

SIGNAL CORPS ASSOCIATION

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ABBREVIATIONS

As a rule to be observed in abbreviations of words, omit their vowels and one letter of every doublet.

The following are the exceptions to this rule:

- 1. When a word begins with a vowel, retain that letter.*
- 2. Words with a consonant at the beginning and end, and a vowel or two in the middle, must be spelled in full.*
- 3. When two or more words have the same consonants similarly located, at least one of their distinguishing vowels must be used, as "impasbl" for impassible, and "imposbl" for impossible.*
- 4. When the omission of one letter of a doublet will form another word, both letters will be retained, as "lattr" for latter, not "latr" which would signify later.*

The general order promulgating [the forgoing, as well as the abbreviation list below] was prefaced with the suggestion that the lack of familiarity with them on part of the officers and sergeants conducting [signal] stations would be:

"deemed a proof of neglect of duty, and of the incompetency of the delinquent."

A.	~ After
Abt.	~ About
Abv.	~ Above
Acct.	~ Account
Adv.	~ Advance
Agn.	~ Again
Agnst.	~ Against
Amb.	~ Ambulance
Ambsd.	~ Ambuscade
Amt.	~ Amount
Ans.	~ Answer
Apr.	~ Appear
A.Q.	~ All Quiet
Ard.	~ Around
Art.	~ Artillery
Arv.	~ Arrive

B.	~ Before
Bat.	~ Battery
Batt.	~ Battalion
B.B.B.	~ Use Black Flag
Bgn.	~ Begin
Bhnd.	~ Behind
Blk.	~ Black
Bn.	~ Been
Bnk.	~ Bank
Brig.	~ Brigade, Brigadier
Brv.	~ Brave
Bst.	~ Best
Bt.	~ But
Btn.	~ Between
Bvt.	~ Brevet

C.	~ Can
Cal.	~ Calibre
Canding.	~ Cannonading
Canstr.	~ Canister
Capt.	~ Captian
Cav.	~ Cavalry
Ch.	~ Church
Chng.	~ Change
Chrg.	~ Charge
Civ.	~ Civil, Civilian
Cld.	~ Could
Clr.	~ Clear
Cmpl.	~ Compile
Concl.	~ Conclude
Co.	~ Company
Com.	~ Communication
Comy.	~ Commissary
Certif.	~ Certify
Crtn.	~ Certain
Cwt.	~ Houndred-weight

Dbt.	~ Doubt
Deg.	~ Degree
Delvr.	~ Deliver
Dept.	~ Department
Dft.	~ Defeat
Dist.	~ Distance
Dk.	~ Dark
Div.	~ Division
Dn.	~ Done
Dr.	~ Doctor
Dwn.	~ Down

Elvn.	~ Eleven
Elvt.	~ Elevate
Emb.	~ Embark
Embs.	~ Embrasures
Eny.	~ Enemy

F.	~ For
Fd.	~ Ford
Fld.	~ Field
Flnk.	~ Flank
Fm.	~ From
Fnt.	~ Front
Fst.	~ First
Ft.	~ Fort
Fw.	~ Few
Fwd.	~ Forward

Gal.	~ Gallon
G.B.	~ Gun-Boat
Gd.	~ Good
Gen.	~ General
Gov.	~ Government

H.	~ Have, Has
Hd.	~ Head
Hd. Qrs.	~ Head Quarters
Hld.	~ Hold
Hr.	~ Hear, Here
Hrd.	~ Heard
Hvy.	~ Heavy

Impt.	~ Important
Imy.	~ Immediately
Inft.	~ Infantry
Inst.	~ Instant

Jas.	~ James
Jn.	~ Join
Jst.	~ Just

Kp.	~ Keep
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Ldd.	~ Loaded
Lft.	~ Left
Lieut.	~ Lieutenant
Lk.	~ Look
L.L.L.	~ Move a little to the left
Lng.	~ Long

Maj.	~ Major
Majty.	~ Majority
Manvr.	~ Manoeuvre
Mil.	~ Militia, Military
Min.	~ Minute
Mk.	~ Make
Mr.	~ Mister
Mv.	~ Move
Mxd.	~ Mixed

N.	~ Not
Nd.	~ Need
N.J.	~ New Jersey
Nm.	~ Name
Nr.	~ Near
Num.	~ Number
Nvr.	~ Never

Nw.	~ Now
N.Y.	~ New York

Obs.	~ Observe
Ofcr.	~ Officer
Off.	~ Official
Oftn.	~ Often
O.K.	~ All Right
Opp.	~ Opposite
Ord.	~ Ordnance
Ovr.	~ Over

Pa.	~ Pennsylvania
Pnt.	~ Point
Pntn.	~ Pontoon
Psd.	~ Passed
Psngr.	~ Passenger
Pst.	~ Past
Pt.	~ Put

Q.	~ Quiet
Qk.	~ Quick
Qrs.	~ Quarters

R.	~ Are
Recd.	~ Received
Regt.	~ Regiment
Req.	~ Requisition
Rev.	~ Revolution
Riv.	~ River
Rprt.	~ Report
Rpt.	~ Repeat
Rqst.	~ Request
R.R.	~ Railroad
R.R.R.	~ Move a little to the right
Rvl.	~ Reveal

Schur.	~ Schooner
Se.	~ See
Sec.	~ Second
Sep.	~ Separate
Sevl.	~ Several
Shl.	~ Shall
Shld.	~ Should
Smk.	~ Smoke
Sn.	~ Seen
Snd.	~ Send
Stmr.	~ Steamer

T.	~ The
Thm.	~ Them
Thn.	~ Then
Thr.	~ Their
Ths.	~ This
Tht.	~ That
Tl.	~ Tell
Tm.	~ Time
Tmbr.	~ Timber
Tn.	~ Train
Trps.	~ Troops
Twds.	~ Towards
Twn.	~ Town
Twr.	~ Tower

U.	~ You
Ur.	~ Your
Upn.	~ Upon
Upr.	~ Upper
Usl.	~ Usual
Usls.	~ Useless

Va.	~ Virginia
Ves.	~ Vessel
Vet.	~ Veteran
Vig.	~ Vigilant
Vol.	~ Volunteer
Vt.	~ Vermont
Vy.	~ Very

W.	~ Word
Wds.	~ Words
Wgns.	~ Wagons
Whn.	~ When
Whr.	~ Where
Whs.	~ Whose
Wht.	~ What
Wi.	~ With
Wi.	~ Will
Wld.	~ Would
Wlk.	~ Walk
Wr.	~ Were
Wrk.	~ Work
Ws.	~ Was
Wtr.	~ Water
W.W.W.	~ Use White Flag

XInt.	~ Excellent
Xpdtion.	~ Expedition
Xpos.	~ Expose

Y.	~ Why
Yest.	~ Yesterday
Ys.	~ Yes
Yr.	~ Year

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