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PREFACE

1. This publication serves the Maritime-, Land- and Air forces.
2. The column “operations” describes the type of operation(s) the brevity word is meant for.
3. Type of operations are:
 - a. AIR-GEN - Air Operations General
 - b. AIR-AAO - Air Operations Air to Air
 - c. AIR-AGO - Air Operations Air to Ground
 - d. AIR-AAR - Air Operations Air to Air Refuelling
 - e. AIR-MAR - Air Operations Maritime
 - f. MAR-GEN - Maritime Operations General
 - g. MAR-ASW - Maritime Operations Anti-Submarine Warfare
 - h. MAR-ASUW - Maritime Operations Anti-Surface Warfare
 - i. MAR-PIC - Maritime Operations Picture Compilation
 - j. EW - Electronic Warfare
 - k. LAND-.... - Land Operations
4. In accordance with the type of operations the responsibility (operational sponsor) for the brevity words is as follows:
 - a. AIR OPERATIONAL WORKING GROUP (AOWG):
 - (1) AIR-GEN
 - (2) AIR-AAO
 - (3) AIR-AGO
 - (4) AIR-AAR
 - (5) AIR-MAR
 - b. MARITIME OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP (MAROPSWG):
 - (1) MAR-GEN
 - (2) MAR-ASW
 - (3) MAR-ASUW
 - (4) MAR-PIC
 - (5) EW
 - c. LAND OPERATIONAL WORKING GROUP (LOWG):
 - (1) LAND-.....
5.
 - a. Changes to brevity words only can be made by (or with the approval of) the operational sponsor of that brevity word.
 - b. Changes to brevity words which can be used in different types of operations has to be agreed by all operational sponsors involved.

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CHAPTER 1
GENERAL DECODE

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WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
ABORT(ING)(ED)	Directive/informative to cease action/attack/intercept mission.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-AAO
ACTION	Directive to initiate a briefed attack sequence or manoeuvre.	AIR-GEN
ACTIVATE/ ACTIVE	Radiate(ing) on electronic equipment, specify type if desired.	EW
ADVISORY CONTROL	The controlling unit will provide adequate warnings of hazard affecting aircraft safety. The aircraft commander is responsible for the aircraft's navigation and collision avoidance.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
AFFIRM DOWN	I (or ship whose call sign follows) am below 130 feet-keel depth.	MAR-ASW
AFFIRM UP	I (or ship whose call sign follows) am at periscope depth.	MAR-ASW
AIRBORNE ALERT	Combat equipped aircraft are airborne and ready for immediate action.	AIR-MAR
AIRMAIL	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a method used by a shore station to pass a message.	MAR-GEN
ALARM	Directive/informative indicating the termination of EMCON procedures.	EW
ALERT ____	Weapons can be launched, fired or be airborne within ____ minutes.	MAR-GEN
ALFA CHECK	Request or directive to confirm/verify position of BULLSEYE or other specified point relative to the friendly aircrafts position. ("GN 55 ALFA CHECK - 045/20" - i.e. BULLSEYE in use is 20 NM north-east of fighter position).	AIR-AAO
ALLIGATOR	Automatic computer controlled digital data link between units equipped with computerised tactical data systems (link 11).	MAR-PIC
ALLOCATED ____	Engagement status. Reported immediately after track identity and number as "NOT ALLOCATED", "ALLOCATED FIGHTERS" or "ALLOCATED SAM".	AIR-MAR

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
ALTERNATE	Informative or directive call indicating the attacker will attack the alternate target.	AIR-AGO
ALTITUDE	Height of contact reported in hundreds of feet in three digits (e.g. "Altitude zero zero five" equals 500 feet)	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO
AM CANYON	A designated target has been jammed.	EW
ANGELS_____	Height of a Friendly aircraft in thousands of feet. (e.g. "Angels one decimal five" equals 1500 feet, e.g. "Angels decimal five" equals 500 feet)	MAR-PIC
ANGUS	Bearing of contact determined by submarine.	MAR-PIC
ANYFACE	GCI/AEW aircraft.	AIR-AAO/ AIR-MAR
ARCTIC_____	Polarisation of signal is _____.	EW
ARIZONA	No anti-radiation missile ordnance remaining.	AIR-AGO
AS FRAGGED	Unit or element will be performing exactly as stated by the air tasking order.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
ASH CAN	HE depth charge	MAR-ASW
ASREP	ASW report	MAR-ASW
ASSUME DECK	Carrier prepare deck for possible emergency landing of aircraft as soon as possible	AIR-MAR
ASSUMED FRIEND	A track which is assumed to be a friend because of its characteristics, behaviour or origin.	MAR-PIC
AUTHENTICATE	To request or provide a response for a coded challenge.	AIR-GEN
AUTOCAT	Any communications relay using automatic retransmission.	AIR-GEN
ATTACK(ING)	Attack or am commencing attacking run with weapon indicated. Direction/bearing from which the weapon will be coming may be given.	MAR-GEN
____AWAY	Weapon indicated has been fired or released.	MAR-GEN
AZIMUTH	Two or more groups primarily separated in bearing.	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
BACK STOP	Unit stationed between the contact and the protected force.	MAR-ASW
BALL	ASW helicopter transducer.	MAR-ASW
BANDIT	An aircraft identified as enemy, in accordance with theatre identification (ID) criteria. The term does not necessarily imply direction or authority to engage.	AIR-GEN
BANZAI	Informative/directive to execute launch and decide tactics.	AIR-AAO
BARCAP	Barrier Combat Air Patrol.	AIR-MAR
BARK(ING)	Underwater interrogation/reply transmissions.	MAR-ASW
BARRIER	Set up barrier as indicated (e.g. sonobuoy axis position).	MAR-ASW
BASE (Number)	Reference number used to indicate such information as headings, altitude, fuels, etc.	AIR-GEN
BASSET	Rocket thrown torpedo.	MAR-ASW
BAY	Carry out deception plan indicated or in accordance with previous orders.	EW
BAY RUM	Hostile chemical attack (e.g. Warning Bay Rum).	MAR-GEN
BEADWINDOW	Your last transmission disclosed an essential element of friendly information.	EW
BEAMING (direction)	Description of the bogey/bandit manoeuvring to put the reporting aircraft within 30 degrees of the bogey/bandit's wing line. In other words: the bogey/bandit manoeuvres to present itself within 60 to 120 degrees aspect to the reporting aircraft or bogey/bandit manoeuvres in such a way the reporting aircraft is positioned in the bogey/bandit's 2-4 or 8-10 o'clock.	AIR-AAO
BEANSTALK	Information call advising JTIDS users to check equipment for spurious tracks.	AIR-GEN
BEAVER	Link 14.	MAR-PIC
BELLY CHECK	A momentary unloaded bank to check the blind side of a turning aircraft.	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
BENDER	Employ convergence zone detection techniques or contact believed convergence zone detection.	MAR-ASW
BENT	Equipment indicated is inoperative (Cancelled by OKAY).	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN
BIF(Bomb in face)	Informative or directive call to indicate dropping a bomb as a defensive action ("Blue lead, BIF").	AIR-AGO
BIG BERTHA	AEW search radar transmitter.	MAR-PIC
BIG DIPPER	Radar and sonar fitted helicopter.	MAR-ASW
BIG JOE	AEW identification equipment.	MAR-PIC
BIG PHOTO	All bomber and reconnaissance aircraft employing ECM.	EW
BINGO	1. Fuel state needed for recovery. 2. Proceed/am proceeding to specified base (field) or carrier.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
BINGO FIELD	Alternate airfield.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
BIRD	Friendly surface to air missile.	AIR-MAR
BIRD(S) AFFIRM HOSTILE_____	Missile radar is locked on designated target.	AIR-MAR
BIRD(S) AWAY HOSTILE_____	Missile has been fired on designated target.	AIR-MAR
BIRD(S) NEGAT HOSTILE_____	It is not possible to fire at specific Hostile.	AIR-MAR
___BIRD TARGET	Used by the AAWC to designate a target to be engaged.	AIR-MAR
BIRDIE	Aircraft radio relay of sonobuoy information. May be amplified by MATED signature received and correlates. UNWED signature deceived and does not correlate.	MAR-ASW
BITTER	Anti - Surface Ship Missile state report.	MAR-ASUW
BLANK	A SEAD aircraft does not detect any emitters of interest.	AIR-AGO/EW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
BLIND	Informative call indicating that an aircraft has lost visual contact with another friendly aircraft or ground position (opposite of visual).	AIR-GEN
BLOODHOUND	ASW torpedo.	MAR-ASW
BLOODHOUND LOOSE	I have launched an ASW torpedo in this area (or area indicated); keep clear.	MAR-ASW
BLOTTER	ECM receiver.	EW
BOGEY DOPE	Request target information (BRG/Range) to the specified target. If a threat is not specified BRG/Range will be given to the closest threat.	AIR-AAO
BOUNCER	Employ bottom bounce detection techniques or contact believed bottom bounce detection.	MAR-ASW
BOWWAVE	Long form weather report giving.	AIR-MAR
(See also VAT"B")	<p>B. - <u>Below</u> or <u>Base</u> of cloud in thousands of feet. If below one thousand feet, use hundreds of feet but add the word "hundred".</p> <p>O. - <u>Over</u> or <u>Top</u> of cloud level in thousands of feet. If unknown, use the word "UNKNOWN". NOTE: If there is more than one cloud layer, report the base and top of the lower formation, followed by the base and top of progressively higher layers (e.g. two, twelve, seventeen, twenty-five).</p> <p>W. - <u>Wind</u>. (8 points, N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW) plus the velocity in knots. When wind is missing, omit or use the word "UNKNOWN".</p> <p>W. - <u>Weather</u>. General description of weather in plain language; such as clear, partly cloudy, cloudy, overcast light, moderate or heavy rain, mist, haze, thunderstorm and distant-lighting. Amplification of the weather should be made at the end of the report under "E".</p> <p>A. - <u>Amount</u> of clouds in eights.</p> <p>V. - <u>Visibility</u> in miles. Use a fraction if less than one mile.</p>	

