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EXPLANATION

INITIALS AND abbreviations have been with us from the time when Roman proconsuls marched under the aegis of the SPQR, to the present day when the chief threat to our security is the ICBM. But in the past few years they have multiplied so rapidly that even the best-informed among us can scarcely be expected to keep pace.

Newspapers seldom interpret such terms of international significance as GATT and NATO, nor the derivations of Ernie who decides the fate of our Premium Bonds, or Neddy whose concern is economics. Similarly with new international organizations, societies and scientific projects, new techniques in electronics, astronautics and so on. Strange new words and sets of initials come into circulation, many of which will eventually find their way into standard dictionaries and encyclopaedias.

Meanwhile, a collection embodying the old and the new, while discarding the utterly obsolete, appears to be urgently needed. Hence this book, which was at first intended chiefly for the use of editors (more particularly sub-editors), copy and proof-readers, and correctors of the Press. But as the number of entries grew day by day, we perceived a possible wider usefulness via the reference shelves of libraries—scholastic, public, commercial and private. This because much of the information given is not to be found either in dictionaries or encyclopaedias. Furthermore, it is concentrated in one handy volume.

Previous lists we have seen give simply the bare words represented by initials and abbreviations, without further help to the reader. But there are many instances in which more complete information seems desirable, such as foreign equivalents, alternatives, dates, origins, capital cities of countries and states, cross references etc. These are given, however briefly, to save further search elsewhere. Where an entry warrants a fuller definition, it is repeated in lighter type under the main entry. **AC**, for instance, is defined as Air Command; Air Commodore; Air Conditioned and so on. AC then appears again in a lighter type with the definition: Atlantic Charter. Joint declaration by GB and US on aim for better world future, drawn up by Pres. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, Aug. 1941. Where even more expanded information is indicated it is provided in

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a supplementary section in order to preserve the typographical balance of the main text.

Obviously a work of this character resembles a concise dictionary, in that it has to be selective. Just as a dictionary must record even the simplest words that 'everybody knows', so we must include the equally familiar, ranging from ABC to Zoo. Yet, to keep within the practical requirements of publication, a great many 'candidates' for inclusion had to be rejected in favour of those of wider interest or more likely to be met with in the literature of today and tomorrow.

It will be noted that current editorial practice is followed by omitting full points between capital letters, e.g. S.H.A.P.E. is given as SHAPE. In other cases, where usage varies, we exercise personal preference, regardless of possible pedantic criticism. The article 'the' is largely dispensed with, but retained where necessary for clarity. Strict alphabetical order is preserved throughout. For example, P & O is listed as though spelt P and O.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS BOOK

The reader's attention is drawn to abbreviations bearing an asterisk. Amplification of these abbreviations will be found in the Supplement beginning on page 167.

Abr	Abbreviation	Elec	Electric/Electrical
Acad	Academy	Eng	Engineering
A. List Abr	Army List Abbreviation	Engl	England/English
Amal	Amalgamated	Estab	Establishment
AsMem	Associate Member	estab	established
Assoc	Associate		
Assocn	Association	Fed	Federation
Astron	Astronautics	Fell	Fellow
Avia	Aviation	Fin	Financial
		fnd	founded
		Fr	France/French
Benev	Benevolent		
Biol	Biology	Ger	German
Bnkg	Banking	Gk	Greek
Brit	British	Gram	Grammar
cap	capital (city/town)	i.e.	namely
cf	compare	Imp	Imperial
Chem	Chemistry	Ins	Insurance
ch.l	chef-lieu (Fr), chief town	Inst	Institute
CivAir NM	Civil Aircraft National Marking	Instn	Institution
Coll	College	Internat	International
Colloq	Colloquial	It	Italian/Italy
Comm	Commerce/Commercial		
Comp.pt	compass point	Lab	Labour
Coy	Company	Lang	Language
cr	created	Lat	Latin
		Lon	London
Dem	Democrat	Med	Medical
		Mem	Member
Educ	Educated	Met	Meteorological
e.g.	for example	Mil	Military

