Reserve
IAMUS - Installation Automated Manpower Utilization System
IAP - Initial Assessment Phase
IAPF - Inland Area Practice Flight
IAvMed - Institution of Aviation Medical CCF Iraq Command Communication Flight
IAW - In Accordance With (reference)
IBTS - Individual Battle Task Standards
i/c - In charge
ICCC - Incident Commander
ICF/S - Italy Communication Flight/Squadron
IDF - Iraq Defence Flight
IE - Initial Establishment; or Intermediate Engagement
IED - Improvised Explosive Device
IFCCS - Indirect Fire Control Computer Software
IFCS - Integrated Fire Control System
IFDU - Intensive Flying Development Unit
IFF - Identification Friend or Foe
IFIS - Irish Flying Instructors School
IFS - Instrument Flying Squadron
IFSSAC - International Fire Service Accreditation Congress
IFTS - Initial Flying Training School
IFTU - Instrument Flying Training Unit/Intensive Flying Trials Unit
IGT - Initial Gliding Training (Air Cadets)
II – Image Intensifier
ILDS - Improved Landmine Detection System (held only by 4 ESR)
ILF - Independent Liaison Flight
ILP - Individual Learning Plan
ILS - Instrument Landing System
IMD - Information Management Directive
IMP - Individual Meal Packets
Int – Intelligence; or Interned
Int O - Intelligence Officer
Int Op - Intelligence Operator
Int Sum – Intelligence Summary
inv “wd” – invalidated wounded
IoM - Isle of Man
I/O - Intelligence Officer
IO – Intelligence Officer
IP - Intellectual property
IR - Immediate Reserve; or Individual Reservist
IRF - Independent Reconnaissance Flight
IRG - Immediate Replenishment Group
IRIS - Inspector of Radio Installation Services
IRRU - Instant Readiness Reserve Unit
IR&SU - Immediate Reserve & Support Unit
IRU - Immediate Reaction Unit
IS – Internal Security
ISAF - International Security Assistance Force
ISC – Infantry Section Carrier
ISCC - Infantry Section Commander’s Course
ISF - Internal Security Flight
ISTAR - Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance
IT&E - Individual Training and Education
ITF/S - Instrument Raining Flight/Squadron
ITS - Initial Training School
ITW - Initial Training Wing
IW – Individual Weapon
J3 - Joint Staff 3 (Operations and Training)
JAG - Judge Advocate General
JAPIC - Joint Air Photographic Interpretation Centre
JARIC - Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre
JASS - Joint Anti-Submarine School
JATE - Joint Air Transport Establishment
JCU - Jet Conversion Unit (Bomber Command Jet Conversion Unit)
JEFTS - Joint Elementary Flying Training Squadron
JEHU - Joint Experimental Helicopter Unit
JFACT&SU - Joint Forward Air Controllers Training & Standards Unit
JFHQ - Joint Force Headquarters
JGWTU - Joint Guided Weapons Training Unit
JHDU - Joint Helicopter Development Unit
JHQ – Joint Headquarters
JNBCD - Joint Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Defence
JNCO - Junior NCO
JPTU - Jet Provost Trials Unit
JRC - Junior Ranks Club (Mess)
JSPI - Joint School of Photographic Interpretation
JSSC - Joint Services Staff College
JSSPT - School for Jungle Self Preservation Training
JSTU - Joint Services Trials Unit
J/T - Junior Technician
JTF - Joint Task Force (land/air/sea); or Jet Training Flight
JTF-2 - Joint Task Force 2
JTU - Joint Trials Unit
JWE - Joint Warfare Establishment
KAAU - Kenya Auxiliary Air Unit
KAF - Kenya Air Force
KD - Khaki Drill
