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FOREWORD

Acronyms and abbreviations are constantly becoming a greater part of our everyday lives. Many, such as RADAR and NASA, are in common use, even by the general public. However, there are many which are known only to the personnel engaged in a specific vocation. The author has long believed that a single source for the meanings of all acronyms and abbreviations was needed. Consequently, he started a card file, mainly for his own use. As each new term was encountered, a new card was made and added. This book is the result of an accumulation of cards over a period of some three years.

Before a book of this nature can gain wide acceptance and usage, it must be easy to use. Every effort has been made to make this book as easy to use as is humanly possible. All terms are listed in bold-face type. Catchwords at the top of each page show the beginning and ending words of the two facing pages. All terms are listed in a strict alphabetical order without regard to separations or punctuation. Thus, there can be no doubt where a term should be—it can only fit in one place. Many times, a term has more than one meaning; all are listed under a single entry separated by periods. Thus, valuable time, which would be wasted hunting through separate entries for each meaning, is saved.

Many times, especially for foreign or lesser-known terms, additional information is included within parentheses to clarify the meaning. For example, most U.S. readers may not be familiar with the letters "DOT." They still have little meanings when we say the letters stand for "Department of Transport." However, included in the parentheses is the fact that this is a "Canadian agency that issues radio licenses—similar to the FCC." Now the meaning becomes apparent.

This book is as up-to-date and complete as is possible to make it, however, in any work of this magnitude some terms will no doubt have been omitted. Also, new terms are being "coined" daily. It is our intention to periodically issue revised editions of this dictionary; thus, your suggestions for new terms and meanings will be welcomed.

June, 1963

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard W. Samz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Howard" and last name "Samz" being the most prominent parts.

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- A**—Accelerating contactor or relay (JIC and NMTBA term).
 Advance (resistance alloy). Aircraft (Air Force designation). Aircraft carrier. Air-launched (Dept. of Defense missile designation). Ampere. Analog Analyzer. Asbestos wire. Structural part.
- AA**—Administrative assistant. Aviationnaya Armiya (Russian Air Army). Felted asbestos, asbestos braid cable.
- A-A**—Air-to-air.
- AAA**—Antiaircraft artillery.
- AAAA**—Army Aviation Association of America.
- AAAE**—American Association of Airport Executives.
- AAAIS**—Advanced army airborne indicating system (cockpit display system developed by Douglas Aircraft Co.) Antiaircraft Artillery Information Service.
- AAAR**—Association for the Advancement of Aeronautical Research (France).
- AAAS**—American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
- AAB**—Aircraft Accident Board (U. S. military term). Antiaircraft balloon.
- AABM**—American Association of Battery Manufacturers.
- AAC**—Aeronautical Advisory Council. Aeronautical approach chart. Alaskan Air Command. Antiaircraft common (U. S. Navy).
- AACB**—Aeronautics and Astronautics Coordinating Board.
- AACC**—American Automatic Control Council.
- AACE**—American Association of Cost Engineers.
- AACP**—Air carrier contract personnel.
- AACS**—Airways and Air Communications Service.
- AACSM**—Airways and Air Communications Service Manual.
- AADA**—Advanced air depot area (U. S. Air Force). Antiaircraft-defended area.
- AADC**—Antiair Director Center.
- AADCP**—Army air defense command post.
- AAE**—American Association of Engineers (8 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 3, Ill.). Army Aviation Engineers.
- AAFB**—Andrews Air Force Base.
- AAFCE**—Allied Air Force, Central Europe.
- AAFCWF**—Army and Air Force Central Welfare Fund.
- AAFEMPS**—Army and Air Force Exchange and Motion Picture Service.
- AAFES**—Army and Air Force Exchange Service.
- AAFNE**—Allied Air Force, Northern Europe.
- AAFPS**—Army and Air Force Postal Service.
- AAFSE**—Allied Air Force, Southern Europe.
- AAFWB**—Army and Air Force Wage Board.
- AAG**—Air Adjutant General (U. S. Air Force).
- AAGR**—Air-to-air gunnery range (U. S. Air Force).
- AAHA**—Awaiting action of higher authority (U. S. Armed Forces term).
- AAI**—Air-to-air identification. American Audio Institute. Angle-of-attack indicator.