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS BOOK

MU	Monetary Unit (coinage)	Prodn	Production
Mun	Municipal	Prov	Province /Provincial
Mus	Music	Ptg	Printing
mvIRL	motor vehicle Inter- national Registration Letter	pubn	publication
		Rel	Religion /Religious
		Repub	Republic /an
Nat	National		
Nat Fed	National Federation	Sc	Science
N. List Abr	Navy List Abr	Shpg	Shipping
N.T.	New Testament	Socy	Society
		Sp	Spanish
occ	occasionally		
Orgzn	Organization	Tech	Technical
O.T.	Old Testament	Theat	Theatrical
		Typ	Typographical
Pharm	Pharmaceutical		
Phys	Physics	Univ	University
Pol	Political /Politics	US	USA

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A

- A** Academy/Academician; Acting, as ASL, Acting Sub-Lieut; Adult (cinema film); Advance (on time-piece regulators) cf **R** (Retard); Altesse (Fr) Highness (title); Amateur; Argon (Chem); Associate; Athletic; Atomic, as in A-Bomb; Austria mvIRL; Automobile, as in AC, Automobile Club
- a** acre; active (Gram); adjective (Gram); air; Alpha, 1st letter of Gk alphabet; alto (Mus); answer; area; arrive/arriving, as in time-tables; article; at, usually shown as @; atomic weight
- AI** First-class rating *Lloyd's Register* for ships in top condition. A refers to hull, 1 to rigging and equipment. Also used (Colloq) to indicate excellence
- AA** *Advertisers' Annual* (Year Book)/Advertisers' Association; All Angels Anti-Aircraft (Ack-Ack); Architectural Asscn; Army Act; Assoc. in Arts; Augustinians of the Assumption; Automobile Asscn
- AA** Alcoholics Anonymous. A fellowship of men and women helping themselves and others to recover from alcoholism, self supporting through own contributions
- AAA** Agricultural Adjustment Admin. Also Act adopted by Congress to help US Farmers; Amateur Athletic Asscn, governing athletic and track events in Brit. amateur sport; Automobile Asscn of America
- AAAS** Amer. Asscn for Advancement of Science; *Americanæ Antiquarianæ Societatis Socius* (Lat), Assoc. of the Amer. Antiquarian Socy
- AABL** Associated Australian Banks in London
- AABM** Australian Asscn of British Manufacturers
- AAC** *anno ante Christum* (Lat), in the year before Christ; Army Air Corps (US)
- AACCA** Assoc. of Asscn of Certified and Corporate Accountants
- AACP** Anglo-Amer. Council on Productivity
- AAE** Amer. Asscn of Engineers
- AAF** Army Air Force; Auxiliary Air Force, now R.Aux AF
- AAG** Asst Adj-Genl
- AAI** Assoc. of Auctioneers' Inst. (Chartered Auctioneers and Estate Agents' Inst)
- AAAL** Amer. Acad. of Arts and Letters
- AALPA** Assoc. of (Incorp. Socy of) Auctioneers and Landed Property Agents
- AAMC** Asscn of Amer. Medical Colleges; Australian Army Med. Corps
- A&M** Ancient and Modern (Hymns)
- A&N** Army and Navy Club; also A&N Stores, London
- A&P** Atlantic and Pacific, chain of US grocery shops and supermarkets
- AAofA** Automobile Asscn of America
- AAP** Anglo - Amer. Productions (Films); Australian Assocd Press (News Agency)
- AAPS** Amer. Asscn for the Promotion of Science

AAQMG Asst Adjnt and Quarter-master-Genl

aar against all risks (Comm)

AAS Amer. Acad. of Arts and Sciences; Amer. Astronomical Socy

AAT *Administration de l'Assistance Technique (des Nations Unies)*. Fr version of **UNTAB**

AATA Anglo-Amer. Tourist Assocn

AAU Amateur / American / Athletic Union

AAUQ Assoc. in Accountancy, Univ. of Queensland

AB Able-bodied (seaman); Advisory Board; Air Board; Army Book; *Artium Baccalaureus* (Lat), Bach. of Arts, usually BA; Assocd Booksellers (of GB and Ireland); Assocd British (Film Coy)

A/B *Aktiebolaget* (Swe). Joint stock company

aB *auf Bestellung* (Ger), on order (Comm)

