

1PRC No 1 Personnel Reception Centre
7 PRC - Harrogate
1RC - Recruitment centre Uxbridge
9RC - Recruitment centre Blackpool
No. 10 (Observers) Advanced Flying Unit Dumfries
11RC - Recruitment centre Skegness
101 P D C at " Warton"
101TW at Scarborough
2TAF - Second Tactical Air Force
3204 S = 3204 Servicing Commandos served in the Middle East
4 AGS - Air Gunnery School Morpeth

A

AA - Air Attache: Anti Aircraft Fire
AAC - Army Air Corps:
AAC - Anti Aircraft Co-operation
AACC - Army Air Corps Centre
AACF - Anti-aircraft Co-operation Flight
AACTDC - Army Air Corpse Tactical Development Centre
AACU - Anti Aircraft Co-operation Unit
AAEE - Areoplane and Arnament Experimental Establishhment
A&AEE - Aero plane& Armament Experimental/Evaluation Establishment
AAF - Auxiliary Air Force/Anti Aircraft Flight
AAFCE - Allied Air Forces Central Europe
AAFNE - Allied Air Forces Northern Europe
AAFSE - Allied Air Forces Southern Europe
AAGS - Air Armament & Gas School
AAITS - Airmen Aircrew Initial Training school
AAP - Air to air Missile
AAP - Aircraft acceptance Park (during WW1)/ Army Aircraft Park
AAPC - Anti Aircraft Practice Camp
AAS - Air Armament School
AASF - Advanced Air Striking Force (1939/40)
AATE - Air Armament trials Establishment
AATT&DC - Army Air Transport Training & Development Centre
AAU - Air Ambulance Unit/Aircraft Acceptance Unit/ Aircraft Assembly Unit
ABGS(ME) Air Bombing & Gunnery School (Middle East)
AFEE - Airborne Forces Experimental Establishment
AATTF - Anti-Aircraft and Target Towing Flight
ABC - Airborne Cigar - transmitter aboard aircraft which jammed German fighter control frequencies
ABTF - Air Bombing Training Flight
A/C - Aircraft
AC - Aircraftman
AC1 Aircraftman First Class
AC2 Aircraftman Second Class
ACAC - Aircrew Allocation Centre - Brackla (1944)
ACATC - Air Cadets Adventure Training Centre (Llanbeder and Windermere)

A/Cdre - Air Commodore
ACC - Army Co-operation Command
ACC - Allied Control Commission
ACCF - Army Co-operation Command Communication Flight
ACDC - Aircrew Despatch Centre (Heaton Park)
ACDW - Air Crew Disposal Wing
ACGFSOC - Air Cadet Gliding Flight Safety Officer's Course
ACCGS - Air Cadet Central Gliding School (RAF Syerston)
ACDU - Army Co-operation Development Unit
ACDU (ME) - Air Combat Development Unit (Middle East)
ACF - Air Command Far East
ACFAWF - Air Command Far East All Weather Flight
ACFSS - Air Cadets Flying Scholarship Scheme
ACGS(OR) - Assistant Chief of the General Staff (Operational Requirements)
ACH Air Craft Hand
ACHU - Aircrew Holding Unit (No 1 Kidlington, No2 Penhros, No3 Pembray, No4 Granage, No7 Blyton, No8 Rufforth, No9 Gamston, No10 Burn, No11 Bruntingthorpe, No14 Millom. No15 Beccles, No 21 Filey No 22 Kirkham, No25 Aldermaston, No26 Market Harborough, No29 Witchford)
ACIs - Air Council Instructions
ACO - Air Cadet Organisation
ACM - Air Chief Marshall
ACP - Air Cadet Publication (derived from APs)
ACPNTS - Air Cadets Pilot Navigation Training Scheme
ACR - Airfield Control Radar
ACRC - Air Crew Reception Centre - (No3 ACRC St John's Wood, London - Regent's Park, London) (1 ACRC - Babbacombe)
ACRC (ME) - Air Crew Reception Centre Middle East (No. 1 ACRC (M.E.), Jerusalem (No. 5 ACRC (M.E.), Helipolis
A.C.R.C - (No 1 ACRC Babbacombe, No 2. ACRC, RAF Sale, No 6 ACRC Scarborough)
A.C.R.C - Aircrew Receiving Centre (No 4 Filey, No 7 Torquay)
ACRS - Air Crew Refresher School
ACS - Airfield Construction Squadron
ACSB - Air Crew Selection Board (No 7 ACSB Cardington)
ACSEA - Air Command South East Asia
ACSEA/ASS - Air Command South East Asia Air Service Squadron ACTC - Air Cadet Training Centre (at RAFC Cranwell)
ACU - Air Conditioning Unit
AD - Aircraft Depot
AD - Air Defence
AD - After duty (used on F259 for start of leave period.)

ADCC - Air Defence Cadet Corps (established 1938, see ATC)
ADCS - Air Defence Cooperation Squadron
ADEM - Air Defences Eastern Mediterranean
ADF(U) - Aircraft Delivery Flight (Unit)
ADGB - Air Defence of Great Britain
ADGE - Air Defence Ground Environment
ADLS - Air Despatch Letter Service

ADM - Air Defence Missile
ADRU - Air Despatch & Reception Unit
ADU - Aircraft Delivery Unit
AE - Air Efficiency award
AEAES - Air Electronics & Air Engineers School
AEAF - Allied Expeditionary Air Forces
AEC - Assessment & Evaluation Centre
AED - Aircraft Equipment Depot
AEF - Air Experience Flight
AES - Air Electronics School/Armament Experimental Station
AFC - Air Force Cross
AFC - Australian Flying Corps
AFDE - Air Fighting Development Establishment
AFDS - Air Fighting Development Squadron, part of CFE
AFDU (S)- Air Fighting Development Unit/Squadron
AFE - Airborne Forces Establishment
AFEE - Airborne Forces Experimental Establishment
AFG - Air Forces Gulf
AFHQ - Airfield Headquarters
AFM - Air Force Medal
AFRU - Advance Flying & Refresher Unit
AFS - Advanced Flying School - No.201 Swinderby (1948)
AFS - Auxiliary Fighter Squadron
AFSI(I) - Advanced Flying School (India)
AFS(ME) - Advanced Flying School (Middle East)
AFTCC - Air Force Troop Carrier Command
AFTDU - Airborne Forces Tactical Development Unit
AFTS - Advanced Flying Training School
AFTU - Advanced Flying Training Unit/Air Firing Training Unit
AFU - Advanced Flying Unit (No 2 AFU RAF Millom)
AFWE - Air Forces Western Europe
AG - Air Gunner
AGBS - Air Gunnery & Bombing School
AGL - Air Gun Laying
AGME - Aircraft Gun Mounting Establishment
AGRS - Advanced Ground Radio School (No. 2 RS, Yatesbury)
AGRS - Air & Ground Radio School
A&GS - Armament & Gunnery School
AGS - Aircrew Grading School
AGS - Air Gunners School (1 AGS = RAF Pembrey 2AGS = RAF Dalcross 3 AGS =
RAF Castle Kennedy from June 1941 to Dec 1942 then moved to RAF Mona then back
to Castle Kennedy 10/43, 7 AGS =
Stormy Down 8 AGS = Evanton 9AGS = Llandwrog 10AGS = Castle Kennedy
(moved to Barrow - date not known)
11 AGS = Andreas, Isle of Man (moved to Jurby - date not known) 12 AGS =
Bishop's Court)
AGS(ME/I) Air Gunners School (Middle East/India)
AGT - Air work & General Trading (part of the CRO)
AGT - Advanced Gliding Training (Air Cadets)
AGU - Air work Grading Unit