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
	E. - <u>Extra</u> phenomena of significance such as turbulence icing, heavy sea or swell and description of front. This is an elaboration of the report which includes anything of interest in plain and concise language.	
BOX	Groups/contacts/formations in a square or offset square.	AIR-GEN
BRAA	Tactical control format providing target bearing, range, altitude and aspect, relative to a friendly aircraft.	AIR-AAO
BRACKET	Indicates geometry where aircraft will manoeuvre to a position on opposing sides, either laterally and/or vertically from target(s).	AIR-AAO
BREAK (Direction)	Perform "An immediate maximum performance turn in the direction indicated".	AIR-GEN
BREAK(ING) DIP	Helicopter raises the transducer clear of the water.	MAR-ASW
BRIDGE	Pulse width in microseconds.	EW
BROADCAST	Request/directive to switch to broadcast control.	AIR-AAO
BROADCAST CONTROL	Tactical/target info is passed to enable the aircraft to accomplish its (their) task. The controlling unit, when possible, provides adequate warnings of hazard, but the aircraft commander(s) is (are) responsible for aircraft navigation and collision avoidance.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
BROKE LOCK	Loss of radar/IR lock-on (advisory).	AIR-AAO
BROTHER	Attacking ship of surface ASW-unit.	MAR-ASW
BROWNIE	Photographic devices.	MAR-GEN
BRUISER	Air Launched Anti Ship Missile.	AIR-MAR
BRUSH	Antenna rotation rate in seconds per revolution. (SPR).	EW
BUBBLE	I am (or submarine is) releasing an air bubble for identification, localisation or evasion purposes.	MAR-ASW
BUDDY LOCK	Informative call indicating that a fighter has radar locked another friendly aircraft.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
BUDDY SPIKE	Informative call of a RWR indication of a friendly AI-radar lock-on ("RED 3, buddy spiked, BULLSEYE 240/15").	AIR-AAO
BUG OUT (direction)	Separation from that particular engagement/attack/operations; no intent to re-engage/return.	AIR-AAO
BULLDOG	Surface/Sub-surface Launched Anti Ship Missile.	MAR-ASUW/ AIR-MAR
BULLPEN	A submarine generated search area. (SGSA).	MAR-ASW
BULLRING	Aircraft patrol zone.	AIR-MAR
BULLS EYE	Descriptive call indicating a common reference point Position of an object will be established by bearing (Magnetic) and range (NM) from this point.	AIR-AAO
BULLY	Concentrate attack on my target or target designated.	MAR-GEN
BUMP/BUMP-UP	A fly-up to acquire LOS to the target or laser designation.	AIR-AGO
BUSTER	Informative or directive call to fly at maximum continuous speed (mil power).	AIR-GEN
BUTTON	Radio channel setting.	MAR-GEN
BUZZARD	Missile used in the land attack mode.	MAR-ASUW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
CAKE	ASW weapon state report.	MAR-ASW
CANARY	“T” - transponder.	MAR-PIC
CANCEL TRACK	Track indicated in message has been cancelled.	MAR-PIC
CANDLE	Unit used as illuminator in a HAG.	MAR-ASUW
CANDLES	Night illumination devices.	MAR-ASUW
CANDY	Ammunition state report.	MAR-GEN
CANYON	Use electronic jamming on radar frequency indicated or in accordance with previous orders.	EW
CANYON AFFIRM	Designated track is being jammed by this units (or unit indicated).	EW
CAP/CAPPING (Location)	1. Directive call to establish an orbit at a specified location. 2. An orbit at a specified location.	AIR-AAO
__CAP TARGET	Used by the AAWC to indicate that a target is primary target for CAP.	AIR-MAR
CAPTURED	Aircrew has identified and is able to track a specified A/G target with an onboard sensor.	AIR-AGO
CAVOK	Cloud and Visibility Okay (ICAO term meaning no significant clouds below 5,000 feet, visibility at least six miles, no precipitation or storms).	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
___ CEASED	Subject emitter has stopped radiating.	EW
CEASE ENGAGEMENT	In air defence, break the engagement on the target specified and prepare to engage another target. Missiles in flight will continue to intercept.	AIR-AAO
CEASE FIRE	Do not open fire/cease firing (missiles in flight continue to intercept).	MAR-GEN
CEASE REPORTING	Information on the contact is no longer to be reported but plotting and assessment of classification, course, speed, altitude, identification and closest point of approach is to be continued. Reporting is to recommence automatically for changes in classification or alterations of course, speed or altitude.	MAR-PIC

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
CERTSUB	Contact classified as certain submarine.	MAR-ASW
CHAMPAGNE	An attack of three distinct groups with two in front and one behind.	AIR-AAO
CHANGING PORT /STARBOARD	Contact is altering course (port/starboard).	MAR-PIC
CHARLIE	Land aircraft.	AIR-MAR
CHARTER	Activate daily changing callsigns ordered for current period (or key card indicated) at (time indicated).	MAR-GEN
CHATTER	Communications jamming.	EW
CHATTERMARK	Commence briefed radio procedures to counter communication jamming.	AIR-GEN/ EW
CHECK ()	Directive to momentarily monitor (specified items/systems). No response is required if status is normal.	AIR-GEN
CHECK PORT (LEFT)/STAR- BOARD(RIGHT)	Turn () degrees left/right and maintain new heading.	AIR-GEN
CHECK SQUAWK/FOUR	Ensure emitting current crypto period key setting.	MAR-GEN
CHICKS	Friendly aircraft.	AIR-AAO
CHOP	Change of operational control.	MAR-GEN
CHOPPED	Wires from causeway secured to main deck (of LST) on launching have been chopped.	MAR-GEN
CHRISTMAS TREE	Directive to briefly turn on exterior lights to enable visual acquisition.	AIR-GEN
CINDER	Off board infra red decoy.	EW
CIPHER	UHF/HF voice encrypt/decrypt device.	MAR-GEN
CLAM	Cease all or indicated electromagnetic and/or acoustic emissions in accordance with national instructions and exercise orders. Potential intelligence collector(s) (PIC) in area (or in area) (estimated duration of CLAM hours).	EW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
CLANKING	Cavitating or making machinery noise.	MAR-ASW
CLARA (maritime)	Radar scope is clear of contacts other than those known to be friendly.	MAR-PIC
(air)	Informative call indicating the radar scope is clear of enemy contacts (“BLUE 1, contact, BULLSEYE 270/20, BLUE 2, CLARA”).	AIR-AAO
CLEAN (maritime)	Broadcast is encrypted. May be used as a report or order and must be followed by a frequency or station designator.	MAR-PIC
(air)	No radar contacts on bandits, bogies or aircraft of interest. No visible battle damage. Aircraft not carrying external stores.	AIR-GEN
CLEARED	Requested action is authorised (no engaged or support roles are assumed).	AIR-GEN
CLEARED HOT	Ordnance release is authorised.	AIR-AGO
CLEARED DRY	Ordnance release is not authorised.	AIR-AGO
CLICKER	Technique involving the keying of a microphone a pre-arranged number of times to convey a message with pre-determined meaning. (e.g. Two keying sequence to mean message receipt).	AIR-GEN/AAO/ AGO/MAR/AAR MAR-GEN/ASW ASUW/PIC EW
CLIFF	Jamming signal.	EW
CLOAK	Directive/informative switch from normal external lighting to covert NVD only compatible lighting.	AIR-GEN
CLOSE CONTROL	The aircraft is continuously controlled, for altitude, speed and heading, to a position from which the mission can be accomplished.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
CLOWN	Deception jammer	EW
COBRA	ASW-torpedo with Gyro Angle Snake Search (GASS) facility.	MAR-ASW
COBRA LOOSE_____	ASW-torpedo with Gyro Angle Snake Search (GASS) released and running on heading_____.	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
COCKROACH	Hostile biological attack, as designated (e.g. Warning Cockroach).	MAR-GEN
COLD (maritime)	I have lost sonar contact or sonar contact is not held.	MAR-ASW
(air)	(a) Start of the CAP leg away from the threat. (b) Low Attack geometry will result in a pass or roll out behind the target. Threat group heading away from fighters.	AIR-AAO
COLD PIPE	Stop snorkelling or I am not snorkelling.	MAR-ASW
COMEBACK (LEFT/RIGHT)	Directive to reverse course.	AIR-GEN
COMEOFF (LEFT/RIGHT/ LOW/ HIGH)	A directive to manoeuvre as indicated to either regain mutual support or to deconflict flight paths for an exchange of engaged and supporting roles. Implies both visual and tally.	AIR-AAO
COMING LEFT/RIGHT	ASW-unit is altering course in direction indicated. (to course indicated).	MAR-ASW
COMMENCING	I have left final approach fix on an instrument approach for landing.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
COMMIT(TED) (Bullseye position)	Directive/informative call indicating the intention to conduct an intercept against bogey(s)/ bandit(s).	AIR-AAO
CONDITION HAIRY	An alerting signal meaning all units may be required to prosecute an unidentified submarine contact.	MAR-ASW
CONFETTI	Chaff lane or corridor.	EW
CONFIDENCE	Confidence indication to intercepted transmission.	EW
CONFIRM	Verify the existence of the contact designated.	MAR-PIC
CONS/CONNING	Aircraft leaving contrails.	AIR-GEN
CONTACT (air)	1. Informative call of radar/IR detection of an aircraft. Call should include bearing, range and altitude (BRA) in reference to Bullseye or geographic position format. 2. Acknowledges sighting of a specified reference point	AIR-GEN AIR-AGO
(maritime)	Initial and subsequent detections of any object obtained by any detecting device.	MAR-PIC