KE Round - Kinetic Energy Round
KFS - Knife, Fork, Spoon
KF - King's Flight
KIA - Killed In Action
KLFS - Kula Lumpur Fighter Squadron
KRs - King's Regulations
KR&ACI - King's Regulations & Air Council Instructions
KUAS - Kent University Air Squadron
KZ - Killing Zone

L1s - Level One Advisors as set out in A-FN-100-002/AG-006
LAAGS - Light Anti-Aircraft Gunnery School
LAAPC - Light Anti-Aircraft Practice Camp
LAC - Leading Aircraftman (Airforce); or Library and Archives Canada
LACW - Leading Aircraft Woman (Airforce)
LARC – Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo
LAS - Light Aircraft School
LASER - Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
LAV – Light Armoured Vehicle
LAW - Leading Aircraft Woman (Airforce)
LCF - Lincoln Conversion Flight
LCdr - Lieutenant Commander
LCol - Lieutenant Colonel
LCP - Launch Control Post (Bloodhound missile)
Lcpl – Lance Corporal
LdSH (RC) – Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)
LEM E - Land Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
LFA - Land Force Area
LFAA – Land Force Atlantic Area
LFCA – Land Force Central Area
LFC - Land Force Command (Army)
LFC2IS - Land Force Command and Control Information System
LFCA - Land Force Central Area
LFCA TC – Land Forces Central Area Training Centre
LFDT5 - Land Forces Doctrine and Training System
LFNA – Land Force Northern Area
LFQA – Land Force Quebec Area
LFRR - Land Force Reserve Restructure
LFS - Lancaster Finishing School
LFWA - Land Force Western Area
LFWATC – Land Force Western Area Training Centre
LG - Landing Ground; or London Gazette (newsprint)
LGen - Lieutenant General
LHQ - Local Headquarters (Army Cadet term)
LinCWell – Lincoln and Welland Regiment
LLF - Light Liaison Flight
LLTU - Leigh Light Training Unit
LMB – Light Mortar Battery
LMG - Light Machine Gun
LNSF - Light Night Striking Force, of Mosquitoes of 8 Group
LO - Liaison Officer
LOAC - Law of Armed Conflict
L of C - Lines of Communications
LOD - Line of Departure
Log - Logistic
LOS - Line Of Sight
LP - Listening Post
LRATGW - Long Range Anti Tank Guided Weapon
LRDG - Long Rang Desert Group
LRFU - Long Rang Ferry Unit
LRDF - Long Range Development Flight
LRDU - Long Range Development Unit
LRS - Legislative and Regulatory Services
LRSW - Long Range Sniper Weapon
LRWE - Long Range Weapons Research Establishment
LRWRE - Long Range Weapons Research Establishment
LS - Leading Seaman
LSDI - Large Scale Deliberate Intervention
LSH – Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians)
LST - Landing Ship, Tank
LSVV - Light Support Vehicle Wheeled
LSW - Light Support Weapon
Lt – Lieutenant
Lt (N) - Lieutenant (Navy)
LTAs - Leave Travel Assistance
LTI - Link Trainer Instructor
LTP - Long Term Planning
LTW - Lyneham Transport Wing
LUP - Lying Up Point
LVS - Logistics Vehicle System
LW - Light Warning (radar)
LWCC - Lightweight Combat Clothing
LZ - Landing Zone

MA - Managing Authority
MAA - Mutual Aid Agreement
MAAF - Mediterranean Allied Forces; or Malayan Auxiliary Air Force
MAC - Mediterranean Air Command
MACAF - Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force
MACP - Medic Air Command Post
MAD - Marine Acceptance Depot
MAED - Marine Aircraft Experimental Depot
MAEE - Marine Aircraft Experimental Establishment
MAEU - Marine Aircraft Experimental Unit