AHQ - Air Headquarters
AHQ(I) - Air Headquarters (India)
A&IEU - Armament & Instrument Experimental Unit
AI - Airborne Interception - night fighter radar equipment
AICF - AI Conversion Flight
AIEU - Armament and Instrument Experimental Unit
AIS - Air Interception School
AITF - AI Training Flight
ALG - Advance Landing Ground
ALS - Air Landing School (India)
ALO - Air Liaison Officer
AM - Air Marshal
AM - Air Ministry
AMDP - Air member for development & Production
AMES - Air Ministry Experimental Station
AMESS - Air Ministry Experimental Station (ground Radar Station)
AMMF - Air Ministry Meteorological Flight
AMO - Air Ministry Order/ Air Movement Order
AMSDU - Air Ministry Servicing Development Unit
AMWD - Air Ministry Works Department
ANBS - Air Navigation & Bombing School
ANS - Air Navigation School
AOC - Air Officer Commanding
AOCU - Andover Operational Conversion Unit
AONS - Air Observers Navigation School
AOP - Air Observation Post
AOS - Air Observers School (No 4 AOS West Freugh)
AOTS - Aircrew Officers Training School
AP - Aircraft Park
AP - Air Publication
APC (S) - Armament Practice Camp (Station)
APCS - Aden Protectorate Communication Squadron
APCS & SS- Aden Protectorate Control & Support Squadron
APDU - Air Photography Development Unit
AP&DU - Aircraft Preparation & Development Unit
APF - Air Pilotage Flight
APS - Air Pilotage School/Armament Practice Station
APSF - Aden Protectorate Support Flight
APU - Aircraft Preparation Unit
ARC - Aircrew Recruiting Centre/Aircrew Reception Centre
ARD - Aircraft Repair Depot
ARF - Aircraft Repair Flight
ARF - Air Radar Fitter
ARP - Aircraft Repair Park
ARS - Aircraft Repair Section
ARU - Aircraft Repair Unit
ARWF/S - Advanced Rotary Wing Flight/Squadron
A/S - Anti Submarine
ASC - Aircrew Selection Centre
ASC - Air Support Command

ASD - Aeroplane Supply Depot
ASF - Air Survey Flight
ASI - Air Speed Indicator
ASM - Anti Submarine 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
AS&RU - Aircraft Salvage & Repair Unit
AS - Air School
ASS - Air Signals School
AST - Air Service Training (CRO)
ASTOR - Airborne Stand-Off Radar
ASU - Aircraft Storage Unit
A/S - Anti Submarine
ASV - Airborne Surface Vessel, radar for maritime patrol aircraft
ASWDU - Air-Sea Warfare Development Unit
ATA - Air Transport Auxiliary
ATAF - Allied Tactical Air Force
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 Organisation
ATGU - Aircrew Testing & Grading Unit
ATP - Advanced Training Pool/Aircrew Transit Pool/Air Transit Pool
ATS - Auxiliary Territorial Service (women)
ATS - Armament Training Station/Air Training Squadron
ATTDU - Air Transport Tactical Development Unit/Armament Training Unit/Aircrew Transit Unit/Air Trials Unit
ATREL - Air Transportable Reconnaissance Exploitation Laboratory
ATU - Armament Training Unit/Aircrew Transit Unit/Air Trials Unit/Advanced Training Unit
AUAS - Aberdeen University Air Squadron
AUBDS - Anti U-boat Devices School
AVG - American Volunteer Group
AVM - Air Vice Marshall
AW - Armstrong Whitworth
AWDS - All Weather Development Squadron
AWF - Air Wireless Fitter
AWF - Air Warfare Centre/All weather Flight
AWFCS - All Weather Fighter Conversion Squadron
AWOCU - All Weather Operational Conversion Unit
AWOL - Absent Without Leave
AWRE - Atomic Weapons Research Establishment

B

BABS - Blind (Beam?) Approach Beacon System
BAC - British Air Commison
B&C - Barrack & Clothing
BACB - British Air Command Berlin
BACF - Beam Approach Calibration Flight
BADU - Blind later, Beam Approach Development Unit
BAe - British Airospace
BAFF - British Air Forces in France
BAFO - British Air Forces of Occupation
BAFSEA - British Air Force South-East Asia
BANS - Basic Air Navigation School
BARU - British Airways Repair Unit/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
BBCS - Bengal/Burma Communication Squadron
BB&BLEAU - Bomb Ballistics & Blind Landing Experimental Unit
BBOC Brought Back on Charge
BBU - Bomb Ballistics Unit
BCAir - Brotish Commonwealth Air Component, Japan
BC - Bomber Command
BCAS - Bomber Command Armament School
BCATP - British Comonwealth Air Training Plan
BCBS - Bomber Command Bombing School
BCCF(S) - Bomber Command CommunicationFlight (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 Coomand Jet Conversion Unit
BCMC - Bomber Command Modification Centre
BCRS - Bomber Command Radar School
BCTAE - British Commonwealth Trans Antartic Expedition
Bde - Brigade
BDT - Bomber Defence Training
BDTF - Bomber Defence Training Flight
BDU - Bombing Development Unit/ Bomber Development Unit
BDU - Bomb Disposal Unit
BEF - British Expeditionary Force
BER - Beyond Economical Repair
BEM - British Empire Medal
BFTS - British Flying Training School (No.1 Terrell, Texas, No. 3 BFTS Miama Oklahoma)

B&GF - Bombing & Gunnery Flight
B&GS - Bombing & Gunnery School
BGT - Basic Gliding Training (Air Cadets)
BLEU - Blind Landing Experimental Unit
BLS - Bombing Leaders School
BMH - British Military Hospital
BoB - Battle of Britain
BobMF - Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
BRD - Base Repair Depot
BSDU - Bomber Support Development Unit
BSRU - Base Signal Radar Unit
BSTU - Bomber Support Training Unit
BTF - Bomber Towing/Training Flight
BTU - Bombing Trials Unit
BU - Broken Up
BWF - Bristol Wireless Flight, Yatesbury