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
CONTACT POSITION	Receiver position where the receptacle of the aircraft makes contact with the drogue or boom.	AIR-AAR
CONTINUE	Continue present manoeuvre, does not imply clearance to engage or expend ordnance.	AIR-GEN
CONTINUE DRY	Continue present manoeuvre, ordnance release is not authorised.	AIR-AGO
CONTINUE PORT/LEFT.	Continue turning left at present rate of turn to magnetic heading indicated (3 figures) or continue turning left for number of degrees indicated.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
CONTINUE STBD/RIGHT.	Continue turning right at present rate of turn to magnetic heading indicated (3figures) or continue turning right for the number of degrees indicated.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
CONTROL	The unit designated as EWC.	EW
COUNTDOWN	I am about to open fire within ____ seconds.	AIR-MAR
COUNTERMARKER	A unit maintaining contact on a marker from a position which enables it to counter the threat presented by the marker.	MAR-GEN
COVEC	A procedure for passing reports of positions on uncovered circuits.	MAR-GEN
COVER_____	Keep fighters between force/base and contact designated at distance stated from force/base(e.g. Cover hostile 27 to 30 miles). An order from the AAWC to a MRSAM/LRSAM equipped ship to initiate an engagement on specified track up to but not including the point of firing. This procedure allows a track to be designated to more than one firing unit without multi-engagement of the track. Directive/informative to take surface-to-air action or establish an air-to-air posture that will allow engagement of a specified target or threat.	AIR-MAR
COWBOY(S)	Ship(s) of search attack unit (SAU).	MAR-ASW
CRACKERS	Sound Underwater Signal (SUS) or Practice Depth Charge (PDC) explosives.	MAR-ASW
CRANK (direction)	Directive/descriptive call indicating an F/A-Pole manoeuvre in a specific direction (RED 1, crank south).	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
CRASH START	Start main engines and get underway as quickly as possible.	MAR-GEN
CRISS CROSS	A position or track derived from the plotting of DF bearings.	EW
CRUISE	Informative or directive call to return to cruise speed (after buster or gate).	AIR-GEN
CUCKOO	Hostile jamming transmitter.	EW
CURVE	Deception signal.	EW
CUT	Stop main engines.	MAR-GEN
CUTOFF	Directive to intercept using cut-off geometry.	AIR-AAO
CYCLOPS	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
DANCE	Shift all lines to complan (___)(column codeword/designator).	EW
DART	Aircraft rocket/aerial gunnery target.	AIR-GEN
DASH (-)	Aircraft position within a flight. Use if specific callsign is unknown.	AIR-GEN
DATUM	Last known position of a submarine or a suspected submarine after contact has been lost.	MAR-ASW
DEADEYE	Informative call by an airborne laser designator indicating the laser/IR system is inoperative.	AIR-AGO
DECK ALERT__	An aircraft alert state expressing the time in minutes required for a specified number and type of aircraft to become airborne after the order to launch has been given.	AIR-MAR
DECK CLEAR	Deck now ready to resume launching or landing operations.	AIR-MAR
DECK FOUL	Unable to launch or land aircraft (followed by a numeral to indicate minutes anticipated before ready to resume operations).	AIR-MAR
DECLARE	Inquiry by fighter to AWACS/GCI or capable aircraft as to the identification of a specified track(s), target(s), or correlated group. Responses include "Friendly, Bogey, Bandit," partial ID or "Unable".	AIR-AAO
DEEP	Contact is below layer depth.	MAR-ASW
DEFENSIVE (SPIKE/ MISSILE/ SAM/ MUD/ AAA)	Aircraft is in a defensive position and manoeuvring with reference to the stated condition. If no condition stated, manoeuvring is with respect to A/A threat.	AIR-AAO
DELAY	The signal is to be retransmitted as soon as possible as ordered.	AIR-MAR
DELTA(____)(____)	Hold and conserve fuel at altitude and position indicated.	AIR-MAR
DEMONS	Depth in metres.	MAR-ASW
DEPLOY	Directive to manoeuvre to briefed positioning.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
DEVILS	Submarine depth in tens of feet.	MAR-ASW
DIKE	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a rendezvous procedure.	MAR-ASW
DIP	Conduct search with helicopter sonar (may be followed by transducer depth in feet).	MAR-ASW
DIP BOSS	ASW helicopter flight leader.	MAR-ASW
DIP GANG	Collective callsign for all helicopters on net.	MAR-ASW
DIP MASTER	ASW helicopter air co-ordinator.	MAR-ASW
DIP WATCHER	ASW helicopter control unit.	MAR-ASW
DIPPER	An ASW helicopter capable of conducting both sonar search and attack.	MAR-ASW
DIRTY	Link is not encrypted.	MAR-PIC
DISCONNECT	Command by tanker or receiver that boom/drogue will be disconnected.	AIR-AAR
DITCHING	The forced alighting of an aircraft on water.	AIR-MAR
DIVERT	Proceed to planned diversion base or specified field or carrier.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
DOCTOR	LMS 11.	MAR-PIC
DODGER (___)	Mobile ASW training target.	MAR-ASW
DOLLY	LINK-4A/TADIL C.	AIR-GEN
DOG BOX	Area within which units may interfere with or be endangered by ASW torpedoes	MAR-ASW
DRAG/ DRAGGING (Direction)	Description of the bogey/bandit manoeuvring to put the reporting aircraft within 60 degrees of the bogey/bandit's tail. In other words: the bogey/bandit manoeuvres to present itself within a 0 to 60 degrees aspect to the reporting aircraft or bogey/bandit manoeuvres in such a way that the fighter is positioned in the bogey/bandit's 4-8 o'clock.	AIR-AAO
DRAWING	I have a LOFAR contact on a sonobuoy. Sonobuoy number or position is ____.	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
DROP	The order to inhibit the release of the track to the link and relinquish reporting responsibility.	MAR-PIC
DROP KING	Unit controlling weapon release time.	MAR-GEN
DROP POINT	Position of weapon release.	MAR-GEN
DROP(BRA)/ DROPPING (BRA)	Directive/descriptive call that a fighter is about to intentionally break lock on a target. GCI should monitor the target.	AIR-AAO
DROP TRACK___	Remove the contact designated from all parts of the tactical picture/stores.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO
DRY CONTACT	AAR contact during which no fuel is transferred.	AIR-AAR
DUCK	Informative/directive call to descend and increase speed.	AIR-GEN
DUCKBUTT	Aircraft assigned to perform precautionary SAR. Performs secondary role as NAVAID to passing aircraft providing tracking, homing and steering information as well as position and weather reports when required.	AIR-MAR
DUFFER	DF equipped unit.	EW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
EAGLE NET	The air attack safety net.	AIR-MAR
EAGLE	The air safety cell call sign established in ships with a full control capability, during an exercise involving simulated attacks on the fleet, either by carrier or land based aircraft	AIR-MAR
EARDRUM	In AIR/SUB co-operation a generic callsign for aircraft.	MAR-ASW
EARLY___	Your wave is early indicated minutes.	AIR-GEN
ECHELON (Direction)	Groups/contacts/formation with wingman displaced approximately 45 degrees behind leader's 3/9 line.	AIR-GEN
ECHO	Positive SEESAW/EWWS/SYSTEM M/ MODE X REPLY.	AIR-AAO
EDISON	Submarine turn on upward beamed diver's lights and/or anchor lights.	MAR-ASW
EEL	Submarine floating antenna.	MAR-ASW
ELBOW	Aircraft - home on this signal with appropriate homing equipment. Submarine-radiate signal on the 400-500 Khz range.	AIR-MAR
EMERGENCY BREAK OFF	Discontinue ASW action, manoeuvre to avoid collision, resume action as soon as clear to do so.	MAR-ASW
EMERGENCY FOUL	Unable to land aircraft within their safe endurance limits, followed by numbers and types of planes needing bases (Other carriers report with EMERGENCY SPACE).	AIR-MAR
EMERGENCY LAUNCH	Carrier(s) addressed-launch all aircraft as quickly as possible.	AIR-MAR
EMERGENCY PREP CHARLIE	Carrier(s) addressed-recall and land all aircraft as soon as possible.	AIR-MAR
EMERGENCY SCRAMBLE	Carrier(s) addressed-immediately launch all available fighter aircraft as CAP. If all available aircraft are not required, numerals/type may be added.	AIR-MAR
EMERGENCY SPACE	I am able to land aircraft in addition to own, followed by numbers and types.	AIR-MAR

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
EMERGENCY STREAMER	Helicopter in forward flight effecting in flight recovery of up to 450 feet of sonar cable.	MAR-ASW
ENGAGE	Take deliberate action with intention to destroy or damage.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN
ENGAGED (BRA)	Descriptive call indicating manoeuvring with the intent to kill.	AIR-AAO
ESTIMATE	Provide a quick estimate of the height/depth/range/size of designated contact or I estimate that height/ depth/ range/ size of designated contact is ____.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-GEN
EXECUTE (naval)	Carry out search ordered.	MAR-GEN
(air)	Carry out briefed action.	AIR-GEN
EXIDE	Submarine contact is using battery propulsion.	MAR-ASW
EXTEND (Direction)	Short term manoeuvre to gain energy, distance or separation normally with the intent of re-engaging.	AIR-AAO
EYEBALL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fighter with primary visual identification responsibility. 2. EO/IR/NVD acquisition of an aircraft. Normally followed by () number of aircraft observed. 	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
FADED	Radar contact is lost. (Termination of track plotting is not warranted).	AIR-GEN
FAKER	A friendly track acting as a HOSTILE for exercise purposes.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO
FALCON	The air safety contact cell call sign established in ships that do not have a full control capability, during an exercise involving simulated attacks on the fleet either by carrier or land based aircraft.	AIR-MAR
FAMISHED	Have you any instructions or information for me.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-AAO
FAN__TACK__	Left and right hand edges of jammed sector are __and__.	EW
FANFARE	Towed anti-acoustic torpedo noisemaker which can be switched on/off while streamed.	MAR-ASW
FAST	Descriptive call (any detection) indicating target ground speed of 400 knots to 600 knots/mach 1.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO
(Description differs in the US)		
FATHER	TACAN.	AIR-GEN
FEATHER	Visual sighting of periscope wake.	MAR-ASW
FEELER	Shipborne fire control radar.	EW
FEET WET/DRY	Flying over water/land.	AIR-GEN
FENCE IN/OUT	Set cockpit switches as appropriate prior to entering/exiting the combat area.	AIR-GEN
FERRET	Airborne electronic reconnaissance activity or aircraft.	EW
FEW	2 to 7 aircraft.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO
FIELD	The area occupied by sonobuoys operating in the LOFAR mode.	MAR-ASW
FILLY	In AIR/SUB co-operation, an ESM homing method (submarine as transmitting unit).	EW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
FLANKING (Direction)	Description of the bogey/bandit manoeuvring to put the reporting aircraft 30-60 degrees of the bogey/bandit's nose. In other words: the bogey/bandit manoeuvres to present itself with a 120 to 150 degrees aspect to the reporting aircraft or bogey/bandit manoeuvres in such a way that the reporting aircraft is positioned in the bogey/bandit's 1-2 or 10-11 o'clock.	AIR-AAO
FLARES	Directive to deploy flares.	AIR-GEN
FLASH	Temporarily turn on prebriefed IFF mode or system.	AIR-GEN
FLASH PHOTO	Ground fire control or missile guidance radar.	EW
FLIGHT LEVEL	ICAO term giving height in hundreds of feet (e.g. FLIGHTLEVEL 250 equals 25.000 feet).	MAR-PIC/ AIR-GEN
FLOAT	Directive or informative to expand the formation laterally within visual limits to maintain a radar contact or prepare for a defensive response.	AIR-AAO
FLOP	Shift the air patrol zone to the opposite side of the submarine patrol zone.	MAR-ASW
FLUSH (ING)	Go deep, or I am going deep.	MAR-ASW
FOOTPAD	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a visual radar homing method.	MAR-ASW
FORCE CAP	Combat Air Patrol over FRIENDLY forces.	AIR-MAR
FORD	Assume intercept guard/watch on band or guard indicated	EW
FOX (NUMBER)	Simulated/actual launch of air to air weapons. ONE Air to air weapons. TWO Infrared - guided missile. THREE Active radar-guided missile.	AIR-GEN
FOXER	Towed anti-acoustic torpedo noisemaker, which can not be switched off once streamed.	MAR-ASW
FOX MIKE	VHF/FM radio.	AIR-GEN
FREAK	Frequency in MHz.	EW
FREDDIE	Callsign for ACU.	AIR-MAR