ABA Amateur Boxing Assocn (Brit.); Amer. / Bakers' / Bankers' / Bar / Booksellers' / Assocn; Antiquarian Booksellers' Assocn (Internat); Assoc. of British Archaeological Assocn

ABAC Assocn of Brit. Aero Clubs (and Centres)

Abb Abbot/Abbess

abbr abbreviated/abbreviation. Note **Abr.**

ABC Aerated Bread Coy, tearshops and bakeries; All British (Engine) Coy, famous sports car; alphabetical Lon Rly Time-table; Amer. Broadcasting Coy (Radio and TV); Argentine, Brazil, Chile (Amer. Political Abr); Associated British Cinemas/ABC Television; the alphabet; Australian Broadcasting Commission

ABC Audit Bureau of Circulations,

open to advertisers and UK publications to secure by audit accurate net sales figures of newspapers and periodicals

ABCA Army Bureau of Current Affairs (US)

ABCB Assocn of Birmingham Clearing Banks

ABCC Assocn of Brit. Chambers of Commerce; Assocn of Brit. Correspondence Colleges

ABCD America, Britain, China, Dutch East Indies, grouped against Japanese in World War 2

ABCM Assocn of Brit. Chemical Manufacturers

Abe Abraham

Aber Aberdeen (and Orkney), Bishopric of

ABF Actors' Benevolent Fund; Associated Brit. Foods*

ABFM Amer. Board of Foreign Missions

ABH Alpha-benzene-hexachloride (Chem)

ABIM Assocn of Brit. Insecticide Manufs

ab init *ab initio* (Lat), from the beginning

AbI *Abril* (Sp). April

abl ablative (Gram)

ABM Australian Bd of Missions; Automatic Batch Mix, mechanical processing of solid propellants (Rocketry)

ABP Assocd Book Publishers*

Abp Archbishop

ABPC Assocd Book Publishers' Council (US)

ABPI Assocn of the Brit. Pharmaceutical Industry

Abr Abbreviation. Used throughout this book

abr abridged/abridgment

abrev *abréviation* (Fr) abbreviation

ABRSM Assocd Board of Royal Schools of Music*

* See *Supplement*

- ABS** Amer. Bible Socy; Amer. Bureau of Shipping
abs absence/absent; abstract; absolute
ABSI Assoc. of Boot and Shoe Institution
ABSM Assoc. of Birmingham School of Music
absol absolute/absolutely
abse. re *absente rec* (Lat), in the absence of the accused
ABSW Assocn of British Science Writers
abt about
ABTA Assocn of British Travel Agents
AC Air Command; Air Commodore; Air Conditioned, as in hotel ads etc; Aircraft Carrier/Aircraftman; Analogue Computer; Annual Conference; *ante Christum* (Lat), before Christ, cf **BC**; Appeal Court or Case; Army Corps/Council; Arts Council; Aero/Alpine/Athletic etc Club; Auto Carriers (Ltd), sportscar
AC Atlantic Charter. Joint declaration by GB and US on aims for better world future, drawn up by Pres. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill, Aug. 1941
Ac Actinium (Chem)
a.c. alternating current; *ante cibo* (Lat), before meals (used in med. prescriptions)
ac *à compte* (Fr), on account, or to account of; acre; *anno corrente* (It) the current year
a/c account/account current (Bnkg/Comm)
ACA Agricultural Co-operative Assocn; Assoc. of Inst. of Chartered Accountants (of England and Wales)
Acad Academy
ACAS Asst Chief of Air Staff
ACC Advanced Communications Course (Navy); Anglo-Catholic Congress; Army Catering Corps; Assocd Cement Coys; Assocn of Chambers of Commerce
acc account; acceptance, i.e. of a bill; accusative case (Gram)
ACCA Assocn of Certified and Corporate Accountants
accel *accelerando* (Mus), more quickly
access accessories/accessory
ACCS Assoc. of Corporation of Secretaries
ACCT Assocn of Cinematograph and TV Technicians
Acct Accountant
acct account
accu accusative case (Gram)
ACE *Administration de Co-opération Economique* (Fr), same as **ECA**; alcohol-chloroform-ether mixture used to produce general anaesthesia; Allied Command Europe, one of NATO military commands; Amer. Council of Education; Assocn of Consulting Engineers
acet acetone (Chem)
ACF Army Cadet Force; *Assocn Culinaire Française*, of chefs de cuisine, London; Automobile Club de France
ACFA Army Cadet Force Assocn
ACG Army Commissary Genl; Asst Chaplain-Genl; automatic control gear (Engng)
ACGB Arts Council of Gt. Britain, formerly **CEMA**
ACGI Assoc. of City and Guilds Inst. (Lon)
ACH acetylcholine (Chem)
ACI Army Council Instruction; Assoc. of Inst. of Commerce; Automobile Club d'Italia
aci *assuré contre l'incendie* (Fr), insured against fire
ACIA Assoc. of Corporation of Insurance Agents
ACIB Assoc. of Corporation of Insurance Brokers