C

(C) - Coastal
C&SM - Sheet metal & Copper Smith
CA - Controller, Aircraft (Air Ministry)
CAACU - Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit
CACS - Central Air Command Section
CACF - Coast Artillery Co-operation Flight
CACU - Coast Artillery Co-operation Unit
CAEU - Casualty Air Evacuation Unit
Cal Flt - Calibration Flight
CF/Unit - Camouflage Flight/Unit
C&M - Care and Maintenance
Cam-ship - Catapult-armed Merchantship
CAMO - Camouflage Unit
CANS - Civil Air Navigation School
CAP - Captain
CAOS - Combined Air Observers School
CARD - Central Aircraft Repair Depot
Casevac - Casualty Evacuation
CASTS - Combined Anti Submarine Tactical School
CAT - Damage Category
CAT - College of Air Training, Hamble
CATCS - Central Air Traffic Control School
CAW - College of Air Warfare
CBE - Central Bomber Establishment
CBCF - Coastal Battery Cooperation Flight
CBCS - Coastal Battery Cooperation School
CC - Confined to camp
CCAPMF - Coastal Command Aircraft Preparation & Training Unit
CCDU - Coastal Command Development Unit

CCFATU - Coastal Command Fighter Affiliation & Training Unit
CCRC - Combat Crew Replacement Center
CCSDF - Coastal Command Special Duties Flight
CCF/U - Check and Conversation Flight/Unit
CCGS - Coastal Command Gunnery School
CC(F)IS - Coastal Command (Flying) Instructors School
CCLPP - Coastal Command Landplane Pilots Pool
CCPP - Coastal Command Preparation Pool
CCTDU - Coastal Command Tactical Development Unit
CCTF - Coastal Command Training Flight/Combat Task Force Command - Command
CD - Coast Defence
CDCF - Coastal Command Cooperation Flight
CDDU - Coast Defence Development Unit
CDG - Croix de Guerre
CEDIT - Command Engineering Development & Investigation Unit
CEF - Casualty Defence Flight
CF - Communication Flight
CF - Conversion Flight (number Prefix)
CFCCU - Civilian Fighter Control Cooperation Flight
CFCS - Central Fighter Control School
CFE - Central Fighter Establishment
CFF - Combined Forces in France
CFI - Communications Flight Iraq
CFI - Chief Flying Instructor
CFI&P - Communication Flight Iraq & Persia
(C)FPP - Civilian Ferry Pilots Pool
CF(S) - Communications Flight (Squadron)
CFS - Central Flying School
CFWD = Communication Flight Western Desert
CGIS - Central Gliding Instructors School
CGM - Conspicuous Gallantry Medal
CGMF - Central Glider Maintenance Flight (RAF Syerston)
CGS - Central Gunnery School
CGS - Central Gliding School
CH - Chain Home (Radar chain)
CHEL - Chain Home Extra Low (Radar)
CHL - Chain Home Low (Radar chain)
CLE - Central Landing Establishment
CLS - Central Landing School
Cmd - Command
CMF - Central Med Forces
CMU - Civilian Maintenance Unit
CN&CS - Central Navigation & Control School
CNS - Central Navigation School (No 1 CNS Rivers, Manitoba)
CNVTS - Central Night Vision Training School
CO - Commanding Officer (can also be OC)
Comm(s) Communication(s)
COTU - Coastal Operational Training Unit
Conv - Conversion
CPE - Central Photographic Establishment

CPF - Coastal Patrol Flight
CRD - Controller of Research & Development
CRDF - Cathode Ray Direction Finding
CRF - Controller of Research & Development
CRE - Central Reconnaissance Establishment
CRO - Central Records Office
CRU - Civilian Repair Unit (Example, 1CRU at the Cowley "shadow" factory.)
CPF - Coastal Patrol Flight
Cpl - Corporal
CRO - Civilian Repair Organisation
CRP - Civilian Repair Party
CRS - Control and reporting school
CS(A) - Controller of Supply (Air)
CSDE - Central Servicing Development Establishment
CSE - Central Signals Establishment
CSF - Central Signals Establishment
CSE - Communications and Support Flight
Cse - Course
CSS Communications and Support Squadron
CSU - Communications and Support Unit
CSPDE - Combined services Project Development Unit
CTTS - Communications & Target-towing Squadron
CTTS - Civilian Technical Training School
CTU - Combat Training Unit/Crew Training Unit
CTS - Combat Training School
CTW - Combat Training Wing
CU - Conversion Unit/Camouflage Unit?Communications Unit
Cu - Converted
CV - Common Valve (Tri-service radio valve prefix, e.g., CV1052)
CW - Communication Wing
CWGC - Commonwealth War Graves Commission
CWP - Contractor's Working Party
CzTU - Czechoslovak Training Unit

D

DAF - Desert Air Force
DAFTF - Desert Air Force Training Flight
DATCO - Deputy Air Traffic Controller
DBF - Destroyed by Fire
DBR - Damaged beyond repair
DCM - Distinguished Conduct Medal
DDR - East Germany Deutsche Democratic Republic - also GDR
Del/Dly - Delivery
Det/Dett - Detachment (detachment to another unit or Squadron)
DEW - Distant Early Warning (The DEW-line radar system)
D/F - Direct Finding (Station)
DFC - Distinguished Flying Cross

DFCS - Day Fighter Combat School, part of CFE
DFLS - Day Fighter Leaders School
DFM - Distinguished Flying Medal
DGA - Director General of Aviation
DGRD - Director General of Research & Development
DHFS - Defence Helicopter Flying School
DI - Drill Instructor
DI - Daily Inspection (This was done every morning on the Aircraft)
Disb - Disbanded
DME - Distance Measuring Equipment
DNCO - Did Not Complete Operation - see Boomerang
DSO - Distinguished Service Order
DTD - Directorate of Technical Development
DTN - Defence Teleprinter Network
DTD - Director of Technical Development (Air Ministry)
DTEO - Defence Test & Evaluation Organisation
DUAS - Durham University Air Squadron
DWI - Directional Wireless Installation (Magnetic Minesweepers)

E

EAAS - Empire Air Armament School
EAC - Eastern Air Command
EAF - East Africa Flight
EANS - Empire Air Navigation School
EAOS - Elementary Air Observer School
EASSU - Enemy Aircraft Storage & Servicing Unit
EATS - Empire Air Training Scheme
EBTS - Elementary and Basic Training School (Coastal Command)
EC - Escadrille de Chasse (Small French Fighter Unit)
ECDU - Electronic Countermeasures Development Unit/Engine Control
Demonstration Unit
ECFS - Empire Central Flying School
ECI - Engineer Control Instructors
ECM - Electronic Countermeasures
ECU - Electronic Countermeasures Unit
EDD - Equipment Disposal Unit
EFS - Empire Flying School
EFTS - Elementary Flying Training School - (No 1 EFTS RAF Hatfield/Malton
Canada, No.18 Fair Oaks 1942 - 15 EFTS Regina. 23 EFTS Davidson , Manitoba
(moved to Yorkton January 1945)
EGS - Elementary Gliding School
EGTS - Elementary Glider Training School
ELG - Emergency Landing Ground
EMCS - Eastern Mediterranean Communication Flight
EMUAS - East Midlands University Air Squadron
EP - Equipment Park
E&RFTS - Elementary & Reserve Flying Training School