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
_____FREE	Fire may be opened on any target(s) that has (have) not been identified as FRIEND. Weapon control status; prefixed by the appropriate weapon brevity word or general term WEAPON.	MAR-GEN
FREEWHEEL	Confirm cancellation of a submarine generated search area.	MAR-ASW
FREEZE	Execute order to designated helicopter(s) to remain hovering in present position (cancelled only by MELT).	AIR-MAR
FRIEND	A track belonging to a declared friendly nation.	MAR-PIC
FRIENDLY	A positively identified friendly aircraft.	AIR-AAO
FURBALL	A turning fight involving multiple aircraft.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
GADABOUT__-__	Informative call indicating the upper limit of height sanctuary for fighters in the MEZ. (“Gadabout 25” means the upper limit of the height sanctuary is 25,000 feet; “Gadabout 16 to 24” means the height sanctuary is between 16,000 to 24,000 feet).	AIR-GEN
GADGET	Radar or emitter equipment (type of equipment may be indicated by a letter as listed in OPORD or APP-1).May be followed by the brevity word STATE to indicate the state of jamming (see STATE).	EW
GATE	Informative or directive call to fly at maximum speed (afterburner).	AIR-GEN
GEIGER CHASE	A radio activity monitoring operation.	MAR-GEN
GEIGER (numerals)	Radiation intensity in roentgens.	MAR-GEN
GEIGER SHIP	Radioactivity monitor ship.	MAR-GEN
GEIGER SOUR	Area contaminated, radioactivity noted.	MAR-GEN
GEIGER SWEET	Area uncontaminated. No radioactivity noted.	MAR-GEN
GERONIMO	Tactical air observer.	MAR-GEN
GERTRUDE	Underwater telephone equipment.	MAR-ASW
GIMBALS (Direction)	Descriptive call indicating that a target is approaching lateral/vertical limits of the tracking radar.	AIR-AAO
GINGERBREAD	Voice imitative deception is suspected on this net.	EW
GLOBAL	In AIR/SUB co-operation a plotlock procedure.	MAR-ASW
GLOWWORM	Flare dropping aircraft.	AIR-GEN
GO ACTIVE	Initiate Have Quick communications.	AIR-GEN
GOALKEEPER	A ship stationed for close defense of a marked unit.	MAR-ASUW
GOBLIN	Submerged object detected.	MAR-PIC
GO CLEAR	Use unencrypted voice communications.	AIR-GEN
GOODWILL	Informative call indicating the boundary of an active MEZ.	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
GORILLA	Generic description of a large Hostile attack package. Additional descriptive commentary required to describe size and formations.	AIR-AAO
GO SECURE	Activate encrypted voice communications.	AIR-GEN
GRANDSLAM	Aircraft of a designated track (or against which the mission was tasked) are shot down.	AIR-MAR
GRASSHOPPER	Emergency transit method of submarine areas by surface units.	MAR-ASW
GREEN (Direction)	Descriptive call of a direction of no known enemy threats (Blue3, Green North).	AIR-AAO
GRIDIRON	Jamming signal appears on my PPI scope or jamming signal prevents determination of range and bearing _____% of time.	EW
GRIDLOCK POSITIVE/ NEGATIVE	Satisfactory Gridlock has/has not been achieved.	MAR-PIC
GRIDLOCK	The process of matching the relative positions of locally held tracks with the positions of the reported tracks of the grid reference unit.	MAR-PIC
GRIDPOSIT CHARLIE_____	You are in centre of boat lane _____yards from _____ beach.	MAR-GEN
GRIDPOSIT LIMA LIMA/ROMEO ROMEO	You are outside of boat lane to left/right _____ yards from the beach.	MAR-GEN
GRIDPOSIT LIMA/ROMEO	Left/right of boat lane _____yards from beach.	MAR-GEN
GRIDSHIFT	Change of DLRP/grid origin.	MAR-PIC
GROUP	Descriptive call of radar targets within 3 nm and 20000 feet.	AIR-AAO
GROWLER	LF beacon.	EW
GUERRILLA	An informative indicating a submarine has high precedence traffic to communicate.	MAR-GEN
GUIDEDOG	Lead through vessel.	MAR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
GUINEA PIG	Radar simulator.	EW
GUNS	An air-to-air or air-to-surface gunshot.	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
HANDYMAN	Helicopter in the ASUW support role. (no weapons).	AIR-MAR
HARD HOSE	A hose condition that is likely to damage receiver's probe.	AIR-AAR
HARD PORT/LEFT STBD/RIGHT	High-G, energy sustaining turn.	AIR-GEN
HAWK	Friendly aircraft whose callsign is not known.	MAR-PIC
HAYRAKE (MEDIUM/ HIGH/ ULTRA)	Homing signals in radio frequency band indicated.	EW
HEAD ON	Description of a bogey/bandit which is closing a reporting aircraft from ahead.	AIR-AAO
HEADS DOWN	Call to inform aircrew that leader or wingman is head down in the cockpit and wingman or leader is responsible for clearing.	AIR-GEN
HEADS UP	Alert of an activity of interest. (Normally followed by amplifying information).	AIR-GEN/ AIR-AAO
HEATER(____)	I have detected an unidentified IR source bearing (____).	MAR-GEN
HEATWAVE	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a VHF homing method. (Submarine as transmitting unit).	MAR-ASW
HEAVY	The largest group of factor bogeys/bandits.	AIR-AAO
HECKLERS	Night strike group.	AIR-MAR
HELOT	AEW surface terminal equipment.	MAR-PIC
HEY RUBE	Need support. Come to my assistance.	MAR-GEN
HIGH (Maritime)	Between 25,000 and 50,000 feet.	MAR-PIC
(Air)	Descriptive call indicating the target's altitude is between 25,000 feet MSL to 50,000 feet MSL. (Description differs in the US)	AIR-AAO
HIGHDRINK	Helicopter in flight refuelling from a surface vessel.	AIR-MAR
HIGHWAY____	Conduct Jezebel line of bearing search degrees from ____ (point of reference).	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
HIMALAYAS	In AIR/SUB co-operation, the aircraft approaches the contact area directly without homing assistance from the co-operating submarine.	MAR-ASW
HIT(s)	1. (A/A) momentary radar return(s) in search. (Indicates approximate altitude information from fighter). 2. (A/G) Weapons impact within lethal distance.	AIR-AAO
HOLD DOWN	Directive to key transmitter for DF steer.	AIR-GEN
HOLD FIRE	Do not open fire/cease firing (missiles in flight must be destroyed). The direction to hold fire should be repeated at the end of a transmission	MAR-GEN/ AIR-AAO
HOLDING HANDS	Aircraft are joined or in close formation.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-GEN
HOMEPLATE	Home airfield/carrier.	AIR-GEN
HOMER	Any homing beacon equipment. Type may be specified (e.g. LF, VHF, radar etc.).	EW
HOMING	Friends returning for recovery.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-GEN
HOOK (Direction)	Directive to perform an in-place 180 degree turn.	AIR-AAO
HOOKER	Fishing or other small craft.	MAR-PIC
HOOK LOCKER	The unit specified has been entered as a participant on link 11 but is not active on the net.	MAR-PIC
HOOTER	Jammer.	EW
HOPPER	Hovercraft/Air Cushion/Ground effect machines.	AIR-MAR
HOSTILE	A track declared to belong to any opposing nation, party, group or entity, which by virtue of its behaviour or information collected on it such as characteristics, origin or nationality contributes to the threat to friendly forces.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
HOT (maritime)	Sonar contact is held.	MAR-ASW
(air)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (a) Refers to the start of the CAP leg in the direction of the threat. (b) High aspect target. 2. (a) Attack geometry will result in roll out in front of the target. (b) Group heading towards friendly aircraft. 3. Ordnance employment authorised, expected or completed (A/G), Cleared IN/OFF. 	AIR-GEN
HOTEL FOX	HF radio.	AIR-GEN
HOT PIPE	Snorkel or I am snorkelling.	MAR-ASW
HOUNDOG	Call made by free fighter indicating that he is in a position to employ weapons.	AIR-AAO
HOVERTAC	An attack conducted by a dipping helo on its own target, while maintaining sonar contact.	MAR-ASW
HUFFDUFF	HFDF equipment or unit fitted with HFDF equipment.	EW
HUSH	Execute emission control in accordance with emission control policy or the emission policy in force as indicated.	EW
HUSKY	AIM-120 supported to HPRF active.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
ID	Directive to intercept and identify the target or ID accomplished, followed by type of aircraft.	AIR-AAO
IDENTIFY SQUAWK FOUR	Re-identify target/hostile aircraft.	MAR-PIC
IDENT A-F	Perform relevant identification action.	AIR-MAR
I GO (___)	I am leaving my patrol mission in _____ minutes.	AIR-MAR
I HOLD	This may be used when a unit reports a track.	MAR-PIC
I MAKE_____	My information to amplify or clarify the appropriate plot, which differs from that reported previously is _____.	MAR-PIC
IN (Direction)	Informative call indicating a turn to a hot aspect relative to a threat/target. Opposite of OUT.	AIR-GEN
INDIA	Mode IV.	AIR-GEN
INDIANS	Ships of a Surface Action Group (SAG).	MAR-ASUW
INDICATE(ING)	A command to set (or have set) a particular speed. May be in knots indicated or in Mach, depending upon the controlled aircraft expressed as follows; knots indicated in three digits, i.e. three five zero (350); Mach - two or three digits with the word point separated whole numbers from tenths and hundreds, i.e. one point one three (1.13) or point nine three (.93).	AIR-MAR
INFOTAC	A type of vectored attack, used when the directing unit broadcasts sonar contact information and the attacking aircraft must solve his own fire control solution.	MAR-ASW
IN HOT/DRY	Aircrew has begun final attack run and intends to expend ordnance (hot) or to conduct a simulated attack without expending ordnance (dry).	AIR-AGO
INSTANT	The signal is to be retransmitted as soon as possible.	AIR-MAR
INTEL	Information or source that is of a higher classification than can be discussed or revealed on this circuit.	MAR-GEN
INTERROGATE	Interrogate the designated contact/track or raid on the IFF-mode indicated.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-MAR

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
IN THE DARK	Not visible on my scope and any position information is estimated.	AIR-AAO
INTERFERENCE	Electromagnetic radiation prevents or interferes with maintaining contact.	EW
INTRUDER	An individual, unit or weapon system in or near an operational or exercise area, which represents the threat of intelligence gathering or disruptive activity.	MAR-ASUW/ AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
I STAY(____)	I am remaining with you on patrol/mission____ hours.	AIR-MAR
I WANT	Originator requires reporting responsibility of nominated track.	MAR-PIC

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
JACKAL	Surveillance network participating group (NPG) of link-16/TADIL J.	AIR-GEN
JEZEBEL	Jezebel operations.	MAR-ASW
JEZEBEL KIT	Jezebel equipment.	MAR-ASW
JINKING	Unpredictable manoeuvres, i.e. to negate a weapons tracking solution.	MAR-ASW/ AIR-GEN
JOE	AEW IFF equipment.	AIR-MAR
JOINING	Informative call of an aircraft joining or rejoining the formation.	AIR-GEN
JOKER (maritime)	A friendly track acting as a SUSPECT for exercise purposes.	MAR-PIC
(air)	Fuel state above BINGO at which separation/bugout/ event termination should begin.	AIR-GEN
JUDY ANGLE	I have a contact and am tracking over intercept by angle lock-on; continue to give frequent range data.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
JUDY	Informative call indicating that the AD fighter has radar/ visual contact and is taking control of the intercept.	AIR-AAO
JUG	Submarine communications buoy (not trailing antenna).	MAR-ASW
JULIE	Explosive Echo Ranging (EER).	MAR-ASW
JUMP(ING)	Break(ing) DIP and proceed(ing) in direction or to position indicated to DIP again.	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
KE	Goblin detected by electronic surveillance.	MAR-PIC
KEEP CLEAR	Keep clear of contact bearing_____degrees (true or magnetic)_____miles from me or reference point.	MAR-GEN
KEY	Communication signal.	EW
KH	Goblin detected by hydrophone effect.	EW
KICK	(Degrees RH/LH or heading) - informative/directive call indicating a defensive check turn in a specified direction.	AIR-GEN
KICK__TACK__	Shift line number (line identifier) to frequency column (column identifier) as indicated.	EW
KILL	In training, a fighter call to indicate kill criteria have been fulfilled.	AIR-AAO
KILO	A friendly track of special interest.	MAR-PIC
KINGPIN	Reference position established arbitrarily by an aircraft for reporting the position of contacts or datums.	MAR-ASW
KK	Two-letter general type designator for Goblin.	MAR-PIC
KNOCK IT OFF	Directive to cease air combat manoeuvres/ attacks/ activities. (Normally used in a safety context).	AIR-GEN
KNUCKLE	Disturbed water caused by manoeuvring submarine or surface craft.	MAR-GEN
KOBOLD	Informative call indicating that a specific MEZ is not active. (Opposite of OILFIELD).	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
LADDER	Three or more groups/contacts on the same azimuth but separated by range.	AIR-AAO
LAME DUCK	An aircraft in a minor state of emergency resulting from ordnance or radio failure, oxygen leak, or other cause.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
LAMPS	Lighting is to be restricted as indicated. BLACK - No lights to be visible. MODIFIED - As specified by operation orders, instructions or signals. BRIGHT - No restrictions imposed on the use of illumination.	MAR-GEN
LANCE	Active shipborne sonar.	MAR-ASW
LANCE ATTACKER	Active fire control sonar.	MAR-ASW
LANCE DIVER	Variable depth sonar.	MAR-ASW
LANCE SEARCHER	Active medium or long range sonar.	MAR-ASW
LANCE SOUNDER	Hull mounted, downward looking classification sonar.	MAR-ASW
LAP COMPLETED	One causeway has been placed alongside another and secured.	MAR-GEN
LASER ON	Directive or informative call to start laser designation.	AIR-AGO
LATE____	Your wave is late indicated minutes.	MAR-GEN
LAZY	Equipment indicated is at standby.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN
LEAD TRAIL	Tactical formation of two aircraft or groups separated in range or following one another.	AIR-AAO
LEAKER	Airborne threat has passed through a defensive layer.	AIR-AAO
LEASH	Wire guided torpedo.	MAR-ASW
LEVEL	Contact designated is at your angels.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
LIFEGUARD	Submarine or surface ship designated for SAR operations or a submarine or surface ship stationed geographically for precautionary SAR assistance. Also the name of the units designated to recover a man overboard for vessels conducting alongside operations.	MAR-GEN
LIGHTS ON/OFF	Directive to turn on/off exterior lights.	AIR-GEN
LINE ABREAST	Two contacts within a group side-by-side.	AIR-GEN
LINER	Fly at speed giving maximum cruising range.	AIR-GEN
LISTEN	Cease echo ranging and commence passive search.	AIR-GEN
LISTENER	Passive search/attack sonar.	MAR-ASW
LITTLE JOE	AEW IFF transponder.	AIR-MAR
LOCKED (BRA)	Informative call indicating final radar lock-on; radar sort is not assumed/assured (“RED 1, LOCKED 090/12, 2,000 feet”).	AIR-AAO
LOFAR	Jezebel operations in Lofar mode.	MAR-ASW
LONG SHOT	Submarine is believed to have fired from outside the screen.	MAR-ASW
LONG STOP	Standby to assist in attacking raid indicated.	MAR-GEN
LOOKING	Aircrew has not got the ground object, reference point, target in sight (opposite of CONTACT).	AIR-GEN
LOOSE CONTROL	A form of aircraft mission control in which the aircraft commander selects his own speed, altitude, heading and appropriate tactics required to accomplish the assigned task.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
LOST CONTACT	Previous contact of Judy lost, provide target information.	AIR-AAO
LOST___	Reporting unit doesn't hold contact anymore for which it has reporting responsibility.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
LOW (Maritime)	- Between 500 and 5,000 feet.	MAR-PIC
(Air)	- Descriptive call indicating the target's altitude is between 500 feet AGL to 5,000 feet AGL.	AIR-AAO