MAFIS - Midlands Area Flying Instructors School
Maj - Major
MAJAD - Major Air Disaster
MAP - Ministry of Aircraft Production
MARCOM - Maritime Command
MAREL - Moveable Air Reconnaissance Exploitation Unit
M&S Desktop - Materiel Acquisition and Support Desktop
MASFS - Midlands area School of Special Flying
MASC - Managing Authority System Manager
MARA&CF - Malta Air Sea Rescue & Communications Flight
MATAF - Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Forces
MATZ - Military Air Traffic Zone
MBdr - Master Bombardier (MCpl in the Artillery)
MBT - Main Battle Tank
MC - Military Cross
MC - Military District
MA - Managing Authority
MA - Mutual Aid Agreement
MASFS - Midlands Area School of Special Flying
MCOIN - Maritime Command Operational Information System
MCpl - Master Corporal
MC - Military Cross
MC - Military Career Counselor
MCC - Ministry of Defence
MCC&FF - Ministry of Civil Aviation
MEAC - Middle East Air Command
MEAF - Middle East Air Force
MEAFITF - Middle East Air Force Instrument Training Flight
MEAFTU - Middle East Air Force Target Towing Unit
MEAS - Middle East Armament School
MECGS - Middle East Central Gunnery School
MCI - Military Cross
MCTAP - Military Civilian Training Accreditation Program
MC - Military Cross
MD - Military District
MDA - Main Defensive Area
Me - Messerschmitt
ME - Middle East
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MAF - Mediterranean Allied Forces
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MEAFTU - Middle East Air Force Target Towing Unit
MEAS - Middle East Armament School
MECGS - Middle East Central Gunnery School
Mech - Mechanized
Med - Medical
MedMe - Mediterranean and Middle East
MEL - Medical Employment Limitations
MENVTS - Middle East Night Vision Training School
MEP&AP - Middle East Pilot & Aircrew Pool
Met Res - Meteorological Research
METS - Middle East Training School
MEW - Microwave Early Warning (radar)
MFC - Mortar Fire Controller
MFH - Military Field Hospital
MFNU - Malta Night Fighter Unit
MFP - Military Field Police
MFPU - Mobile Field Photographic Unit
MFRC - Military Family Resource Centre
MG - Machine Gun; or Motor Generator
MGen - Major General
MGS - Mobile Gun System
MGSP - Mobile Glider Servicing Party
M&I - Messes and Institutes
MI - Military Intelligence
MIA - Missing in Action
MCV - Mechanized Infantry/Cavalry Vehicle
MID - Mentioned in Dispatches
Mil - Military
Militia - The Reserve Force (RF)
Min Tech - Ministry of Technology
MIO - Maritime Interdiction Operations
MIR - Medical Inspection Room
Mk - Mark
MKV - Mark V fire tender
MLOC - Minimum Level of Capability
MLU – Maple Leaf Up
MLVW - Medium Logistics Vehicle Wheeled
MM - Military Medal
MMESTF/S - Mediterranean & Middle East Special Transport Flight/Squadron
MMEV - Multi-Mission Effects Vehicle
MML - Manual of Military Law
MND - Minister of National Defence
MMP - Military Mounted Police
MO - Medical Officer (doctor)
MOA - Ministry of Aviation
Mob - Mobilization
MOC - Military Occupation Code
MOD - Ministry of Defence (UK)
MOD(PE) - Ministry of Defence (Procurement Executive)
MOPA - Military Objective Previously Attacked
MOPP - Mission Oriented Protective Posture
MORU - Mobile Operations Room Unit
MOS - Marine Observation School; or Military Occupational Structure
MoS - Ministry of Supply
MOTU - Marine Operational Training Unit