- AAIC**—Allied Air Intelligence Center.
- AAJCS**—Anglo - American Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- AAKM**—Association for the Advancement of the Knowledge of Materials. (Netherlands organization).
- AAM**—Air-to-air missile.
- AAMG**—Antiaircraft machine gun.
- AAMI**—American Association of Machinery Importers.
- AAOC**—Antiaircraft Operations Center.
- AAP**—Aerodynamics Advisory Panel (Atomic Energy Commission).
- AAPD**—American Academy of Professional Draftsmen.
- AAPIU**—Allied Aerial Photographic Interpretation Unit.
- AAPMA**—Automotive and Aviation Parts Manufacturing Association.
- AAQM**—Acting Assistant Quartermaster (U. S. Marine Corps).
- AAR**—Aircraft Accident Record. Association of American Railroads.
- AARS**—Army Aircraft Repair Ship.
- AAS**—Advanced antenna system. American Astronautical Society.
- AASE**—Association for Applied Solar Energy.
- AASR**—Airport and airways surveillance radar.
- AATC**—Antiaircraft Training Center (U. S. Navy).
- AAT&TC**—Antiaircraft Training Test Center (U. S. Navy).
- AAUP**—American Association of University Professors (1785 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington 6, D.C.).
- AAV**—Airborne assault vehicle.
- AAVSO**—American Association of Variable Star Observers.
- AB**—Able - bodied seaman (U. S. Navy). Aeronautical Board (U. S. Air Force). Air base. Antenna supports (JAN nomenclature). Aviation Boatswain's Mate (U. S. Navy).
- ABA**—American Bankers' Association.
- ABATU**—Advance Base Air Task Unit. Advanced Base Aviation Training Unit (U. S. Navy).
- ABB**—Automatic back bias.
- ABC**—Advanced biomedical capsule (Lockheed space vehicle for chimpanzees). Allocations for budgetary control (Rocketdyne budget-control system). American-British-Canadian. Atlantic base command. Atomic, biological, chemical. Automatic bandwidth control. Automatic bass compensation. Automatic bias control. Automatic boiling-column reactor. Automatic brightness control.
- ABCD**—ACF building-block communications devices. Advanced base construction depot (U. S. Navy).
- ABCCTC**—Advanced Base Combat Communication Training Center (U. S. Navy).
- ABD**—Advanced base depot. Advanced base dock (U. S. Navy).
- ABDACOM**—Advanced base depot area command (U. S. Navy).
- ABDL**—Automatic binary data link (an air-to-ground link developed by Stromberg-Carlson).
- ABES**—Aerospace business environment simulator (developed by Lockheed).
- ABF**—Aircraft Battle Force (U. S. Navy).
- ABG**—Air Base Group (U. S. Navy).
- ABGP**—Air Base Group (U. S. Air Force).
- ABLE**—Autonetics base-line equipment (gyroscope direction finder). Azimuth-reference base line.
- ABM**—Automated batch mixing.
- ABMA**—Army Ballistic Missile Agency.