(Description differs in the US)

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
MACK NO	I have reached maximum speed and am not closing my target.	AIR-MAR
MACK YES	I have reached maximum speed and am closing my target.	AIR-MAR
MADCAT	MAD-fitted helicopters.	MAR-ASW
MADDOG	Visual AIM-120 launch.	AIR-AAO
MADMAN	I have a MAD contact.	MAR-ASW
MADVEC	Vectored MAD verification run.	MAR-ASW
MAGNUM	Informative call indicating a (H)ARM launch.	AIR-AGO
MANFRED	I am unable to operate (radar or emitter indicated) for reasons of national security.	EW
MANY	Eight or more aircraft.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO
MAPPING	Multi-function radar in an A/G mode.	AIR-GEN
MARKER	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submarine - fire a black, green or yellow smoke signal. 2. Aircraft - visually identify submarine. 3. A unit maintaining contact on a target from a position which gives it an immediate offensive capability. 	MAR-ASW
MARK(ING) DIP	Helicopter come (coming) to hover and commence (commencing) sonar search.	MAR-ASW
MARK(ING) HOOVER	Helicopter come(ing) to hover.	MAR-ASW
MARK GATE	Helicopter is proper distance downwind from dip point. Commence(ing) automatic transition to hover.	MAR-ASW
MARRIAGE	LST is connected to seaward end of pier.	MAR-GEN
MARRY	Assisting ship may attack in concert with attacking ship as opportunity offers.	MAR-ASW
MARSHAL	Enter holding at specific point.	MAR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
MAYPOLE	Non-directional sonobuoy. May be supplemented by ACTIVE to denote active buoy or PASSIVE to denote passive buoy.	MAR-ASW
MEADOW	A predesignated area in which a submarine may operate during the implementation of GRASSHOPPER procedures.	MAR-ASW
MEATBALL	Pilot has landing aid source light image.	AIR-MAR
MEDIUM	(Maritime) - Between 5,000 feet and 25,000 feet. (Air) - Descriptive call indicating the target's altitude is between 5,000 feet AGL to 25,000 feet MSL.	MAR-PIC AIR-AAO
(Description differs in the US)		
MELD	Directive call to adjust radar scan volume to cover the same target group.	AIR-AAO
MELT	Informs helicopters that their movements are no longer restricted by FREEZE order.	AIR-MAR
MERGED	(Maritime) - Tracks have come together. (Air) - 1. Call indicating radar returns/tracks have come together. 2. Information that friendlies and targets have arrived in the same visual arena.	MAR-PIC AIR-AAO
MICKEY	Descriptive call referencing the Have Quick Time of the Day (TOD) signal.	AIR-GEN
MIDDLEMAN	Communication relay which requires receipt and subsequent manual retransmission.	AIR-MAR
MIDGET	A very small submarine which has pressure hull and which accommodates a small crew.	MAR-PIC
MIDNIGHT	Informative C2 functions are no longer available (opposite of SUNRISE).	AIR-AAO
MIKEDUFF	MFDF equipment or unit fitted with MFDF equipment.	EW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
MISFIT	Continue using daily changing callsigns currently in use (or encrypted by means of key card identification) until further notice. (Promulgated simultaneously on all circuits affected and to be authenticated). Cancelled by CHARTER.	MAR-GEN
MIX UP	Mixture of Friendly and Hostile aircraft.	MAR-PIC
MONITOR	Directive to maintain radar awareness on or assume responsibility for a specified group.	AIR-AAO
MORE HELP	Further target positional information is required.	MAR-PIC
MOTHER	Parent ship.	AIR-MAR
MUD (direction and range if able)	Informative call of a RWR indication of a SAM/AAA radar lock-on (“BLUE 2, MUD, right three o’clock, close”).	AIR-GEN
MUGGER	A unit detailed to harass a MARKER from close quarters.	MAR-ASUW
MULTIPLE	There are a number of stations on the same frequency.	EW
MUSHROOM	Nuclear weapon detonation. May also be used with WARNING to denote enemy nuclear attack.	MAR-GEN
MUSIC	Electronic jamming.	EW
MUSTANG	An ASuW weapon-carrying helicopter.	MAR-ASUW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
NAILS	RWR indication of AI-radar in search. Add clock position/azimuth, if known.	EW
NAKED	Informative call indicating no RWR indications on the RWR scope.	AIR-GEN
NANCY	Infrared equipment.	MAR-GEN
NEGATIVE TROUT	Transmitted to control when the racket to which a Duffer has been assigned is detected but bearing cannot be obtained.	EW
NET BALL	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a method to perform identification.	MAR-ASW
NEUTRAL	A track whose characteristics, behaviour, origin or nationality indicate that it is neither supporting nor opposing friendly forces.	MAR-PIC
NEW PICTURE	Used by controller or aircrew when tactical picture has changed. Supersedes all previous calls and re-establishes picture for all players.	AIR-AAO
NOCAN	Unable to comply (with your instructions).	MAR-GEN
NOCOP	Unable to communicate due to exercise or mission in progress.	MAR-GEN
NO FACTOR	Not a threat.	AIR-AAO
NOJOY (Maritime)	I have been unsuccessful or I have no information.	MAR-GEN
(Air)	Informative call indicating the aircrew does not have visual contact with the target/bandit/landmark.	AIR-GEN
NONSUB	Contact is classified non submarine.	MAR-ASW
NOTACK	Directive by/request to a friendly submarine to establish an area in which no air or surface launched asw weapon may be employed.	MAR-ASW
NOTCH (direction)	Description of an aircraft manoeuvring defensively to position the bandit on the aircraft's wingline ("WHITE 2, NOTCHING south").	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
OBSERVATION POSITION	Initial formation position of a receiver joining a tanker which is echelon right for all receivers.	AIR-AAR
___O’CLOCK___	In clock code section and at range indicated (heading of own aircraft or unit being twelve o’clock).	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
OCTOPUS	Tactical data system computer.	MAR-PIC
OFF (direction)	Informative call indicating attack is terminated and manoeuvring to the indicated direction.	AIR-AGO
OFF LOAD	Tanker fuel assigned for off-load to receiver(s) during a AAR mission.	AIR-AAR
OFF SET (direction)	Directive/descriptive call to manoeuvre in a specific direction (“BLACK is OFFSETTING north- WHITE is OFFSETTING south”, or “WHITE OFFSET south - BLACK is OFFSETTING north”).	AIR-AAO
OILFIELD	Informative call, indicating an activated MEZ (opposite of KOBOLD).	AIR-GEN
OKAY	Equipment indicated is operative (cancels BENT).	MAR-GEN
ON/OFF STATION	I have reached/left my assigned station.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN
ON THE DECK	At minimum altitude.	AIR-GEN
ON TOP	I am over datum, target, object or position indicated.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
OPENING	Increasing in range.	AIR-AAO
ORANGES SOUR/SWEET	Weather is unsuitable/suitable for aircraft mission.	AIR-GEN
ORBIT(ING)	Directive/descriptive call hold on current or indicated position.	AIR-GEN
OUT (direction)	Informative call indicating a turn to a cold aspect relative to a target/threat. (Opposite of IN).	AIR-GEN
OUTHOUSE	My position in true bearing/miles from my reference point (assigned station).	AIR-MAR
OYSTER	Authentication policy in force.	MAR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
PACKAGE	Geographically isolated collection of groups/contacts/formations.	AIR-AAO
PACMAN	Informative call that the fighters have found the end of the threat formation and are converting; given in range and bearing from the FAOR BULLSEYE ("BLUE 4 is PACMAN 290/5").	AIR-AAO
PADLOCKED	Informative call that the aircrew cannot take his eyes off another aircraft without losing tally or visual.	AIR-AAO
PAINT(S)	Interrogated group/radar contact that is responding with any of the specified IFF modes and correct codes established for the identification (ID) criteria.	AIR-AAO
PANCAKE	Land or I wish to land (reason may be specified, e.g. PANCAKE AMMO, PANCAKE FUEL).	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
PANTHER	Hostile nuclear submarine.	MAR-ASW
PARROT	A military IFF transponder.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-GEN
PARROT INDIA	A military IFF interrogator.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-GEN
PATROL	Patrol in vicinity of present position or position indicated or as previously ordered.	MAR-GEN
PELICAN	Long range patrol maritime aircraft capable of both search and attack.	AIR-MAR
PENDING	Tracks which have not been subject to the identification process but are available for reporting.	MAR-PIC
PENTHOUSE	The range safety cell callsign established in the target towing ship and responsible for the safety conduct of all live/dummy attacks against a towed target during an exercise involving simulated attacks on the fleet, either by carrier or landbased aircraft.	AIR-MAR
PHANTOM	A position or track derived from the triangulation of Spikes originating from Hostile jamming.	EW
PHASE	Send a 1000 Hz modulation on both sidebands of HF radio frequency carrier for one minute beginning in () minutes, frequency locking and radio receiver tuning purposes.	MAR-PIC