ERS - Empire Radio School/Engine Repair Section
ETA - Estimated Time of Arrival
ETO - European Theatre of Operations
ETPS - Empire Test Pilots School
EOWS - Elementary Observer Wireless School
EU - Equipment Unit
EUAS - Edinburgh University Air Squadron
Evd - Evaded Capture
EWAU - Electronic Warfare Avionics Unit
EWE&TU - Electronic Warfare Experimental & Training Unit
E&WS - Electrical & Wireless School

F

F2E - Fitter II (Engines)
FAA - Fleet Air Arm
FAP - First Aid Post
FAGS - Fleet Aerial Gunners School
FATU - Flight Affiliation Training Unit/Fighter Armament Training Unit
FBDF - Flying Boat Development Flight
F-BFTS - France-Belgium Flying Training Unit
FBO - Fixed Base Operations
FBSU - Flying Boat Servicing Unit
FBSU - Flying Boat Servicing Unit
FC - Ferry Control/Fighter Command/Flying Control
FCCRS - Fighter Command Control & Reporting School
FCCS/F - Fighter Command Communication Squadron/Flight
FCCU - Fighter Control Cooperation Unit
FCIRS/F - Fighter Command Instrument Rating Squadron/Flight
FCITF/S - Fighter Command Instrument Training Flight Squadron
FCMPC - Fighter Command Missile Practice Camp
FCPU - Ferry Command Preparation Unit
FCRS - Fighter Command Radar School
FCS - Fighter Command School
FCS - Facility Checking Squadron
FCTU - Fighter Command Trials Unit
FDF - Fighter Defence Unit
F/E - Flight Engineer
FE - Far East
FEAF - Far East Air Force
FEAFES - Far East Air Force Examination Squadron
FECEF - Far East Casualty Evacuation Unit
FEE - Fighter Experimental Establishment
FEFEW - Far East Flying Boat Wing
FETDU - Far East Tactical Development Unit
FETS - Far East Training Squadron
FETW - Far East Training Wing
FF - Fighter Flight/Ferry Flight/Free French
FFAF - Free French Air Force

FFDPF - Free French Desert Patrol Flight
FFFF - Free French Fighter Flight
FFI - Free From Infection
FIDO - Fog Investigation and Dispersal Operation
FIDS/U - Fighter Interception Development Squadron/Unit
FIS - Flying Instructors School
FIU - Fighter Interception Unit
F/L - Flight Lieutenant
Flot - Flotille
FLS - Fighter Leaders School
Flt - Flight
FMA - Flight Mechanic Airframes
FME - Flight Mechanic Engines
FSMO - Full Service Marching Order
F/O - Flying Officer
FP - Ferry Pool
FPP - Ferry Pilots Pool
FPU - Ferry Preparation Unit/Film Production Unit
FR - Fighter-reconnaissance
FRD - Forward Repair Depot
FRS - Flying Refresher School
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 - Ferry Support Squadron/Flying Selection Squadron
FSTS - 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
FTFlt - Ferry Training Flight
FTLU - French Tactical Liaison Unit
FTR - Failed to Return
FTS - Flying Training School (Prefixed s in wartime { 3FTS = RAF South Cerney
11FTS = RAF Shawbury})
FTU - Ferry Training Unit/Floatplane Training Unit/Flight Trials Unit
FU - Ferry Unit
FWS - Fighter Weapons School
Fw - Feldwebel/Focke Wulfe

G

GATU - Ground Attack Training Unit
G/C Group Captain

GC - Gliding Centre/Groupe de Chasse
GCA - Ground Controlled Approach
GCAOS - Ground Controlled Approach Operation School
GCAS - Ground Controlled Approach Squadron
GCATU - Ground Controlled Approach Training Unit
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
GE - George Cross
GED - Ground Equipment Depot
GES - Glider Exercise Squadron
GEU - Glider Exercise Unit
GG - Ground Gunnery
GGS - Ground Gunnery School
GI - Ground Instructional
GIC - Gliding Induction Course (Air Cadets)
GIF - Glider Instructors Flight
GIS - Glider Instructors School
(G) OTU - Glider operational Training Unit
Gnd - ground
Gnr - Gunner
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
GPIS - Glider Pilot Instructors School
GPUTF - Glider Pick-up Training Unit
GPR - Glider Pilot Regiment
GR - General reconnaissance
GR&ANS - General Reconnaissance and Air Navigation School
GRF - Ground Radar Fitter
GRS - General Reconnaissance School (31 GRS Charlotte town Price Edward Island)
GRSS - Ground Radio Servicing Squadron
GRU - General Reconnaissance Unit
GRU/F - General Reconnaissance Unit/Flight
GS - Gliding School
GS - Grading School
GSE - Glider Servicing Echelon
GSF - Glider Servicing Flight
GSU - Group Support Unit
GTF - Gunnery Training Flight
GTPS - Glider & Tug Pilots School
GTS - Glider Training Squadron/Glider Training School
GU - Grading Unit

GUAS - Glasgow University Air Squadron
GWDS - Guided Weapon Development Squadron
GWF - Ground Wireless Fitter
GWTS - Guided Weapon Training Squadron

H

H2S Airborne radar navigational and target location aid
H2X - American version of H2S
HAAPC - Heavy anti-aircraft Practice Camp
HAD - Home Aircraft Depot
(HB) - Heavy Bomber
(HB)CU - (Heavy Bomber) Conversion Unit
HCCS - Home Command Communications Squadron
HCEU - Home Command Examining Unit
HCF - Helicopter Communications Flight/Home Communications Flight
HCU - Heavy Conversion Unit
HD - Home Defence
Hdlg Sqn - Handling Squadron
HDU - Helicopter Development Unit
HE - High Explosive
HE - (movements) Home Establishment?
HFDF - High Frequency Direction Finding ("Huff-Duff")
HFF - Heavy Freight Flight
HFU - Home Ferry Unit
HGPU - Heavy Glider Conversion Unit
HGMU - Heavy Glider Maintenance Unit
HGSU - Heavy Glider Servicing Unit
HGTU - Heavy Glider Training Unit
HKAAF - Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force
HKFS - Hong Kong Fighter Squadron
HKVA - Hong Kong Volunteer Air Force
HMS - His/Her Majesty's Ship
HMT - His/Her Majesty's Transport Ship
HOCP = Helicopter Operational Conversion Flight
Hptm - Hauptman
HQ - Headquarters
HQ AC - Headquarters Air Cadets (RAFC Cranwell)
HQ ATA - Head Quarters Air Transport Auxiliary
HQ EFT - Headquarters Elementary Flying Training
HQ FPP - Head Quarters Ferry Pilots Pool
HQ P&SS - Headquarters Provost & Security Services - 'Snowdrops'
HQ PTC - Headquarters Personnel & Training Command (RAF Innsworth)
HQ STC - Headquarters Strike Command
HQ TAF - Head Quarters Tactical Air Force
HS Flt - High Speed Flight
HST - High Speed Telegraphist
HTCU - Heavy Transport Conversion Unit
(HTS)CU - (Heavy Transport Support) Conversion Unit