- ABMC**—Army Ballistic Missile Committee.
- ABMEWS**—Anti - ballistic - missile early warning system.
- ABN**—Airborne.
- ABNINF**—Airborne infantry.
- ABO**—Astable blocking oscillator.
- ABPA**—Advanced Base Personnel Administration (U. S. Navy).
- ABPG**—Advanced base proving ground (U. S. Navy).
- ABPO**—Advanced base personnel officer (U. S. Navy).
- ABPU**—Advanced base personnel unit (U. S. Navy).
- ABR**—Amphibian boat reconnaissance aircraft (U. S. Navy).
- ABRB**—Advanced base receiving barracks (U. S. Navy).
- ABRD**—Advanced base repair depot (U. S. Navy). Advanced base re-shipment depot (U. S. Navy).
- ABRES**—Advanced ballistic re-entry system.
- ABRL**—Army Ballistic Research Laboratory.
- ABS**—Acrylonitrile - butadiene - styrene (insulation material). Air base simulator. Air base squadron (U. S. Air Force).
- ABSAP**—Airborne search and attack plotter (U. S. Navy).
- ABSD**—Advanced base sectional dock (U. S. Navy). Advanced base supply depot (U. S. Navy).
- ABT**—About.
- ABTF**—Airborne task force.
- ABTU**—Advanced base torpedo unit (U. S. Navy). Advanced base training unit (U. S. Navy). Air bombers training unit (U. S. Navy).
- ABWG**—Air base wing (U. S. Air Force).
- AC**—Admiral commanding (U. S. Navy). Accept (telephone term). Accumulator. Air command. Air controlman (U. S. Navy). Aircraft. Airdrome control. Alaskan Command. Ambulance Corps. Amphibious Corps. Antarctic continent. Armored cable.
- ACA**—American Communications Association (5 Beekman St., New York, N.Y.). American Cryptogram Association. American Crystallographic Association. Asbestos aircraft wire. Associative content addressable memory. Automatic circuit analyzer.
- AC-AL**—Acid alum.
- ACAN**—Army command and administrative network.
- ACAS**—Assistant chief of air staff.
- ACAV**—Automatic circuit analyzer and verifier.
- ACBB**—American Council for Better Broadcasts (423 N. Pinckney St., Madison 3, Wis.).
- ACC**—Accumulator. Air control center. Air coordinating committee. Allied Control Commission. Area control center. Astronomical great circle course. Automatic color control.
- ACCCE**—Association of Consulting Chemists and Chemical Engineers.
- ACCESS**—Aircraft communication and electronic signaling (developed by Motorola and General Precision).
- ACC/NAV**—Air Traffic Control and Navigation Panel of the Air Coordinating Committee.
- ACCW**—Alternating-current continuous wave.
- ACDA**—Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (U.S. government).
- ACDC**—Army Combat Developments Command.
- ACDR**—Aero commander.
- ACE**—Aerospace control environment (U.S. Air Force program). Automatic circuit exchange. Automatic computing engine (built by National Physical Lab., [Cont.]

- England). Automatic continuity equipment. Automatic continuous evaporation.
- ACEC**—Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada.
- ACERP**—Advanced communications electronics requirements plan.
- ACES**—Automatic controls evaluation simulator (developed by Chance Vought, Astronautics Div.).
- ACEW**—Association of Communications Workers.
- ACGF**—Automatic continuous function generation.
- ACGMR**—Ad Hoc Committee for Guided Missile Reliability.
- ACI**—Air combat information. Alloy Casting Institute (1001 Franklin Ave., Garden City, N.Y.). Altitude command indicator.
- ACIC**—Aeronautical chart and information center.
- ACIL**—American Council of Independent Laboratories, Inc.
- ACK**—Acknowledge.
- ACL**—Automatic carrier landing system. Armored cable, lead sheath.
- ACLD**—Above clouds (CAA term).
- ACLS**—Automatic carrier landing system.
- ACM**—Active countermeasures. Association of Canadian Manufacturers. Association for Computing Machinery. Axon cylinder membrane.
- ACMA**—Alumina Ceramics Manufacturers' Association.
- ACME**—Association of Consulting Management Engineers.
- ACMS**—Army command management system.
- ACN**—Automatic celestial navigation.
- ACNO**—Assistant Chief of Naval Operations.
- ACO**—Administrative contracting officer.
- ACOE**—Automatic checkout equipment.
- ACORN**—Automatic checkout and recording equipment (developed by De Havilland Aircraft, Ltd.).
- ACP**—Allied communication publications. Auxiliary check point. Azimuth change pulses.
- ACR**—Abandon call and retry (telephone term).
- ACRA**—Audio Components Representatives' Association.
- ACRE**—Automatic checkout and readiness equipment.
- ACRS**—Advisory committee on reactor safeguards.
- ACS**—Accumulator switches. Alaska communications system (also known as "White Alice"). American Chemical Society. Armament control system. Assistant chief of staff. Audio conducted susceptibility. Automatic control system.
- ACSC**—Army Command and Staff College.
- ACSM**—American Congress on Surveying and Mapping.
- ACSR**—Aluminum conductor, steel-reinforced (cable).
- ACSS**—Analog computer subsystem.
- ACT**—Acetate cloth tape. Air Cavalry Troop. Air control team. Armored cable.
- ACTER**—Active filter.
- ACTP**—Air cavalry troop (provisional).
- ACTS**—Arc current time simulator (manufactured by Multi-Amp Electronic Corp.).
- ACU**—Acceleration compensation unit. Automatic calling unit (telephone term).
- ACV**—Air-cushion vehicles. Armored cable (exposed locations).
- ACW**—Aircraft control and warning.
- ACWO**—Aircraft control and warn-