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
PICKET	A unit operating outside the outer limits of screen sectors.	MAR-GEN
PICTURE	Request for/Informative to provide tactical situation status pertinent to mission. (picture clara north).	AIR-AAO
PIER MADE UP	Connecting of causeway section's end to end completed.	MAR-GEN
PIGEONS	Bearing and distance to base (or specified destination) Bearing is to be suffixed. True or magnetic.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN
PILLOW	Pulse Repetition Interval in microseconds.	EW
PINCE/PINCER	Threat manoeuvring for a bracket attack.	AIR-AAO
PING PONG	Exchange of link 11 information on datanet.	MAR-PIC
PINNACLE	An emission believed to originate from a platform assumed friendly.	EW
PIRATE	Fast moving surface radar contact assumed to be a suspect fast patrol boat.	MAR-ASUW
PITBULL	1. Informative call that the AIM-120 is at MPRF active range. 2. AIM-54 at active range.	AIR-AAO
PITCH	Broad pulse repetition rate in thousands of units, e.g. 1.5 is equivalent to 1,500.	EW
PITCH/ PITCHBACK (LEFT/RIGHT)	Directive call for fighter or flight to execute a nose-high heading reversal.	AIR-AAO
PLANE GUARD	Small combatant assigned to steam in wake of carrier conducting flight operations (Rescue Destroyer).	AIR-MAR
PLAYBOY	Tactical air co-ordinator - Airborne.	AIR-MAR
PLAYMATE	Friendly ship, submarine or aircraft with which I am co-operating.	AIR-AAO
PLAYPEN	Submarine patrol area in a barrier.	MAR-ASW
PLAYTIME	Informative call indicating the amount of time an aircraft can remain in minutes before terminating present activity/RTB.	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
___POGO___	Switch to communications channel number preceding POGO. If unable to establish communications, switch to channel number following POGO. If no channel number is following POGO return to this channel.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN
POINTER	Directional sonobuoy. May be supplemented by Active to denote active buoy or Passive to denote passive.	MAR-ASW
POINTING___	I hold directional sonobuoy or Codar bearing on contact___ degrees (it must be understood whether bearings are magnetic, true or relative to Codar plant road).	MAR-ASW
POLAR	Friendly nuclear submarine.	MAR-ASW
POLAR BEAR (direction)	Friendly aircraft has visual/contact on the friendly package and is joining.	AIR-GEN
POND	Carry out jamming plan indicated or in accordance with previous orders.	EW
PONY	ASW weapon carrying helicopter.	MAR-ASW
POPCORN	Hull popping noises indicating that a submarine is changing depth.	MAR-ASW
POPEYE	In clouds or area of reduced visibility.	AIR-GEN
POP	1. Starting climb for Air to Ground attack. 2. Directive for maximum performance climb out of low altitude structure.	AIR-AGO
POPUP	Informative call a contact that has suddenly appeared.	AIR-AAO
POSIT	Request for, or informative call describing friendly aircraft current position from a fixed reference point (i.e. CAP datum or BULLSEYE).	AIR-GEN
POSITIVE CONTROL	The controlling unit is responsible for taking actions for collision avoidance, such as ordering the necessary alterations to heading, speed and altitude to maintain separation criteria.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
POSSUB (LOW/HIGH/ CONFIDENCE)	Contact classified as possible submarine.	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
POST ATTACK	Directive transmission to indicate desired direction after completion of intercept/engagement.	AIR-GEN
POSTBOX	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a method used by submarine to rerouting message by communications relay.	MAR-GEN/ MAR-ASW
POSTHOLE	Rapid descending spiral.	AIR-AAO
POUNCER	A unit stationed to provide defense in depth and mutual support for the screening units.	MAR-ASW
POWER	Directive call to set the throttle(s) to an appropriate setting. In an A/A engagement, this may mean to reduce the throttles to idle to reduce the IR signature.	AIR-GEN
PRE-CONTACT POSITION	Stabilised position behind the AAR equipment, to be achieved before being cleared to contact position.	AIR-AAR
PRELUDE	The reference point from which track positions are reported within a force.	MAR-PIC
PREP CHARLIE	Carrier(s) addressed land aircraft when ready (Relay to aircraft when ready).	AIR-MAR
PRESS	Directive call that a requested action is approved and will be supported.	AIR-AAO
PRINT (BANDIT/ FRIENDLY)	Valid non co-operative target recognition (NCTR) reply.	AIR-AAO
PRIVATEER	Hostile missile-firing Fast Patrol Boat.	MAR-PIC
PROBE	Any aircraft which carries out the visual identification/ recognition of a specific target which has previously been located by another means.	MAR-PIC
PROBSUB	Contact classified as probable submarine.	MAR-ASW
PRONTO	As quickly as possible.	MAR-GEN
PUMP	Directive/descriptive call indicating the fighters are manoeuvring up to 180 degrees away from the threat with the intention of recommitting, depending on the tactical situation.	AIR-AAO
PUMPKIN	In AIR/SUB co-operation, an ESM homing method. (Aircraft as transmitting unit).	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
PUPPIES	Emission control plan (EMCON plan) is modified as follows ____.	EW
PURE	Informative indicating pure pursuit is being used or directive to go pure pursuit.	AIR-AAO
PURPLE	Unit indicated is suspected of carrying nuclear weapons.	MAR-GEN
PUSH (FREQ/ CHANNEL/TAD)	Directive call to switch to designated frequency, channel or TAD.	AIR-GEN
PUSHING	Departing designated point.	AIR-GEN
PUSHING (GROUP/ DESCRIPTION)	Informative that said group(s) have turned cold and will continue to be monitored.	AIR-AAO
PYRAMID	Any ship launched torpedo weapon system. May be prefixed with torpedo brevity word (BASSET, COBRA, etc.).	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
RACKET	Intercepted electronic emission which has been assigned to a number of the trackblock.	EW
RAMROD	Offensive fighter sweep against HOSTILES.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
RANGE	The range to an object or target in hundreds of yards normally limited to less than 10,000 yards.	MAR-PIC
RANGER	An active non-directional sonobuoy giving target range.	MAR-ASW
RAT	HOSTILE fighter.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
RATFINK	HOSTILE bomber.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
RAVEN	Airborne ECM operator.	AIR-MAR
RAYGUN (POSITION/ HEADING/ ALTITUDE)	1. Indicates a radar lock-on to unknown aircraft that is presumed to be a threat. 2. A request for a Buddy Spike reply from friendly aircraft meeting these parameters.	AIR-AAO
READINESS	A two digit group denoting time (in minutes) required to get airborne.	AIR-MAR
READY	The alert state READY orders the immediate readiness of the indicated Force Weapon System.	MAR-GEN
READY CAP	Fighter aircraft in condition of STANDBY.	AIR-MAR
RECCO	Aircraft search units.	AIR-MAR
RECKON__	The contact is in a fade area. Its dead reckoning position is____(bearing)____(range).	MAR-PIC
REDEYE	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a visual homing method.	MAR-ASW
REDHEAD	Pulsating red light.	AIR-MAR
REFERENCE (direction)	Directive to assume stated heading.	AIR-AAO
RENO	Indicates that more than one radar contact is observed and the pilot is able to distinguish his assigned target.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
RENT	Report of characteristics of an intercepted signal.	EW
REPORT(-)	Report contact designated frequently (every___minutes).	MAR-PIC
RESCAP	Rescue Combat Air Patrol. Provides protection to rescue vehicles from hostile forces during all phases of SAR.	AIR-GEN
RESET	A call to re-establish to a prebriefed position or area of operation. For HVAA, normally used following a RETROGADE, for fighters normally after an intercept.	AIR-GEN
RESUME	Resume last formation/station/mission ordered.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN
RESUMED	Emission resumed and is identified as previous intercept.	EW
RETROGADE	Directive to withdraw from present position or area of operation in response to a threat.	AIR-GEN
RETURNING	Informative call indicating the fighters are returning to CAP given in bearing and range.	AIR-AAO
REVERT	Resume search on the previously assigned intercept guard (watch).	EW
REVTAC	Type of vectored attack used when the directive unit broadcasts sonar contact information. The delivery unit solves his firing solution, using own radar for plotting or reported data.	MAR-ASW
RHINO	A friendly aircraft with a nuclear weapon on board (RHINO may be used as a suffix to an aircrafts callsign to indicate which aircraft have NDB's on board).	MAR-ASW
RIDER	A bogey that is complying with ACO/safe passage procedures.	AIR-AAO
RIFLE	AGM-65 MAVERICK launch.	AIR-AGO
RIM CONTACT	A contact which strikes the rim or periphery of the drogue.	AIR-AAR
RINGER	Shipborne short or medium range ASW projectile.	MAR-ASW
RIPPLE	Two or more munitions released or fired in close succession.	AIR-AGO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
ROAD	Axis of sonobuoy pattern.	MAR-ASW
RISER	A radar contact which has suddenly appeared.	MAR-ASW
ROCKIES	In AIR/SUB co-operation, the aircraft approaches the contact area with homing assistance from the co-operating submarine.	MAR-ASW/ AIR-MAR
ROLEX	Informative/directive call indicating a time change in minutes from a given datum. The term "plus" will indicate later time and the term "minus" will indicate an earlier time ("Mission 4TK148, Rolex plus 2" means two minutes have been added to the datum times).	AIR-AGO
ROMAN CANDLE	A nuclear missile is about to be exploded in the area indicated.	MAR-PIC
ROMPER	Any ship which is unable to remain with the convoy and has moved more than 10 miles ahead of the convoy.	MAR-GEN
RONSON	The unit addressed is to carry out an individual Gridlock with the GRU (or the PU as indicated within parenthesis).	MAR-PIC
ROPE	Illumination of an aircraft with an IR pointer.	AIR-AGO
ROUTE	Bellhop channel indicated or AEW channel in use.	MAR-PIC
RUMBA	Own ship manoeuvring for ranging.	MAR-PIC
RV	Informative/descriptive call indicating a rendezvous point.	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
SADDLED	Informative from wingman/element indicating the return to briefed formation position.	AIR-GEN
SAFE/HOT	Select armament (safe/hot) or armament is safe/hot.	AIR-GEN
___SAFE	Do not open fire/cease firing. Fire may be opened only in self defence or in response to a formal order. Weapon control status; prefixed by the appropriate weapon codeword or general term WEAPON.	MAR-GEN
SALVO	Am about to open fire. FRIENDLY unit(s) keep clear or get clear of indicated contact, HOSTILE or area (Direction of withdrawal may be indicated).	AIR-MAR
SAM (direction)	Informative call indicating visual acquisition of a SAM or SAM launch (BLUE 3, SAM, right 4 o'clock).	AIR-GEN
SAME	Informative reply indicating that the aircrew has the identical information as was just stated.	AIR-GEN
SANDWICHED	A situation where an aircraft or element finds themselves between opposing aircraft or elements.	AIR-AAO
SAUNTER	Fly at best endurance speed.	AIR-AAO
SCAN	Search sector indicated and report any contacts.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-GEN
SCRAM___	Friendly unit is in immediate danger. Withdraw clear in the direction indicated for safety. Directive call to cease the intercept and take immediate evasive action. Implies that the target aircraft is being engaged by SAMs or other AD fighters.	MAR-GEN
SCRAMBLE	Take off as quickly as possible. (Usually followed by the appropriate instructions).	AIR-GEN
SCRAPPER	Attack or localisation aircraft of ASW air search and attack team.	MAR-ASW
SCUD	Any threat TBM.	AIR-GEN
SEADOG(s)	Friendly Fast Patrol Boat(s).	MAR-PIC
SEA LION	Underwater interrogation equipment.	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
SEA PRINT(ER)	Underwater teletype transmission/equipment.	MAR-ASW
SEARCHER	Unit having intercept equipment without DF capability. All references to duffers are applicable to searchers within their capabilities.	EW
SEARCHLIGHT	Train antenna specified on true bearing indicated.	MAR-GEN
SEA RETURN___	Sea return obscures sonar or radar display to distance indicated.	MAR-PIC
SEA TALK	Underwater voice transmission.	MAR-ASW
SELFTACK	An attack conducted by a dipping helicopter on its own target after the helicopter has broken DIP.	MAR-ASW
SEPARATE	Leaving a specific engagement; may or may not reenter.	AIR-AAO
SERPENT	A towed array system (TAS) which is towed by surface ships or submarines.	MAR-ASW
SET___	A command to set (or have set) a particular speed. May be in knots/indicated or in Mach, depending upon the controlled aircraft expressed as follows Knots indicated in three digits, i.e. THREE FIVE ZERO (350); Mach - two or three digits with the word POINT separating whole numbers from tenths and hundreds i.e. ONE POINT ONE THREE (1.13) or POINT NINE THREE (.93).	AIR-GEN
SHACKLE	One weave; a single crossing of flight paths; manoeuvre to adjust or regain formation parameters.	AIR-GEN
SHADOW(ING)	(maritime) - The observation of an enemy unit or force, usually as a sequel to surveillance or reconnaissance for the purpose of reporting its composition, location movement and any other relevant information. (air) - Follow indicated target.	MAR-ASUW AIR-MAR
SHALLOW	Contact is above layer depth.	MAR-ASW
SHAKE OFF	Take avoiding action against aircraft.	AIR-MAR
SHEEP	Vessel transitting the minefield	MAR-GEN
SHIFT	Directive to shift laser illumination to a different target.	AIR-AGO
SHIFT PATROL	Shift patrol by course___ and distance_____.	MAR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
SHINING	Inquisitive call indicating that a fighter is radar locked to a bogey - discriminator such as heading, BULLSEYE or angels may be necessary.	AIR-AAO
SHOOTER	Aircraft designated to employ ordnance.	AIR-AAO
SHORE	The signal is to be retransmitted on operational point to point circuits as soon as possible after landing. (Source APP-1).	AIR-MAR
SHORTSHOT	Submarine believed to have fired from inside the screen.	MAR-ASW
SHOTGUN	Informative call indicating a prebriefed weapons state at which separation/bugout should begin.	AIR-AAO
SIDEWALL____	An offset RV in AIR/SUB co-operation at time_____.	MAR-ASW
SILENT	Broadcast station is not transmitting. May also be used as an order and must be followed by a frequency or station designator. If possible it should be followed by an estimated time of return to the air.	EW
SINGLE	One object.	MAR-PIC
	Descriptive call indicating one aircraft.	AIR-GEN
SINKER	A radar contact that later disappeared.	MAR-ASW
SISTER	Assisting ship of surface ASW unit.	MAR-ASW
SIXGUN	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a method to achieve plotlock.	MAR-ASW
SKATE	Informative/directive to execute launch and leave tactics.	AIR-AAO
SKIMMER	Search aircraft of ASW air search and attack team.	MAR-ASW
SKIP IT (maritime)	Do not attack, cease attack, cease interception.	MAR-GEN
(air)	Veto of fighter commit, usually followed with further directions.	AIR-AAO
SKOSH	Aircraft is out of/or unable to employ active radar missiles.	AIR-AAO
SKUNK	A surface contact detected by radar.	MAR-PIC