MOU - Memorandum of Understanding
MOUT - Military Operations in Urban Terrain
Mov O – Movement Order
MP - Military Police
MPCC - Military Police Complaints Commission
MPI - Mean Point of Impact
MPIR - Military Police Investigation Report
MPRR - Member's Personnel Record Résumé
MRD – Manitoba Regimental Depot
MRE - Meal Ready to Eat (rations)
MRES - Missing Research and Enquiry Service
MREU - Missing Research and Enquiry Unit
MRF - Meteorological Research Flight
MRS - Maritime Reconnaissance School; or Medical Receiving Station
MR squadron - Medium Reconnaissance squadron
MRT - Mountain Rescue Team
MRU - Medical Rehabilitation Unit; or Mobile Radio Unit
M&S - Modeling & Simulation
MS - Master Seaman (Navy)
MSE - Mobile Support Equipment
MSFU - Merchant Ship Fighter Unit
Msl - Missile
MSM - Mainstream Media
MSR - Morse Slip Reader
MSU - Mobile Signals Unit; or Maintenance Sub Unit
MT - Mechanical Transport; or Motor Transport
MTAP - Military Training Assistance Program
MTBD - Mechanical Transport Base Unit
MTD - Mechanical Transport Driver
MTLRU - Mechanical Transport Light Repair Unit
MTP - Main Teaching Point(s)
MTO - Mechanical Transport Officer
MTMA - Military Terminal Maneuvering Area
MTRU - Motor Transport Repair Unit
MTSS - Mechanical Transport Servicing Section
MTU - Mosquito Training Unit
MU - Maintenance Unit
NT - No Trace
NTB - Norwegian Training Base
NYD – not yet determined
NYK – Not Yet Known
NTR – Nothing To Report
NTS - (Night) Training Squadron
NTU - Navigation Training Unit, Pathfinder Force; or No Take Up
NVG - Night Vision Goggles
NVITS - Night Vision Instructors Training School
NVTS - Night Vision Training School
NwAAF - North West African Air Forces
NwAASC - North West African Air Service Command
NwACAF - North West African Coastal Air Force
NwASAF - North West African Strategic Air Forces
NwATAF - North West African Tactical air Force
NwATBF - North West African Training Bomber Force
NwATC - North West African Training Command
NYD - not yet determined
NZF - New Zealand Flight
OADF/U - Overseas Aircraft Delivery Flight/Unit
(O)AFU - Observers Advanced Flying Unit
OANS - Observers Air Navigation School
OAPU - Overseas Aircraft Preparation Unit
OAR - Obusna Aeroplansva Radionica, (District Aviation Workshop)
OATS - Officers Advanced Training School
(O)ATU - Observers Advanced Training Unit
OBE - Order of the British Empire
Oblt - Oberleutnant
Obs - Observation (USAAF)
OBS - Observer School
OBUA - Operations in Built Up Areas
OC - Officer Commanding (or CO); or Officer Cadet
OCdt - Officer Cadet
OClPEP - Office of Critical Infrastructure and Emergency Preparedness
OCTU - Officer Cadet Training Unit
OCU - Operational Conversion Unit
OEU - Operational Evaluation Unit
OFU - Overseas Ferry Unit
O Group - Order Group
OGS - Officer General Specifications
OIC - Officer in Charge; or Officer's Initial Course
OJE - On Job Experience
OMFC - Overseas Military Forces of Canada
OO - Orderly Officer
OOTW - Operations Other Than War
OP - Observation Post; or Operation
Op – Operation; or Operator
OPDP - Officer Professional Development Program
OPD - Officer Professional Development Program
OPI - Office of Primary Interest
Opl - Operational
OPME - Officer Professional Military Education
Op O - Operation Order
OPSEC - Operational Security
Ops O - Operations Officer