- ing officer.
- AD**—Active duty. Actuator drive. Air defense. Air division. Alloy diffused. Attention display. Automatic detection. Aviation machinist's mate (U.S. Navy). Destroyer tender (U.S. Navy).
- ADA**—Aerojet differential analyzer. Air defense artillery. Angular differentiating-integrating accelerometer. Automatic data acquisition.
- ADACC**—Automatic data acquisition and computer complex.
- ADAD**—Air defense artillery director.
- ADALINE**—Adaptive linear classification machine.
- ADAO**—Air defense artillery officer.
- ADAPS**—Automatic display and plotting system.
- ADAPSO**—Association of Data Processing Service Organizations.
- ADAT**—Automatic data accumulator and transfer.
- ADC**—Aide-de-camp. Air-data computer. Air defense command. Analog-to-digital converter. Automatic drive control.
- ADCAD**—Airways data collecting and distribution.
- ADCC**—Air defense control center.
- ADC COMNET**—Air defense command communications network.
- ADCI**—American Die Casting Institute.
- ADCOM**—Air defense command network.
- ADCS**—Air defense coordination system.
- ADD**—Aerospace digital development (UNIVAC airborne computer).
- ADDAR**—Automatic digital data acquisition and recording (developed by Monitor Systems, Inc.).
- ADDC**—Air defense direction center.
- ADDRESSOR**—Analog - to - digital data-reduction system for oceanographic research.
- ADEPT**—Automatic data extractor and plotting table. Automatic dynamic evaluation by programmed testing (developed by Ortronix, Inc., Orlando, Fla.).
- ADES**—Air defense engineering service.
- ADF**—Air Defense Force. Automatic direction finder.
- ADFAP**—Automatic direction finder approach.
- ADI**—Air defense intercept. American Documentation Institute (1728 N. St. N.W., Washington 6, D.C.).
- ADIL**—Air defense identification line.
- ADIOS**—Automatic digital input-output system.
- ADIS**—Automatic data interchange system (developed for FAA by Teletype Corp.).
- ADIT**—Analog-digital integrating translator (developed by Weston, Newark, N.J.).
- ADIZ**—Air defense identification zone.
- ADL**—Acceptable defect level.
- ADLO**—Air defense liaison officer.
- ADMA**—Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers' Association.
- ADN**—Accession designation number.
- ADO**—Advanced development objective (U.S. Air Force). Audio decade oscillator.
- ADONIS**—Automatic digital on-line instrumentation system (developed by Blackburn Electronics Ltd., England).
- ADP**—Ammonium dihydrogen phosphate (piezoelectric crystal used in sonar). Apparatus drawings project. Automatic data processing.