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
SKYROCKET	Am about to fire AA shells to burst at HOSTILE's estimated altitude and direction to indicate his approach.	AIR-MAR
SLAM____	A submarine in the process of missile launch has been detected. The position of the launch is to be given immediately after SLAM.	AIR-MAR
SLAMEYE____	A visual bearing of the missile, missile vapor track, or missile exhaust. The bearing of the launch from the reporting unit and the position of the reporting unit are given immediately after SLAMEYE.	AIR-MAR
SLAPSHOT (type/bearing)	Directive for an aircraft to employ a range unknown HARM against a specified threat at the specified bearing.	AIR-AGO
SLICE/ SLICEBACK	Directive call to perform a high-G descending turn in the direction stated usually 180-degree turn.	AIR-AAO
SLINGSHOT	Launch by catapult.	AIR-MAR
SLIPPING	Informative or directive call indicating the attacker will attack the target at the alternate TOT.	AIR-AGO
SLOPE	Pulse repetition rate in pulses per second.	EW
SLOW (maritime)	Any detection with a ground speed of 200 knots to 400 knots.	MAR-PIC
(air)	Descriptive call indicating target ground speed of 200 knots to 400 knots. (Description differs in the US)	AIR-AAO
SMASH	Directive to turn on/off anti collision lights.	AIR-GEN
SMOKE	Smoke marker used to mark a position or datum.	MAR-ASW/ AIR-MAR
SMUGGLER	Hostile Fast Patrol Boat or Fast Torpedo Boat.	MAR-ASUW
SNAKE	Directive call to oscillate an IR pointer about a target.	AIR-AGO
SNAP	Directive call to turn to a direction/heading ("RED 1 SNAP 240 degrees").	AIR-GEN
SNEAKER	An intelligence gathering vessel.	EW
SNIFF	Passive NCTR reply.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
SNIFFER	Exhaust trail detection equipment.	MAR-ASW
SNIPER	Directive for an aircraft to employ a range known HARM against a specified threat at the specified location.	AIR-AGO
SNOOPER	An aircraft employed in the detection and reporting of opposing forces while avoiding detection by those forces.	AIR-AGO
SNOOZE	Directive/informative indicating initiation of EMCON procedures.	AIR-GEN/ EW
SNORT	Visually sighted submarine snorkel.	MAR-ASW
SNORTING	Submarine contact is snorkelling.	MAR-ASW
SNOW	Sweep jamming.	EW
SOFT	The probe has not fully engaged in the drogue.	AIR-AAR
SOLO	Aircraft proceed on independent operations.	AIR-MAR
SONGBIRD	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a radio homing method (Aircraft as transmitting unit).	MAR-ASW
SORT	Directive call to assign responsibility within a group; criteria can be met visually, electronically (radar) or both.	AIR-AAO
SORTED(BRA)	Informative call indicating that the criteria have been met to ensure individual flight members have separate radar contacts.	AIR-AAO
SOUR	Equipment indicated is not operating efficiently.	MAR-GEN/ AIR-GEN
SPADES	An interrogated group/radar contact which lacks the Air Tasking Order established (or equivalent) IFF modes and codes required for the identification (ID) criteria.	AIR-AAO
SPARKLE	Target marking by infrared pointer. Target marking by gunship or airborne forward air controller using incendiary rounds.	AIR-AGO
SPIKED (direction)	Informative call of a RWR indication of a hostile AI radar lock-on (“RED 4, SPIKED, right 2 o’clock”).	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
SPIN	Directive/informative to execute a prebriefed timing/spacing manoeuvre.	AIR-GEN
SPIT(TING)	Lay/launch(ing) buoys.	MAR-ASW
SPITTER (direction)	An aircraft that has departed from the engagement or is departing the engaged fighters targeting responsibility.	AIR-AAO
SPLASH(ED) (air)	Informative call hostile aircraft shot down. Weapons impact (A/G)(A/A).	AIR-GEN
(maritime)	Causeway OPERATIONS: has been launched from LST	AIR-GEN
SPLASH POINT	Water entry point of an airborne ASW weapon.	MAR-ASW
SPLIT	Request to engage a threat visual will not be maintained requires flight lead acknowledgement (air-to-air).	AIR-AAO
SPLITTING	Contact is dividing.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO
SPOKE	Bearing of a single jamming transmission is ___ degrees T.	EW
SPOKED	The receiver has damaged the drogue.	AIR-AAR
SPOOFER	A contact employing electronic or tactical deception measures.	EW
SPOOFING	Information that voice deception is being employed.	AIR-GEN
SPOOK	A Hostile surfaced submarine.	MAR-PIC
SPOT (air)	Acquisition of laser designation.	AIR-AGO
(ew)	Used in conjunction with pre-arranged code numbers designating spot frequencies to direct stations on to intercepted frequency with the use of UP and DOWN ___(MHz).	EW
SPOTTED (air)	Informative call of a RWR indication of a hostile search radar.	AIR-GEN
(maritime)	You are within Hostile radar range.	AIR-GEN
SPOTTER	Day or night spotting mission.	MAR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
SQUAWK (ING)	Operate IFF as indicated or IFF is operating as indicated (e.g. squawk three code zero zero and ident).	AIR-GEN
SQUAWKING (MODE)	An informative call denoting a bogey is responding with an IFF mode.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK CHARLIE	Turn IFF, mode CHARLIE on for altitude read out.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK ECHO	Operate (operating) I-band transponder in ECHO Enhanced mode.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK FOUR	Turn mode 4 switch on.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK IDENT	Activate IFF transponder I/P switch.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK LOW	Turn IFF master control to the low sensitivity position.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK MAYDAY	Turn IFF master control to emergency.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK MIKE	Place IFF master control to MIC. Make short radio transmission.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK NORMAL	Turn IFF master control to NORMAL.	AIR-GEN
SQUAWK STANDBY	Turn IFF master control to STANDBY.	AIR-GEN
STACK	Two or more groups, contacts or formations with a high or low altitude separation in relation to each other.	AIR-AAO
START UP	Start main engines.	MAR-GEN
STATE CHICKEN	I am at a fuel state requiring recovery, tanker service or diversion to an airfield.	AIR-MAR
STATE LAMB	I do not have enough fuel for an intercept plus reserve for carrier recovery.	AIR-MAR
STATE TIGER	I have sufficient fuel to complete my mission as assigned.	AIR-MAR
STATE TIGER SLOW	I have sufficient fuel to complete a subsonic interception and return to base.	AIR-MAR
STATUS	Pass tactical situation.	AIR-MAR

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
STEADY (air)	Directive call to stop oscillation of IR pointer.	AIR-GEN
(maritime)	Am on prescribed heading, or straighten out immediately on present heading or heading indicated.	MAR-GEN
STEER___	Set magnetic heading indicated to reach me (or___).	AIR-MAR
STERN	Request for or directive to intercept using STERN geometry.	AIR-AAO
STICK	A number of A/C weapons dropped one after another at a predetermined time interval.	MAR-ASW
STINGER	Within a group, a formation of three or more aircraft with a single aircraft in trail.	AIR-AAO
STOP	Stop IR illumination of a target.	AIR-AGO
STOP (ABORT CODE)	FAC directs aircrew to abort the attack. This is a mandatory instruction.	AIR-AGO
STOVEPIPE	A predesignated area in which a designated submarine may operate and other submarines are to keep clear.	MAR-ASW
STRAGGLER	A ship separated from its convoy.	MAR-GEN
STRANGER	An unknown contact not associated with action in progress (bearing, range and altitude relative to you).	MAR-PIC/ AIR-GEN
STRANGLE	Switch off equipment indicated.	EW
STRANGLE SQUAWK FOUR	Turn mode 4 switch off. Continue squawking other modes as appropriate.	AIR-MAR
STREAM	Dispensing ASMD decoys: Bravo Barrier chaff Charlie Confusion chaff Delta Distraction chaff Foxtrot Floating decoy Hotel Helicopter chaff India Infra red Sierra Seduction chaff	EW
STRENGTH	Indicates the numerical strength of a track.	MAR-PIC
STRIPPED	Indicates an AC separated from its element formation	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
STROBE	Radar indications of noise jamming.	EW
SUCAP	Surveillance Combat Air Patrol.	AIR-MAR
SUGAR	Surface to air missile (SAM) state report.	AIR-MAR
SUNLAMP	In AIR/SUB co-operation, a radio homing method (Submarine as transmitting unit).	MAR-ASW
SUNRISE	Informative C2 functions are available (opposite of MIDNIGHT).	AIR-AAO
SUPER	Descriptive call indicating a speed of 600 knots/Mach 1 or greater.	AIR-AAO
(Description differs in the US)		
SUPERDUFF	SHFDF equipment or unit fitted with SHFDF equipment.	EW
SUSPECT	A track which is potentially hostile because of its characteristics, behaviour, origin or nationality.	MAR-PIC
SUZY	Message handling system.	MAR-GEN
SWAP	Executive order for change of Scene of Action Commander.	MAR-GEN
SWEEP	Keep all round search and report any new contacts.	MAR-PIC
SWEET	Equipment indicated is operating efficiently. (Opposite of SOUR).	AIR-GEN
SWITCH	Order telling the designated ship or ships to cease general searching and shift to the frequency of the specified racket, whether or not the racket is within the Duffer's intercept search responsibility.	EW
SWITCH(ED)	Indicates an attacker is changing from one aircraft to another.	AIR-AAO
SYNCHRO	Carry out a netsync procedure for terminal clock synchronisation purposes, beginning in (___) minutes.	MAR-PIC