I

(I) - India
IAAD - Inland Area Aircraft Depot
IAAS - Inland Area Aircraft School
IAF - Indian Air Force
IAFVR - Indian Air Force Volunteer Reserve
IAP - Izvidacki Avijacijcki Puk, (Reconnaissance Aviation Regiment)
IAPF - Inland Area Practice Flight
IAvMed - Institution of Aviation Medical CCF Iraq Command Communication Flight
i/c - In charge
ICF/S - Italy Communication Flight/Squadron
IDF - Iraq Defence Flight
IE - Initial Establishment
IFDU - Intensive Flying Development Unit
IFF - Identification Friend or Foe
IFIS - Irish Flying Instructors School
IFS - Instrument Flying Squadron
IFTS - Initial Flying Training School
IFTU - Instrument Flying Training Unit/Intensive Flying Trials Unit
IGT - Initial Gliding Training (Air Cadets)
ILF - Independent Liaison Flight
ILS - Instrument Landing System
Int - Interned
IoM - Isle of Man
I/O - Intelligence Officer
IR - Immediate Reserve
IRF - In dependant Reconnaissance Flight
IRIS - Inspector of Radio Installation Services
IRRU - Instant Readiness Reserve Unit
IR&SU - Immediate Reserve & Support Unit
ISF - Internal Security Flight
ITF/S - Instrument Raining Flight/Squadron
ITS - Initial Training School
ITW - Initial Training Wing (1 ITW Cambridge, 2 ITW Cambridge, 3 ITW. St. Leonards 4 ITW Bexhill/Paingnton, 5 ITW Hastings/Torque, 7 ITW Newquay, 8 ITW Newquay, 9 ITW Stratford on avon, 10 ITW Scarborough, 11 ITW Scarborough, 12 ITW St Andrews, 14 ITW St Leonards, 15 ITW Bridlington, 16 ITW Whitley Bay, 17 ITW Scarborough, 18 ITW Bridgnorth, 20 ITW Bridlington, 21 ITW Torquay, 23 ITW Filey/Stormy Down, 50 ITW Bridnorth, 70 ITW Bridlington, 81 ITW Bridgnorth)

J

JAPIC - Joint Air Photographic Interpretation Centre
JARIC - Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre
JASS - Joint Ani-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
JGWTU - Joint Guided Weapons Training Unit
JHDU - Joint Helicopter Development Unit
JNCO - Junior NCO
JPTU - Jet Provost Trials Unit
JTF - Jet Training Flight
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
JTU - Joint Trials Unit
JWE - Joint Warfare Establishment

K

KAAU - Kenya Auxiliary Air Unit
KAF - Kenya Air Force
KD - Khaki drill
KF - King's Flight
KLFS - Kula Lumpur Fighter Squadron
KRs - King's Regulations
KUAS - Kent University Air Squadron

L

LAAGS - Light Anti-Aircraft Gunnery School
LAAPC - Light Anti-Aircraft Practice Camp
LAC - Leading Aircraftman
LACW - Leading Aircraft woman
LAS - Light Aircraft School
LCF - Lincoln Conversion Flight
LCP - Launch Control Post (Bloodhound missile)
LFS - Lancaster Finishing School (1 LFS RAF Hemswell 3 LFS Feltwell)
LG - Landing Ground
LLF - Light Liaison Flight
LLTU - Leigh Light Training Unit
LMG - Light Machine Gun (Bren)
LNSF - Light Night Striking Force, of Mosquitoes of 8 Group
LRDG - Long Rang Desert Group
:RFU - Long Rang Ferry Unit
LRDF - Long Range Development Flight
LRDU - Long Range Development Unit
LRWRE - Long Range Weapons Research Establishment

LTW - Lyneham Transport Wing
LRWE - Long Range Weapons Research Establishment

M

MAAF - Mediterranean Allied Forces/Malayan Auxiliary Air Force
MAC - Mediterranean Air Command
MACAF - Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force
MACP - Medic Air Command Post { Tedders's H.Q. La Marsa, Tunis]
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
MAP - Ministry of Aircraft Production
MAREL - Moveable Air Reconnaissance Exploitation Unit
MASFS - Midlands area School of Special Flying
MASR&CF - Malta Air Sea Rescue & Communications Flight
MATAF - Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Forces
MC - Military Cross
MCA - Ministry of Civil Aviation
MCC&FF - Maintenance Command Communication and Ferry Flight
MCJTF - Maintenance Command Jet Training Flight
MCS - Metropolitan Communication Squadron
MC&TTS - Malta Communication & Target Towing Flight
MCU - Mosquito Conversion Unit/ Meteorological Conversion Unit
M&D - Medicine and Duties
Me - Messerschmitt
ME - Middle East
MEAC - Middle East Air Command
MEAF - Middle East Air Force
MEAFITF - Middle East Air Force Instrument Training Flight
MEAF TTU - Middle East Air Force Target Towing Unit
MEAS - Middle East Armament School
MECGS - Middle East Central Gunnery School
MedMe - Mediterranean and Middle East
MEF - Middle East Forces
MEFC - Middle East Ferry Control
MENVTS - Middle East Night Vision Training School
MEP&AP - Middle East Pilot & Aircrew Pool
Met Res - Meteorological Research
METS - Middle East Training School
MFNU - Malta Night Fighter Unit
MFPU - Mobile Field Photographic Unit
MG - Machine gun/Motor Generator
MGSP - Mobile Glider Servicing Party
Min Tech - Ministry of Technology
MID - Mentioned in Dispatches
Mk - Mark