- ADPC**—Automatic data processing center.
- ADPS**—Automatic data processing system.
- ADPT**—Adapter.
- ADR**—Adder. Analog-to-digital recorder.
- ADRAC**—Automatic digital recording and control.
- ADRES**—Army data retrieval engineering system.
- ADRM**—Airdrome.
- ADRS**—Address.
- ADRT**—Analog data recorder transcriber (Honeywell data-handling system).
- ADS**—Air defense sector. Air defense system.
- ADSEC**—Air Defense Systems Engineering Committee.
- ADSID**—Air Defense Survey of Intelligence Division. Air Defense Systems Integration Division (U.S. Air Force).
- ADSMO**—Air defense systems management office (U.S. Air Force).
- ADSP**—Automatic dispatching stick repeater.
- ADU**—Accumulation and distribution unit. Angular display unit.
- ADV**—Arc-drop voltage.
- ADW**—Air defense warning.
- ADX**—Automatic data exchange.
- AE**—Ammunition ship (U.S. Navy).
- A-E**—Architect-Engineer.
- AEA**—Atomic energy act. Atomic Energy Authority (British governmental agency).
- AEBA**—Automatic emergency broadcast alerting.
- AEC**—Atomic Energy Commission.
- AED**—Association of Electronic Distributors.
- AEDC**—Arnold Engineering Development Center (U.S. Air Force, Rocket Engine Test Center, Tullahoma, Tenn.).
- AEE**—Absolute essential equipment.
- Atomic energy establishment (British agency).
- AEEC**—Airlines Electronic Engineering Committee.
- AEETF**—Army's Electronic Environmental Test Facility (to be built in Arizona).
- AEG**—Active-element group.
- AEGIS**—Astro electronic gimballess inertial system (developed by Martin Co.).
- AEI**—Azimuth error indicator.
- AEIC**—Association of Edison Illuminating Companies.
- AEM**—Aeronautical mobile.
- AEMT**—Automatically erectable modular torus (space station configuration).
- AEP**—American Electric Power (an integrated, interconnected electric power network of six operating companies in parts of seven states).
- AEPEM**—Association of Electronic Parts and Equipment Manufacturers.
- AEPG**—Army Electronic Proving Ground (Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.).
- AEPS**—American Electroplaters' Society.
- AER**—Aeronautics.
- AERIS**—Airborne electronic ranging instrumentation system (developed by Cubic Corp.).
- AERNL**—Aeronautical.
- AES**—Aerospace Electrical Society. Aircraft Electrical Society. American Electroplaters' Society. Audio Engineering Society.
- AET**—Approximate exposure time.
- AEV**—Aerothermodynamic/elastic.
- AEW**—Airborne early warning. Aircraft early warning.
- AEWA**—Airborne early warning aircraft.
- AEW&C**—Airborne early warning and control.
- AEW&CON**—Airborne early warn-

- ing and control.
- AEWPC**—Army Electronic Warfare Policy Committee (Signal Corps).
- AF**—Admiral of the Fleet. Aeronautical fixed. Air Force. Alternating flow. Asbestos-covered, heat-resistant fixture wire. Audio frequency. Provision storeship (U.S. Navy).
- AFA**—Air Force Association (Mills Building, Washington 6, D.C.).
- AFAC**—Air Force Armament Center. Automatic field analog computer.
- AFAFC**—Air Force accounting and finance center.
- AFA-SEF**—Air Force Association—Space Education Foundation.
- AFAUX**—Air Force auxiliary field.
- AFB**—Air Force base.
- AFBMC**—Air Force ballistic missile committee.
- AFBMD**—Air Force ballistic missile division.
- AFBMDFO**—Air Force ballistic missile division field office.
- AFBMP**—Air Force ballistic missile program.
- AFC**—Asbestos-covered, heat-resistant cord. Automatic flight control. Automatic frequency control.
- AFCAL**—Association Francaise De Calcul (French Computing Association).
- AFCALTI**—French Association for Computation and Data Processing.
- AFCCE**—Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers (710 14th St. N.W., Washington 5, D.C.).
- AFCCDD**—Air Force Command and Control Development Division.
- AFCCE**—Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers.
- AFCE**—Automatic flight-control equipment.
- AFCEA**—Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.
- AFCMO**—Air Force Contract Management Office.
- AFCRC**—Air Force Cambridge Research Center.
- AFCRL**—Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories.
- AFCS**—Air Force Communications System. Automatic flight-control system.
- AFCSA**—Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.
- AFD**—Air Force depot. Automatic fast demagnetization.
- AFDAT**—Air Force Directorate of Advanced Technology.
- AFFTC**—Air Force Flight Test Center (Edwards, Calif.).
- AFG**—Analog function generator.
- AFGWRP**—Air Force Global Weather Reconnaissance Program.
- AFI**—Air Filter Institute.
- AFIPS**—American Federation of Information-Processing Societies.
- AFIR**—Air Force installation representative.
- AFJKT**—Air Force job knowledge test.
- AFL**—Antisymmetric filter.
- AFLC**—Air Force Logistics Command.
- AFLCSO**—Air Force Logistics Command Support Office.
- AFLD**—Airfield.
- AFMDC**—Air Force Missile Development Center (Holloman Air Force Base, N. Mex.).
- AFMTC**—Air Force Missile Test Center.
- AFNETR**—Air Force nuclear engineering test reactor.
- AFNOR**—French Standards Association.
- AFOQT**—Air Force Officer Qualification Test.
- AFOS**—Air Force objective series.
- AFOSR**—Air Force Office [Cont.]