OPP - Operational Planning Process
OPV - Offshore Patrol Vessel; or Observation Post Vehicle
OR - Orderly Room; or Other Ranks (Often mistakenly taken to mean Ordinary Ranks);
Or Bat – Order of Battle
ORB - Operations Record Book
ORS - Operational Research Section
ORTU - Operational & Refresher Training Unit
ORV - Objective Rendezvous
OS - Observers School; or Ordinary Seaman (Navy)
OS(B) - Ordinary Seaman (Basic)
OS(R) - Ordinary Seaman (Recruit)
(O)SoAG - Observers School of Reconnaissance & Aerial Gunnery
OSC - Officers Senior Course (for RAFVR (T) officers, conducted at ACTC)
OSC - Overseas Staff College
OSR&AP - Observers School of Reconnaissance & Aerial Gunnery
OTS – Operational Training Squadron; or Operational Training School
OSJ – Officer of the Order of St John
OTSCU - Officer Training School Conversion Unit
PPF - Parachute Practice Flight; or Patrol Pathfinder
PPI - Plan Position Indicator (Rotating radar display)
PPP - Pupils Pilots Pool
P Res - Primary Reserve
PR - Photographic Reconnaissance
PRB - Performance Review Board
PRC - Personnel Reception Centre
PRDU/E - Photographic Reconnaissance Development Unit/ Establishment
Pres - The Primary Reserve; or presumed
PRETC - Post Recruit Education Training Centre
PRFU/S - Pilots Refresher Flying Unit/School
PRI - Physical Recreation Instructor
PRTU - Pilot Refresher Training Unit
PRRP - Pilots Reserve & Reinforcement Poll (Middle East)
PSA - Personnel Support Agency
PSEA - Public Service Employment Act
PSHRMAC - Public Service Human Resources Management Agency of Canada
PSI - President of the Services Institute
PSLRA - Public Service Labour Relations Act
Proc - Proceeded
PRU - Photographic Reconnaissance Unit/Pilot Replacement Unit; or Personnel Reception Unit
PS - Parachute School
PSO - Personnel Selection Officer
PSP - Perforated Steel Planking (for runways); or Personnel Support Program
PSTC - Peace Support Training Centre
PT - Physical Training
PTC - Parachute Training Centre; or Personnel Transit Camp; or Personnel Transit Centre
Pte - Private
Pte(B) - Private (Basic)
Pte(R) - Private (Recruit)
Pte(T) - Private (Trained)
PTF - Parachute Test Flight
PTI - Physical Training Instructor
PTS - Parachute Training School/Squadron/ Section
PTU - Parachute Test Unit/ Parachute Training Unit
PTURP - Pilots Training Unit & Reinforcement Pool (see also TURP)
PUO – Pyrexia of unknown origin
PV - Positive Vetting
Pvt – Private (incorrect)
PWF - Psychological Warfare Unit
PWR - Personnel Warning Roster
PWS - Protected Weapons Station (in Australia's Army)
QAIMNS - Queen Alexandra’s Imperial Military Nursing Service
QCS - Queen's Colour Squadron (RAF Regiment)
QF - Queens Flight
QFI - Qualified Flying Instructor
QHNS - Queen’s Honorary Nursing Sister Nurse
QHN - Queen’s Honorary Nurse
QL - Qualification Level
QM - Quartermaster
QMG - Quartermaster General
QMS - Quartermaster Sergeant
QMSI - Quartermaster Sergeant Instructor
QOL - Quality of Life
QOLPMO - Quality of Life Project Management Office
QOLSRB - Quality of Life Senior Review Board
QOR - Queen’s Own Rifles of Canada
QRs - Queen’s Regulations
QRD - Quebec Regimental Depot
QR&O - Queen's Regulations and Orders
QS - Qualification Standard
QVJI - Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute
QYRANG - Queen's York Rangers
R22eR - Royal 22e Regiment