MKV - Mark V fire tender
MMESTF/S - Mediterranean& Middle East Special Transport Flight/Squadron
MO - Medical Officer
MOA - Ministry of Aviation
MOD - Ministry of Defence
MOD(PE) Ministry of Defence (Procurement Executive)
MORU - Mobile Operations Room Unit
MOS - Marine Observation School
MoS - Ministry of Supply
MOTU - Marine Operational Training Unit
MRES - Missing Research and Enquiry Service
MRF - Meteorological Research Flight
MRS - Maritime Reconnaissance School
MR squadron - Medium Reconnaissance squadron
MRT - Mountain Rescue Team
MSFU - Merchant Ship Fighter Unit
MSR -- Morse Slip Reader
MSU - Mobile Signals Unit
MSU - Maintenance Sub Unit
MT - Mechanical Transport
MTD - Mechanical Transport Driver
MTLRU - Mechanical Transport Light Repair Unit
MTO - Mechanical Transport Officer
MTU - Mosquito Training Unit
MU - Maintenance Unit
MUG - Mid Upper Gunner

N

NA - North Africa
NAAFI - Navy, Army, Air Force Institute
NARD - Northern Aircraft Repair Depot
NATO - North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
Nav - Navigator
Navex - Navigation Exercise
NAWW - Night All-weather Wing
NCS - Northern Communication Squadron
NCU - Night Conversion Unit
NCO - Non Commissioned Officer
N/E -Non Effective Used in all cases of loss of life e.g. Posted to No. 1 Depot,
Uxbridge N/E missing
NEA - Non effective Airframe
NEAR - Near East Air Force
NEAFIS - North Eastern Air Flying Instructors School
NEI - Netherlands East Indies
NFD - No further Data
NFDS/W/U - Night Fighter development Squadron/Wing/Unit
NFF - Night Fighter Flight
NFLS - Night Fighter Leaders School

NFT - No further trace
NFT - Night Flying Test
NFTS - Night Fighter Training Squadron
NI CF - Night Conversion Flight
NORAD - North American Air Defence (Command)
NSDU - Navigation synthetic Development Unit
NSPTF - Navigators Staff Pilot Training Flight
NT - No Trace
NTB - Norwegian Training Base
NTS - (Night) Training Squadron
NTU - Navigation Training Unit, Pathfinder Force
NTU - No take up
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
NZF - New Zealand Flight

O

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
Oblt - Oberleutnant
Obs - Observation (USAAF)
OBS - Observer School
OC - Officer Commanding (or CO)
OCTU - Officer Cadet Training Unit
OCU - Operational Conversion Unit
OEU - Operational Evaluation Unit
OIC - Officer's Initial Course (for RAFVR (T) officers, conducted at ACTC)
OP: -Operation
OFU - Overseas Ferry Unit
OP - Observation Post
Opl - Operational
ORB - Operations Record Book (Form 540), monthly summaries: Form 541 for accompanying Appendices containing important details of specific events
ORTU - Operational & Refresher Training Unit
OS - Observers School
(O)SoAG - Observers School of Reconnaissance & Ariel Gunnery

OSC - Officers Senior Course (for RAFVR (T) officers, conducted at ACTC)
OSC - Overseas Staff College
OSR&AP - Observers School of Reconnaissance& Ariel Gunnery
OTSCU - Officer Training School Conversion Unit
OTU - Operational and Refresher Training Unit
OTW - Operational Training Wing
OUAS - Oxford University Air Squadron

P

PACT - Pre Aircrew Training
PAF - Polish Air Force
(P)AFU - Pilots Advanced Flying Unit (No. 2 Brize Norton, No. 3 South Cerney, No. 5 Ternhill, No. 6 Little Rissington, No. 7 Peterborough)
PAR - Precision Approach Radar
PAS/U - Pilotless Aircraft Section Unit
PATP - Packed Aircraft Transit Pool
PCCS - Protectorate Communication & Support Unit
PD - Packing Depot
PDC - Personnel Despatch Centre (No 1 West Kirby, No2 Wlmslow, No 5 Padgate, No 11 Padgae, No12 Padgate, No11 RAAF Brighton/Charmy Down, No 101 Kirkham, No 102 Cardington, No103 Long Kexh, No 104 Hednesford, No105, Wythall, No121 Ramleh)
PDRC - Personnel Dispatch and Reception Centre
PDU - Personnel Dispersal Unit (No. 5 PDU, Innsworth)
PDU - Photographic Development Unit
PEE - Proof & Experimental Establishment Shoeburyness
PEFTS - Polish Elementary Flying Training School
PES - Parachute Exercise Squadron
PF - Practice Flight
PFF - Pathfinder Force
PFFNTU - Pathfinder Force Navigational Training Unit
PFS - Parachute Flying Section/Primary Flying School
PFTS - Polish Flying Training School
PFU - Practice Flying Unit
PGTF - Polish Grading & Testing Flight
PGTS - Parachute& Glider Training School
PHU - Personnel Holding Unit
PIU - Photographic Intelligence Unit
P/O - Pilot Officer
POR Personnel Occurrence Records
POTU - Polish Operational Training Unit
POW - Prisoner of War
PPF - Parachute Practice Flight
PPI - Plan Position Indicator (Rotating radar display)
PPP - Pupils Pilots Pool
PR - Photographic Reconnaissance
PRC - Personnel Reception Centre (No3 Bornmouth, No7 Harrogate/Market Harborough 1942/46, No30 Ambala, No106 Cosford, No108 Cosford)

PRDU/E - Photographic Reconnaissance Development Unit/ Establishment
PRFU/S - Pilots Refresher Flying Unit/School
PRTU - Pilot Refresher Training Unit
PRRP - Pilots Reserve & Reinforcement Pool (Middle East)
PSI - President of the Service(s?) Institute, hence PSI Funds
PRU - Photographic Reconnaissance Unit/Pilot Replacement Unit
PRU - Personnel Reception Unit (29 PRU Drigh Road)
PS - Parachute School
PTC - Parachute Training Centre/Personnel Transit Camp
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)
PWF - Psychological Warfare Unit
PWR - Personnel Warning Roster

Q

QCS - Queen's Colour Squadron (RAF Regiment)
QF - Queens Flight
QFI - Qualified Flying Instructor
QRs - Queen's Regulations

R

(R) Reserve
R - Receiver
RAAF - Royal Australian Air Force / Royal Auxiliary Air Force
RAuxAF - Royal Auxiliary Air Force
RACON - Radar beacon
R&D - Research & Development
RAE - Royal Aircraft/Aerospace Establishment
RAF - Royal Air Force
RAF(B)ITS - Royal air Force (Belgium) Initial Training School
RAFA - RAF Association
RAFALO - RAFA Liason Officer
RAFARS - Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society
RAFASU - RAF Armament Support Unit (formerly BCAS)
RAFBF - RAF Benevolent Fund
RAFC - Royal Air Force College
RAFD - RAF Depot - No.1 Uxbridge 1939
RAFFC - Royal Air Force Flying College
RAFG - Royal Air Force Germany
RAFM - RAF Mission
RAFMB - Royal Air Force Maintenance Base
RAFNI - Royal Air Force Northern Ireland
RAFRS - Royal Air Force Regiment School