- of Scientific Research.
- AFPC**—Air Force Procurement Circular.
- AFPD**—Asbestos-covered, heat-resistant cord.
- AFPI**—Air Force Procurement Instruction.
- AFPO**—Asbestos-covered, heat-resistant cord.
- AFPR**—Air Force plant representative.
- AFR**—Acceptable failure rate. Air Force regulation.
- AFRA**—French Association of Automatic Control.
- AFRD**—Air Force Research Division.
- AFROTC**—Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps.
- AFRS**—Armed Forces Radio Service.
- AFS**—American Field Service. American Foundrymen's Society. Automatic frequency stabilization.
- AFSAM**—Air Force School of Aviation Medicine (Brooks Air Force Base, Texas).
- AFSC**—Air Force specialty code. Air Force Staff College. Air Force Systems Command. Armed Forces Staff College.
- AFSCC**—Air Force Special Communications Center.
- AFSJ**—Rubber-jacketed, heat-resistant cord.
- AFSR**—Argonne Fast Source Reactor.
- AFSS**—Air Force Security Service.
- AFSSC**—Armed Forces Supply Support Center (Washington, D.C.).
- AFSWC**—Air Force Special Weapons Center (Kirtland Air Force Base, N. Mex.).
- AFSWP**—Armed Forces special weapons project.
- AFT**—Acetate, film tape. Automatic fine tuning.
- AFTAC**—Air Force Technical Applications Center.
- AFTN**—Aeronautical fixed telecommunications network.
- AFTO**—Air Force technical order.
- AFTRA**—American Federation of TV and Radio Artists (15 W. 44th St., New York 36, N.Y.).
- AFUS**—Air Force of the United States.
- AFWESPAC**—Army Forces Western Pacific.
- AG**—Adjutant General. Aktiengesellschaft. And gate. Miscellaneous auxiliary ship (U.S. Navy).
- A/G**—Air-to-ground.
- AGA**—American Gas Association. As good as.
- AGA-CS**—Air-ground-air communications system.
- AGACS**—Automatic ground - to - air communications system.
- AGARD**—Advisory group for aeronautical research and development (NATO Group).
- AGAVE**—Automatic gimballed-antenna vectoring equipment (automatic tracking antenna system developed by the Cubic Corp.).
- AGB**—Accessory gear box.
- AGC**—Amphibious force flagship (U.S. Navy). Associated General Contractors. Automatic gage control. Automatic gain control.
- AGCA**—Automatic ground control approach.
- AGC-GM**—Automatic gage control-gagemeter system.
- AGCT**—Army general classification test.
- AGD**—Adjutant General's Department.
- AGE**—Aerospace ground equipment.
- AGEP**—Advisory group on electronic parts (agency of Dept. of Defense).
- AGET**—Advisory Group on Elec-