(R) Reserve
R - Receiver
RA - Retirement Age
RAAF - Royal Australian Air Force; or Royal Auxiliary Air Force (UK)
RACON - Radar beacon
R&D - Research & Development
RAdm - Rear-Admiral
RAE - Royal Aircraft Establishment; or Royal Aerospace Establishment
RETP - Reserve Entry Training Program
RFC - Royal Flying Corps
RFF - Refresher Flying Flight
RFID - Radio Frequency Identification
RFS - Reserve Flying School
Rft - Reinforcement
RFTS - Refresher Flying Training School
RFU - Refresher Flying Unit
R/G - Rear Gunner
RHAf - Royal Hellenic Air Force
RHLI - Royal Hamilton Light Infantry
RHQ - Regimenal Headquarters
RIAF - Royal Indian Air Force
RIIP - Reserve Integrated Information Project
RIMU - Radio Installation Maintenance Unit
RJDF - Rapid Joint Deployment Force
RLF - Rapid Landing Flight
RLG - Relief Landing Ground
RM - Royal Marine (UK)
RMA - Royal Military Academy or Rear Maintenance Area; or Revolution in Military Affairs
RMAF - Royal Malaysian Air Force
RMC - Royal Military College
RMF - Radar (Radio) Meteorological Flight
RMP - Royal Military Police ; or Recognized Maritime Picture
RM RANG - Rocky Mountain Rangers
RMS - Royal Mail Ship
RMU - Radio Maintenance Unit
RN - Royal Navy (UK); or Radiation and Nuclear
RNANF - Royal Norwegian Air Force
RNAs - Royal Naval Air Station/Service; or Royal Norwegian Air Service
RNaw - Radar Navigation Aids Wing
RNBR - The Royal New Brunswick Regiment
RNCU - Radar Navigation Conversion Unit
RNEFTS - Royal Navy Elementary Flying Training School
RNethAF - Royal Netherlands Air Force
RNFS - (Royal Naval Fighter Squadron
RNZAF - Royal New Zealand Air Force
ROC - Royal Observer Corps
ROE - Rules of Engagement
ROS - Repairable on Site
ROTA - Release Other Than Attack
ROTC – Reserve Officer Training Corps
ROTP - Regular Officer Training Plan; or Reserve Officer Training Program
ROWPU – Reverse-Osmosis Water Purification Unit
RP - Regimental Police
RPAF - Royal Pakistan Air Force
RPDS - Radar Photographic Display System
RPG – Rocket Propelled Grenade; or Rounds per gun
R&Q - Rations and Quarters
RQMS - Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant
RRC - Royal Red Cross
RRE - Radar Research Establishment
RRF(U) - Radio Reconnaissance Flight (Unit)
RRFU - Radar Reconnaissance Flight
RRH - Remote Radar Head
RRR - Royal Regina Rifles
RRU - Raid Reporting Unit
RS - Radio School; or Reserve School; or Reserve Squadron
RSM - Regimental Sergeant Major
RSP – Red Spot Flares/Fires (?)
RS&RE - Royal Signals & Radar Establishment
R&SS - Repair & Salvage Section
R&SU - Repair & Salvage Unit
RSS - Radio Servicing Section
RSO - Range Safety Officer; or Range Standing Orders
RSS - Reg F Support Staff
RSU - Repair & Servicing Unit; or Repair & Salvage Unit
R/T - Radio Telephony
RTB - Return To Base
RTC – Returned To Corps
RTD - Return To Depot
RTM - Ready To Move
RTO - Rail Transport Officer
RTP - Recruit Training Pool
RTU - Returned To Unit
RU - Reception Unit; or Repair Unit
RV - Rendezvous, point on patrol
RW - Receiving Wing; or Recorded Warning
RWE - Radio Warfare Establishment
RWS - Remote Weapons Station (in Australia’s army)
RYAFTU - Royal Yugoslav Air Force Technical Unit

SAA - Small Arms Assn.; or Small Arms Ammunition
SAAF - South African Air Force
SAC - Senior Aircraftman
SACEUR - Supreme Allied Commander Europe