RAFSC - Royal Air Force Staff College
RAFSCOCF - Royal Air Force Staff College Overseas Communication Flight
RAFTC - Royal Air Force Technical College
RAFVR - Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve
RAP - Reserve Aircraft Pool
RAP - Recognised Air Picture
RAPDS - Recognised Air Picture Display System
RAS - Reserve Aeroplane School
RAT Flight - Radio Aids Training Flight
RATG - Rhodesian Air Training Group
RATW - Rhodesian Air Training Wing
RC - Recruiting Centre (No1 Penarth/Melksham, No2 Cardington, No3 Padgate, No4
Bridgnorth, No5 West Kirby, No6 Wlmslow, No7 Morecambe, No8 Arbroath, No9
Blackpool, No11 Skegness, No12 Bornmouth, No13 Greenham Common, No 14
Weston-super-mare, No 15 Blackpool (1941-43, No16Grtat Yarmouth1941/46, No22
Whitley Bay)
RCAF - Royal Canadian Air Force
RCASU - Radar Controlled Air Survey Unit
RCFS - Rhodesian Central Flying School
RCGIS - Reserve Command Gliding Instructors School
RCIFF - Reserve Command Intensive Flying Flight
RCITF - Reserve Command Instrument Training Flight
RCTF - Reserve Command Training Flight
RCM Squadron Flight - Radio Counter Measures Squadron Flight
RDAF - Royal Danish Air Force
RDF - Radio Direction Finder
RDFCF - Radio Direction Finding Calibration Flight
RDFS - Radio Direction Finding School
RDUK - Repairable at Depot in UK
REAF - Royal Egyptian Air Force
Rece - Reconnaissance
Revd - Reverend
RFF - Refresher Flying Flight
RFS - Reserve Flying School
RFTS - Refresher Flying Training School
RFU - Refresher Flying Unit
R/G - Rear Gunner
RHAF - Royal Hellenic Air Force
RIAF - Royal Indian Air Force
RLF - Rapid Landing Flight
RLG - Relief Landing Ground
RM - Royal Marine
RMAF - Royal Malaysian Air Force
RMF - Radar (Radio) Meteorological Flight
RMS - Royal Mail Ship
RMU - Radio Maintenance Unit
RN - Royal Navy
RNAF - Royal Norwegian Air Force
RNAS - Royal Naval Air Station/Service
RNAW - Radar Navigation Aids Wing

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
ROS - Repairable on Site
RP - Regimental Police
RPAF - Royal Pakistan Air Force
RRE - Radar Research Establishment
RRF(U) - Radio Reconnaissance Flight (Unit)
RRFU - Radar Research Flight
RRH - Remote Radar Head
RS - Radio School (No.10 Carew Cheriton)/Reserve School/Reserve Squadron
RS&RE - Royal Signals & Radar Establishment
R&SS - Repair & Salvage Section
R&SU - Repair & Salvage Unit
RSS - Radio Servicing Section
RSO - Range Safety Officer
RSU - Repair & Servicing Unit /Repair and Salvage Unit
R/T radio telegraphy/ Radio Telephony
RTO - Rail Transport Officer
RTP - Recruit Training Pool (No1 Catfoss, No2 North Coates, No3 Sutton Bridge,
No5 Finningley, No6 Upwood, No7 Dishforth)
RTU - Return To Unit
RU - Reception Unit (No. 2 RU, Cardington)
RU - Repair Unit
RW - Receiving Wing (1 RW Torquay - 9RW Stratford upon Avon)
RWE - Radio Warfare Establishment
RYAFTU - Royal Yugoslav Air Force Technical Unit

S

SAAF - South African Air Force
SAC - Senior Aircraftman
SACEUR - Supreme Allied Commander Europe
SAOEU - Strike Aircraft Operational Evaluation Unit
SAFU - South Atlantic Ferry Unit
SAN - School of Air Navigation
SAP - School of Air Pilotage
SAPI - semi armour piercing incendiary (?)
SAR - Search & Rescue
SAR - Sanostacna Aeroplansva Radionica, (Independent Aviation Workshop)
SARD - Southern Aircraft Repair Depot
SARTU/S - Search and Rescue Training Unit/Squadron
SAS - Servicing Aircraft Section
SASO - Senior Air Staff Officer
SATCO - Senior Air Traffic Controller
Satt - Satellite

SBA - Standard Beam Approach
S/C Sergeant Chef
SC - Salvage Centre
SC - Strike Command
SCBS - Strike Command Bombing School
SCCS - Strike Command Communication Squadron
SCDU - Strike Command Development Unit
SCF - Squadron Conversion Flight
SCR - School of Control & Reporting
SCS - Southern Communication Squadron/Special Communication Squadron
SD - Special Duty/Special Duties/Stores Depot
SD155. - Operational Memorandum
SDF - Special Duties Flight
SD(R)DU - Special Duties (Radio) Development Unit
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
SEF - Special Experimental Flight
SEP - Special Erection Party (Gibraltar)
SEngO - Senior Engineering Officer/Station Engineering Officer
SF - Station Flight
SFC - School of Flying Control
SFCs - Squadron & Flight Commanders School
SFF - Service Ferry Flight/Special Forces Flight
(S)FPP - (Service) Ferry Pilots Pool
SFT - School of Flying Training
SFTS - Service Flying Training School (2 SFTS, Brize Norton[1941],
5 SFTS Brantford Canada, 18 SFTS Gimli, Manitoba 36 SFTS - Penhold Canada
37 SFTS - Calgary 38 SFTS - Estevan, Sask.)
SFU - Signal Flying Unit
Sgt - Sergeant
SGR - School of General Reconnaissance
SGR&AN - School of General Reconnaissance & Air Navigation (India)
SHAEF - Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force
SHQ - Station Head Quarters
SIF - Special Instruction Flight
SIF/U - Special Installation Flight/Unit
SIGINT - Signals Intelligence
Sigs - Signals
SITF - Station Instrument Training Flight
SIU - Signals Intelligence Unit
SIS - Secret Intelligence Service
S/L or S/Ldr - Squadron Leader
SL - Sick leave
SLAIS - Specialised Low Attack Instructors School
SLAW - School of Land/Air Warfare
SLG - Satellite Landing Ground