- tron Tubes (346 Broadway, New York 13, N.Y.).
- AGF**—Army ground force.
- AGFRD**—Army Ground Forces Replacement Depot.
- A/G GR**—Air-to-Ground Gunnery Range.
- AGILE**—Autonetics General Information Learning Equipment.
- AGL**—Above ground level. Airborne gun laying radar. Lighthouse tender (U.S. Coast Guard).
- AGLC**—Air-ground liaison code.
- AGM**—Missile range instrumentation ship.
- AGMEPS**—Advisory Group on Management of Electronic Parts Specifications.
- AGN**—Again.
- AGO**—Adjutant General's office.
- AGOR**—Oceanographic research ship.
- AGOS**—Air-ground operations system.
- AGP**—Motor torpedo boat tender (U.S. Navy).
- AGR**—Advanced gas-cooled reactor.
- AGREE**—Advisory group on reliability of electronic equipment.
- AGS**—Advanced guidance system (designed by Space Technology Labs., Inc.). American Geographic Society. Hydrographic survey ship (U.S. Navy).
- AGU**—American Geophysical Union.
- AGWAC**—Australian guided weapons analog computer (Elliott Bros.).
- AH**—Ampere-hour. Hospital ship (U. S. Navy).
- AHC**—Army Hospital Corps.
- AHDG**—American high-density graphite.
- AHP**—Air horsepower.
- AHR**—Aqueous homogeneous reactor.
- AHS**—American Helicopter Society (2 E. 64th St., New York 21, N.Y.).
- AHSR**—Air height surveillance radar.
- AI**—Airborne intercept radar. Aircraft interception. Amplifier input. Azimuth indicator. Impregnated asbestos wire (low-temp).
- AIA**—Aerospace Industries Association. American Institute of Architects. Argentine Interplanetary Association. Impregnated asbestos wire (low temp, open wiring).
- AIAA**—American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.
- AIBS**—American Institute of Biological Sciences.
- AIC**—Air interception control.
- AICA**—International Association for Analog Computation.
- AICBM**—Anti-intercontinental ballistic missile.
- AICE**—American Institute of Consulting Engineers.
- AICHE**—American Institute of Chemical Engineers.
- AICME**—Association Internationale des Constructeurs de Materiel Aerospacial.
- AIEE**—American Institute of Electrical Engineers.
- AID**—Airline interline development (developed by Remington Rand). Avalanche injection diode.
- AIDA**—Automatic instrumented diving assembly.
- AIDE**—Adapted identification decision equipment.
- AIEC**—All-Industry Electronics Conference.
- AIF**—Atomic Industrial Forum.
- AIG**—Address-indicating group.
- AIHA**—American Industrial Hygiene Association.
- AIIE**—American Institute of Industrial Engineers.

- AILAS**—Automatic instrument landing approach system. Automatic instrument low-approach system.
- AIM**—Add, initial, multiprecision. Active inert missile. Alarm-indicating monitor.
- AIMACO**—Air materiel command automatic compiler (developed by Remington Rand).
- AIMC**—American Institute of Medical Climatology.
- AIME**—American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers.
- AIMO**—Audibly instructed manufacturing operations (developed by Westinghouse and Dictaphone Corps.).
- AIP**—American Institute of Physics (335 E. 45th St., New York 22, N.Y.).
- AIPA**—American Ionospheric Propagation Association.
- AIPE**—American Institute of Plant Engineers.
- AIRA**—Air Force attache.
- AIRBM**—Anti-intermediate-range-ballistic-missile.
- AIRCOM**—U.S. Air Force communications complex.
- AIRCOMNET**—U.S. Air Force Communications Network.
- AIOPNET**—U.S. Air Force Operational Network.
- AISE**—Association of Iron and Steel Engineers.
- AITA**—Air Industries and Transports Association.
- AIUS**—Man-in-Space International Association.
- AIWI**—American Industrial Writing Institute.
- AJ**—Alloy Junction. Antijam (radar term).
- AK**—Amplitude-keyed. Automatic clock. Cargo ship (U.S. Navy).
- AKS**—General store issue ship (U.S. Navy).
- AKV**—Aircraft ferry (U.S. Navy).
- AL**—Aeronautical radio navigation land station (ITU designation). Aviation electronicsman (U.S. Navy).
- ALARM**—Automatic light aircraft readiness monitor (developed by Bendix Corp., York, Pa.).
- ALBM**—Air-launched ballistic missile.
- ALC**—Automatic level control. Automatic load control.
- ALCEA**—Airline Communication Employees' Association.
- ALCH**—Approach light contact height.
- ALCOM**—Algebraic compiler.
- ALD**—Acceptable limit for sample dispersion.
- ALDA**—Airline Dispatchers' Association.
- ALERT**—Automatic-logging electronic reporting and telemetering (developed by RCA).
- ALF**—Alphanumeric. Automatic letter facer.
- ALFA**—Air-lubricated free-attitude trainer.
- ALGM**—Air-launched guided missile.
- ALGO**—Algebraic compiler based on international algol (program for the Bendix G-15 computer).
- ALGOL**—Algorithmic language.
- ALICE**—Adiabatic, low-energy injection and capture experiment (Lawrence Radiation Laboratory). Alaska integrated communications exchange.
- ALIT**—Automatic line insulation test (tester).
- ALM**—Air-launched missile.
- ALMAJCOM**—All major command letters.
- ALO**—Air liaison officer.
- ALPR**—Argonne low-power reactor.
- ALPS**—Advanced liquid propulsion system (developed by Jet Propul-