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
TACTICAL	Request/directive to switch to tactical control.	AIR-AAO
TAKE(ING)____ WITH____	Engage/am engaging target (indicated) with weapon (indicated).	AIR-MAR
TALK	Broadcast station is transmitting data. May also be used as an order. May be modified by prowords Clean or Dirty and must be followed by a frequency designator.	MAR-PIC
TALLY	Sighting of a target, bandit, bogey, landmark or enemy position; opposite of NO JOY.	AIR-GEN
TARCAP	Target area Combat Air Patrol.	AIR-MAR
TARGET	Directive call assigning targeting responsibilities ("BLUE 3, TARGET southern group - BLUE 3").	AIR-AAO
TARGETED (-)	Group responsibility has been met.	AIR-AAO
TATTLETALE	A unit maintaining contact on a target from a position which enables it to pass targeting information to other units.	MAR-ASUW
TATTOO	A reference number, other than a track number, unique to a class of vessel or an individual vessel of a class used to describe the identity of a contact.	MAR-PIC
TEN SECONDS	Directive to terminal controller to standby for Laser on call in approximately ten seconds.	AIR-AGO
TERMINATE	1. Cease local engagement without affecting the overall exercise. 2. Stop laser illumination of a target.	AIR-GEN
THREAT	Informative call of an untargeted bandit/bogey with prebriefed range/aspect of a friendly.	AIR-AAO
THROTTLES	Reduction in power to decrease IR signature.	AIR-AAO
TIED	Positive radar contact with element/aircraft.	AIR-GEN
TIED ON	Number two or other formation aircraft has established contact on leader and will maintain appropriate position.	AIR-GEN
TIGER	Enough fuel and ordnance to accept a commit.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
___TIGHT	Do not open fire unless target(s) has (have) been identified as HOSTILE. Weapon control status; prefixed by the appropriate weapon codeword or general term WEAPON.	MAR-GEN
TIMBER	Air Control Network Participating Group of LINK 16/ TADIL-J.	AIR-GEN
TIMECHECK	Informative call to check/change IFF code.	AIR-GEN
TIT FOR TAT	One or more countermarking units overtly stationed for immediate retaliation against the marker.	MAR-ASUW
TOMCAT	A surface picket or picket group which is responsible for early identification of Friendly aircraft returning and for acting as reference point for such aircraft when they proceed through the AAW area.	AIR-MAR
TOOL	Friendly surface vessel whose callsign is not known.	MAR-PIC
TOOL SHED	Airborne VHF homing equipment.	MAR-GEN
TOUCHDOWN	Boats have contacted the beach.	MAR-GEN
TRACKING	1. Stabilised gun solution. 2. Continuous illumination of a target. 3. Contact heading.	AIR-GEN
TRACKING ___SPEED___	By my evaluation, contact is steering true course and at speed indicated.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO
TRACTORS	Towing aircraft.	AIR-MAR
TRADE	Hostile surface raiders are in the offing (this is a warning message and is followed by the general direction of the approach of the raiders e.g. TRADE south).	MAR-ASUW
TRAIL	Track (or shadow) (The words "landward" or "seaward" may be used to indicate from which side of enemy unit to shadow).	MAR-ASUW
TRAILER	Aircraft which are following and keeping a designated airborne contact under surveillance.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
TRAILERS	Descriptive call indicating additional bogeys/bandits following the mentioned contacts/group.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
TRANSLATE (ING)	Move point of origin of barrier (point of origin is moving) at course and speed indicated. Time to start and stop may be specified also.	MAR-ASW
TRASHED	Informative call that missile has been defeated.	AIR-AAO
TRAVEL	Change radar frequency.	EW
TRAVELLER	A suspect surface track following a recognised traffic route.	MAR-PIC
TREMBLE	Modulation/rate of conical scan in Hertz.	EW
TRESPASS (POSITION)	Informative indicating flight is entering surface to air threat ring of a specific system at the stated location.	AIR-MAR
TROUT	Take a DF bearing on transmission indicated.	EW
TUCKER	Main gun armament.	AIR-MAR
TUMBLEWEED	Indicates limited situation awareness; no joy; blind; a request for information.	AIR-GEN
TUNE	Send a continuous signal on the central radio frequency for 30 seconds, beginning in (___) minutes for radio receiver frequency tuning purposes.	MAR-PIC
TWO-BLOCKED	Causeway is completely against upper hold shelf (of LST) and ready to be lashed.	MAR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
ULTRADUFF	UHFDF equipment or unit fitted with UHFDF receiver.	EW
UNABLE	Cannot comply as requested or directed.	AIR-GEN
UNIFORM	UHF/AM radio.	AIR-GEN
UNKNOWN	An evaluated track which has not been identified.	MAR-PIC

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
VALLEY	Interfere with threat communications frequency indicated or in accordance with previous orders. May be modified by JULIETT to indicate jamming or SIERRA to indicate spoofing. With proword AM VALLEY indicates activity is taking place.	EW
VAMPIRE	HOSTILE anti ship guided missile.	AIR-MAR
VAT”B”	Short form weather report giving	AIR-MAR
(See also BOWWAVE)	V - Visibility in miles. A - Amount of clouds in eighths. T - Height of cloud top in thousands of feet. B - Height of cloud base in thousands of feet.	
VECTAC	Vectored attack. Type may be specified as RADAR, VISUAL - or REVERSE VECTAC	MAR-ASW
VECTOR	Alter heading to magnetic heading indicated. (Use of true headings to be established before operation commences). Heading ordered must be in three digits; (for homing, use STEER).	AIR-GEN
VECTOR LEFT/RIGHT	Alter course to left/right of present course.	AIR-AAO
VERY HIGH (air)	Descriptive call indicating target altitude above 50,000 feet MSL.	AIR-AAO
(maritime)	Above 50,000 feet	MAR-PIC
(Description differs in the US)		
VERY LOW (air)	Descriptive call indicating target altitude below 500 feet AGL.	AIR-AAO
(maritime)	Below 500 feet.	MAR-PIC
(Description differs in the US)		
VERY SLOW	Descriptive call indicating a target ground speed of less than 200 knots.	AIR-AAO
(Description differs in the US)		
VIC	Three groups, contacts or formations with the single closest in range and two contacts, azimuth split, in trail.	AIR-AAO

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
VICTOR	VHF/AM radio.	AIR-GEN
VICTORDUFF	VHFDF equipment or unit fitted with VHFDF receiver.	EW
VISEGRIP	Bearing and range between barrier submarine and coordinating aircraft has been established.	MAR-ASW
VISUAL	Sighting of a friendly aircraft ground position; opposite of BLIND.	AIR-GEN
VOICE	The signal is to be retransmitted as soon as the aircraft is in UHF/VHF contact with its shore base.	AIR-MAR
VOLCANO	HOSTILE anti ship guided missile signal.	EW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
WALL	Three or more groups or contacts primarily split in azimuth.	AIR-AAO
WALTZ	The unit(s) indicated commence parallel keying on current circuit(s) and ordered circuit(s). (To be used with DANCE or KICK for ordering anti-jam countermeasure two).	EW
WARNING RED	Attack is imminent or has already commenced.	MAR-GEN
WARNING YELLOW	Attack is probable.	MAR-GEN
WARNING WHITE	Attack unlikely without adequate warning.	MAR-GEN
WATCH	Continue to sweep as directed and concentrate on the contact designated but do not report unless there is a material change in this contact.	MAR-PIC
WATCHDOG	A surface picket whose main task is AAW.	AIR-MAR
WATCHER	Helicopter sub-control unit.	AIR-MAR
WATCHTOWER	Command and Control Information System.	MAR-PIC
WAVE OFF	Do not land. Further approach dangerous. Clear ship.	AIR-MAR
WEAPONS__ ____-____(-____)	I have ____semi-active plus____ passive homing missile. Remaining and gun ammunition is (PLUS, MINUS, ZERO). PLUS - Gun(s) fitted and sufficient ammunition for a gun attack. MINUS - Gun(s) fitted but not sufficient ammunition for a gun attack. ZERO - No gun(s) fitted. A fourth character can be given to indicate the number of front hemisphere capable missiles available. (E.g. an aircraft with a serviceable radar, loaded with 2 sparrows, 2 phoenix, 2 sidewinder AIM9L, and fully loaded gun would report its state as "4-2-PLUS-6").	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
WEAPONS FREE	Fire only at targets not positively identified as friendly in accordance with current ROE.	AIR-GEN
WEAPONS HOLD/SAFE	Fire only in self defence or in response to a formal order.	AIR-GEN

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
WEAPONS TIGHT	Fire only at targets positively identified as HOSTILE in accordance with current ROE.	AIR-GEN
WEAVE	Continuous crossing of flight paths.	AIR-GEN
WEEDS	Indicates that aircraft are operating close to the surface.	AIR-AAO
WHAT LUCK	Request for results of assigned mission or task.	AIR-GEN
WHAT STATE	Report amount of fuel and armament remaining. Ammunition and oxygen are reported only when requested or critical.	AIR-GEN/ AIR-MAR
WHAT WEAPONS	Report number of semi-active and passive homing missiles/gun ammunition remaining (See WEAPONS for methodology).	AIR-MAR
WHAT's UP	Is anything the matter.	AIR-MAR
WHISPER()	Slow to below cavitation speed or speed indicated.	MAR-ASW
WINCHESTER	Informative call indicating the aircraft is out of ordnance.	AIR-GEN
WOLF	Visually identified surfaced HOSTILE submarine.	MAR-ASW/ MAR-PIC
WOLFHOUND	Visually identified surfaced HOSTILE submarine with a missile firing capability.	MAR-ASW/ MAR-PIC
WOODPECKER	Close In Weapon System (CIWS).	AIR-MAR
WOOFER	Off board active radar decoy.	EW
WORDS	Directive or interrogative regarding further information or directives pertinent to mission.	AIR-GEN
WORKING (air)	1. SEAD aircraft is gathering EOB on a signal of interest. Generally followed by signal type, bearing and range if able. 2. A/A aircraft executing EID on a specific aircraft group to obtain identification necessary for BVR employment (air).	AIR-GEN
(maritime)	I am working with another submarine	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
YARDSTICK	Directive to use A/A TACAN for ranging.	AIR-GEN
YOYO	Subordinate element/AC cleared to strip in order to target separate group, but will not be supported by lead element/AC.	AIR-AAO
YUKON	In AIR/SUB co-operation the prefix used by the submarine to pass homing information to the aircraft.	MAR-ASW

WORD:	MEANING:	OPERATIONS:
ZERO POSITION	References position for navigational systems of tactical fighter aircraft.	AIR-MAR
ZIPLIP	1. Hold communications on this circuit to a minimum. 2. Directive call to minimize radio transmissions.	AIR-GEN
ZIPPO	Alerts units that a missile attack is imminent or in progress. Suffix letters/numbers indicated the type of threat and reactions required.	AIR-MAR
ZIPPO LOOSE	Cancels ZIPPO TIGHT.	AIR-MAR
ZIPPO TIGHT	Inhibits all reactions to threats. ZIPPO's should not called.	AIR-MAR
ZOMBIE	A SUSPECT air track conforming to ATC rules or following a recognised traffic pattern.	MAR-PIC/ AIR-AAO

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