SMR - School of Maritime Reconnaissance
SN-2 - German night fighter radar
SNC - School of Naval Cooperation
SNCO - Senior None Commissioned Officer
S of AN - School of Air Navigation
SofRT - School of Recruit Training
S of TT - or STT -School of Technical Training (1 S of TT = RAF Halton 4S of TT =
RAF St. Athan 5 Sof TT =RAF Locking)
SoAC - School of Army Co-operation
SoAF - School of Air Fighting
SoAF&G - School of Air Fighting and Gunnery
SOAF&BD - School of Air Fighting & Bomb Dropping
SoAFTT(1) - School of Air Force Technical Training (India)
SoAG - School of Air Gunnery
SoAN&BD - School of Aerial Navigation & Bomb Dropping
SoASR - School of Air Sea Rescue
SoAS - School of Air Navigation
SoAT - School of Air Transport
SoATC - School of Air Traffic Control
SOC - Struck off Charge
SOC - Sector Operations Control
SOE - Special Operations executive
SOF - Special Operations Flight
SoFP - School of Fighter Plotting
SofP - School of Photography
Soi - School of Instruction
SoN&BD - School of Navigation & Bomb Dropping
SoNC&AN - School of Naval Cooperation & Aerial Navigation
SoMA - School of Military Aeronautics
SoPT - School of Parachute Training
SoSF - School of Special Flying
SoWT - School of Wireless Telephony
SP - Staging Post
SP - Service Police
SPTU - Staff Pilots Training Unit
Sq/Sqn/Sqd - Squadron
SR - Strategic Reconnaissance
SRAF - Southern Rhodesian Air Force
SRCU - Short Range Conversion Unit
SRF - School of Refresher Flying/Sea Rescue Flight/Search& Rescue Flight
SROs - Station Routine Orders
SRTS - Short Range Transport Squadron
SRTU - Survival& Rescue Training Unit
SRU - Strategic Reconnaissance Unit
SRW - Strategic Reconnaissance Wing
S/S - Staff Sergeant
SS - Signals School/Salvage Section
SSC - Senior Supervisor's Course (for senior QGI's, conducted at
ACCGS - similar to regular Flying Supervisors Course)
SSOs - Station Standing Orders

SSF - Special Service Flight/Special Survey Flight
SSQ - Station Sick Quarters
SSTT - Supplementary School of Technical Training
SSU - Sentry Standards Unit
SSVAF - Straight Settlement Volunteer Air Force
STDU - Synthetic Training development Unit
STF - Seaplane Training Flight/Special Training Flight
Stn - Station
STS - Seaplane Training Squadron/Special Transport Flight
S&TT - Station & Target Towing
SU - Support Unit/Servicing Unit
Supy - Supernumery
SWAFIS - South Western Areas Flying Instructors School
SWTS - Supplementary Wireless Telegraphy School
SWO - Station Warrant Officer
SWUAS - South Wales University Air Squadron

T

T - Transmitter
TADU - Target Aircraft Development Unit/Training Aids Development Unit
TAF - Tactical Air Force
TAFSU - Tactical Air Force Support Unit
TAG - Telegraphist Air Gunner (Fleet Air Arm)
TAMU - Transport Aircraft Maintenance/Modification Unit
TARU - Transport Aircraft Repair Unit
TB - Torpedo Bomber
TBF - Torpedo Bomber Fighter
TBS - Torpedo & Bombing School
TC - Training Command (Later Transport Command)
TCAEU - Transport Command Aircrew Examining Unit
TCASF - Transport Command Air Support Flight
TCBU - Transport Command Base Unit
TCDU/F - Transport Command Development Unit
TCEU - Transport Command Examining Unit
TCFCS - Transport Command Flight Commanders School
TCICU - Transport Command Initial Conversion Unit
TCMF - Transport Command Meteorological Flight
TCNVTS - Transport Command Night Vision Training School
TCPS - Transport Command Practice Flight
TCU - Transport Conversion Unit
TDS - Training Depot Station
TDU/F/S - Torpedo Development Unit/Flight/Section
TDU - Tactical Development Unit
TEE - Test & Evaluation Establishment
TEU - Tactical Exercise Unit
TF - Training Flight/Task Force
TFF - Target Facilities Flight
TFPP - Temporary Ferry Pilots School/ Training Ferry Pilots Pool

TFP - Training Ferry Pool
TQF - The Queens Flight
TFS/F - Target Facilities Squadron
T/F/Sgt. Temprary Flight Sergeant
TFU - Telecommunications Flying Unit - Defford 1941-57
TPS - Test Pilots School
TI - Target Indicator
TIMEX - Time-expired
T/O - Take off
TPO - Teleprinter Operator
T/R - Transmitter/Receiver
TRE - Telecommunications Research Establishment
Trg - Training
TRS - Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron/Torpedo Refresher School
TS - Training School/Training Squadron
TSCU - Transport Support Conversion Unit
T/Sgnt. - Temporary Sergeant
TSPC - Transport Support Practice Camp
TSR - Torpedo Spotter reconnaissance
TSTU - Transport Support Training Unit
TT - Target Towing
T.T.- Trade Training
TTC - Technical Training Command
TTF - Target Towing Flight/Towed Target Flight/Tanker Training Flight/Torpedo
Training Flight/Transport Training Flight
TSTS - Trade Selection Test Section
TT&G - Target Towing & Gunnery
TTS = Torpedo Training School/Squadron
TTU - Torpedo Training Unit/ Target Towing Unit
TURP - Training Unit & Reserve School
TWDU - Tactical weapons Development Unit
T/W/O - Temporary Warrant Officer
TWU - Tactical Weapons Unit

U

U/C Undercarriage
UHF - Ultra High Frequency (radio)
u/i - Unidentified
us - unserviceable
USAAC - United States Army Air corps
USAAF - United States Army Air Force
UAS - University Air Squadron
UED - Universal Equipment Depot
UKADGE - UK Air Defence Ground Environment
USAAC/F United States Army Air Corpse/Flight
u/t - under training

V

VC - Victoria Cross
VCAS - Vice Chief of the Air Staff
VCR - Valve, Cathode-Ray (cathode-ray tube)
VGS - Volunteer Gliding School
VHF - Very High Frequency (radio)
VISTRE - Visual Inter-service Training & Research Establishment
VOR - VHF Omnidirectional Range (Radio navigation aid)
VOS - Vazdvhoplovna Oficirska Skola, (Aviation Officers School)
VR - Vazovhlopovna Radionica, (Aviation Repair Workshop)
VTB Vazdvhoplovna-Tehnicki Battalion, (Aviation Technical Battalion)

W

WAAF - Women's Auxiliary Air Force
WACS - West Africa Communication Squadron
WARD - WEstern Aircraft Repair Depot
W/Cdr - Wing Commander
WCS - Western Communication Squadron
WDCF/U - Western Desert Communication Flight/Unit
WDU - Wireless Development unit
WEE - Wireless Experimental Establishment
Wef - With Effect From
WEM - Wireless Electrical Mechanic
Wg - Wing
WIDU - Wireless Intelligence Development Unit
WL - Wing Leader
W/O - Warrant Officer
WO1 - Warrant Officer First Class
WO2 - Warrant Officer Second Class
W/Op - Wireless Operator
WOp/AG - Wireless Operator/Air Gunner
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)
(disbanded with WRAF)
WS - Wireless School
WT - Wireless Telegraphy
WTt - Wireless Telephony
WTP - Wireless Testing Park
WTS - Wireless Telephony School/WEapons Training Squadron