SACUER - Supreme Allied Commander Europe
SADO - Senior Administrative Officer
SAFU - South Atlantic Ferry Unit
SAGM - Surface to Air Guided Missile
SAGW - Surface to Air Guided Weapon
SAM - Surface to Air Missile
SAN - School of Air? Navigation
SAOEU - Strike Aircraft Operational Evaluation Unit
SAP - School of Air Pilotage
SAPI - Semi Armour Piercing Incendiary
SAR - Search & Rescue
SAR tech - Search And Rescue Technician
SARD - Southern Aircraft Repair Depot
SARTU/S - Search and Rescue Training Unit/Squadron
SAS - Servicing Aircraft Section; or Situational Awareness System
SASO - Senior Air Staff Officer; or Stability & Support Ops
SATCO - Senior Air Traffic Controller
SatCom - Satellite Communications
Satt - Satellite
SAV - Staff Assistance Visit
SBA - Standard Beam Approach
S/C Sergeant Chef
SC - Salvage Centre; or Strike Command
SCAN - Second Career Assistance Network Program
SCBS - Strike Command Bombing School
SCCS - Strike Command Communication Squadron
SCDU - Strike Command Development Unit
SCF - Squadron Conversion Flight
SCONVDA - Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
SCR - School of Control & Reporting; or Signal Corps Radio
SCRR - Special Commission on the Restructuring of the Reserves
SCS - Southern Communication Squadron/Special Communication Squadron
SD - Special Duty/Special Duties; or Stores Depot
SD155. - Operational Memorandum
SDF - Special Duties Flight
SD(R)DU - Special Duties (Radio) Development Unit
SDR - Strategic Defence Review
SDU - Signals Development Unit
SEAAC - South East Asia Air Command
SEAC - South East Asia Command
SEACF - South Eastern Area Communication Flight
SEAFIS - South Eastern Area Flying Instructors School
SEASI - South Eastern Area School of Instruction
SECO - Synthetic Environment Coordination Office
SEF - Special Experimental Flight; or Siberian Expeditionary Force
SEMO - Self Evident Military Objective
SEP - Special Erection Party (Gibraltar)
SEngO - Senior Engineering Officer; or Station Engineering Officer
SEs - Synthetic Environments
SF - Station Flight; or Special Forces
SFC - School of Flying Control
SFCs - Squadron & Flight Commanders School
SFF - Service Ferry Flight; or Special Forces Flight
SFOR - Stabilization Force
(S)FPP - (Service) Ferry Pilots Pool
SFT - School of Flying Training
SFTS - Service Flying Training School
SFU - Signal Flying Unit
Sgt - Sergeant
SGR - School of General Reconnaissance
SGR&AN - School of General Reconnaissance & Air Navigation (India)
SHAES - Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force
TDS - Training Depot Station
TDU/F/S - Torpedo Development Unit/Flight/Section
TDU - Tactical Development Unit
TEE - Test & Evaluation Establishment
TEU - Tactical Exercise Unit
TEWL - Tactical Exercise Without Leaders (derogatory term)
TEWT - Training Exercise Without Troops
TF - Training Flight; or Task Force
TFF - Target Facilities Flight
TFPP - Temporary Ferry Pilots School; or Training Ferry Pilots Pool
TFP - Training Ferry Pool
TFS/F - Target Facilities Squadron
T/F/Sgt. Temporary Flight Sergeant
TFU - Telecommunications Flying Unit
Tgt – Target
TI - Target Indicator; or Time In; or Trial Installation
TIC - Troops In Contact
TIMs - Toxic Industrial Materials
TIMEX - Time-Expired
TK – Tank
TL - Trade Level (obsolete term for course training levels, ex. TL 2, TL 3 ...)
TLA - Three Letter Acronym
TM – Trench Mortar
TMB - Trench Mortar Battery
TMSBP - Theater Mission Specific Battle Procedure
TMST - Theater Mission Specific Training
Tn - Transport
T/O - Take Off
TO & E - Table of Organization and Equipment
TOET - Test of Elementary Training
TOS - Taken on strength (of a unit); or Terms of Service
TOT – Time On Target
TOW - Tube-launched Optically-tracked Wire-guided missile
Tourex - Tour-Expired
Tp – Troop; or Training Plan
TPO - Teleprinter Operator
TPR – Trooper (Tpr)
TPS - Test Pilots School
TPT – Transport ; or Target practice tracer; or Third Party Targeting
TQ - Trade Qualification (levels; obsolete term for course training levels, ex. TQ 2, TQ 3)
TQF - The Queens Flight
T/R - Transmitter/Receiver
Trans - Transferred
TRE - Telecommunications Research Establishment
Trg - Training
Trg O -Training Officer
TRS - Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron; or Torpedo Refresher School
Tru - Transportable Radar Unit
TRUMP - Tribal Class Update and Modernization Project
TS - Training School; or Training Squadron
TSC - Training Support Company
TSCU - Transport Support Conversion Unit
T/Sgtnt. - Temporary Sergeant
TSPC - Transport Support Practice Camp
TSR - Torpedo Spotter Reconnaissance; or Training and Support Request
TSTU - Transport Support Training Unit
TT - Target Towing; or Trade Training
TT &G - Target Towing & Gunnery
TTP’s - Tactics, Techniques and Procedures
TTS - Torpedo Training School/Squadron
TTU - Torpedo Training Unit; or Target Towing Unit
TU - Training Unit
TUA - TOW Under Armour
TURP - Training Unit & Reserve School
TV - Tactical Vest
TWDU - Tactical Weapons Development Unit
T/W/O - Temporary Warrant Officer
Two i/c – Second In Command
TWU - Tactical Weapons Unit
UAV - Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UAS - University Air Squadron
U/C Undercarriage
UED - Universal Equipment Depot
UHF - Ultra High Frequency (radio)
u/i - Unidentified
UKADGE - UK Air Defence Ground Environment
UKADR - UK Air Defence Region
UKMF - United Kingdom Mobile Force
UMS - Unit Medical Section
Unclass - Unclassified
UOR - Urgent Operational Requirement
us - unserviceable
UNPROFOR - United Nations Protection Force
UPR - Unit Personnel Record (CF 478)
URS - Records Support Unit
U/S – Unserviceable
USAAC - United States Army Air Corps
USAAC/F - United States Army Air Corps/Flight
USAAF - United States Army Air Forces
u/t - under training
UT - University Teaching Group
UTPNCM - University Transfer Program (Non-Commissioned Member)
UXB - Unexploded Bomb
UXO - Unexploded Ordnance

VAC - Veterans Affairs Canada
VAD - Voluntary Aid Detachment
VAdm - Vice Admiral
VC – Victoria Cross
VCAS - Vice Chief of the Air Staff
VCDS – Vice Chief of the Defence Staff
VCP – Vehicle Check Point
VCR - Valve, Cathode-Ray (cathode-ray tube)
Veh – Vehicle
VFS- Verification of Former Service
VGS - Volunteer Gliding School
VHF - Very High Frequency (radio)
VISTRE - Visual Inter-Service Training & Research Establishment
VOR - VHF Omnidirectional Range (Radio Navigation Aid)
VR - Voluntary Release

WAAC - Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (UK)
WAAF - Women's Auxiliary Air Force
WACS - West Africa Communication Squadron
WARD - Western Aircraft Repair Depot
W/Cdr - Wing Commander
WCAD - War Casualty Accounts Department
WCS - Western Communication Squadron
WD – Womens Division (Airforce)
WDCF/U - Western Desert Communication Flight/Unit
WDU - Wireless Development Unit
WE - War Establishment
WEE - Wireless Experimental Establishment
Wef - With Effect From
WEM - Wireless Electrical Mechanic
Wg - Wing
WIDU - Wireless Intelligence Development Unit
Wksp - Workshop
WL - Wing Leader
WO - Warrant Officer; or War Office (UK)
WO1 - Warrant Officer First Class
WO2 - Warrant Officer Second Class
W/Op - Wireless Operator
WOp/AG - Wireless Operator/Air Gunner
WORD - Western Ontario Regimental Depot
WOS - Wireless & Observers School/Wireless Operators School
WOT1 War Office Type 1 Fire Tender
WOU - Wireless Operators Unit
WRAF - Women's Royal Air Force
WRAFVR (T) - Women's Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training branch) (dissolved with WRAF)
WS - Wireless School
W/T - Wireless Telegraphy (morse code communications)
WTO-AGP - World Trade Organization – Agreement on Government Procurement