- ACIGS** Asst Chief Imperial General Staff
- ACII** Assoc. of Chartered Insurance Inst.
- ACIS** Assoc. of Chartered Inst. of Secretaries
- ACJP** Airways Corporations Joint Pensions
- ack** acknowledge/d
- ACLANT** Allied Command Atlantic, one of **NATO** military commands
- ACLS** Amer. Council of Learned Societies
- ACM** Air Chief Marshal, second highest rank in RAF
- ACNS** Asst Chief of Naval Staff
- ACOP** Assocn of Chief Officers of Police
- ACOS** Asst Chief of Staff
- ACP** Amer. Coll. of Physicians; Assocn of Circus Proprietors (of Gt. Britain); Assoc. of Coll. of Preceptors; Assocn of Correctors of the Press
- ACRA** Assoc. of Corporation of Registered Accountants
- ACS** Additional Clergy Socy; Addtl Curates' Socy; Admiral Commanding Submarines (RN); Amer. Chemical Socy; Amer. Coll. of Surgeons
- ACSEA** Allied Command S.E. Asia
- ACSM** Assoc. of Camborne School of Mines
- ACSN** Assocn of Collegiate Schools of Nursing
- ACT** Assoc. of Coll. of Technology; Australian Capital Territory, district around cap. Canberra, cf Washington, D.C.; Australian Coll. of Theology
- Act** Actuary
- act** active (Gram)
- ACTC** Art Class Teachers' Certificate
- ACTH** adreno-cortiso-trophic hormone (Med), used in rheumatoid arthritis etc.
- ACTT** Assocn of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians
- ACU** Actor's Church Union (Brit.); Amer. Congregational Union; Auto-Cycle Union, formerly, A-C Club, Lon
- ACV** Assocd Commercial Vehicles, linked with Etablissements Willem SA, Paris, 1962
- ACW** Aircraftwoman (RAF)
- ACWA** Assoc. of Inst. of Cost and Works Accountants
- ACWU** Amal. Clothing Workers Union (US TU). One of two largest unions in American garment mfg trade. The other is **ILGW**
- AD** Air-dried (timber); *anno Domini* (Lat), in the year of our Lord; Armament Depot (RN)
- Ad** Aldebaranium (Chem)
- A/D** or **a.d.** After date (Comm); *ante diem* (Lat), before the day
- ad** adapted/adaptor; adverb; add liquid (Photog)
- ad/ads** advertisement/s. Ahrs used in this book
- ADA** Acetone - dicarboxylic acid (Chem); Aluminium Development Assocn; Americans for Democratic Action (US/Pol); Atomic Development Authority (US)
- ADA** Action Data Automation, analytical and missile control system as fitted to British 44,000 ton Carrier *Eagle*, 1962
- adag** *adagio* (Mus) slowly
- ADC** Aide-de-Camp, military attendant on General, Governor or Ruler; Amateur Dramatic Club; Army Dental Corps; Automatic Digital Calculator (Electronics)
- ADC** Aide-de-Camp to the Queen
- ADCC** Air Defence Cadet Corps
- ADCM** Abp of Canterbury's Diploma in Church Music

- Add** addenda/addendum, i.e. additions to books or documents; address
- addl** additional
- AddMSS** Additional Manuscripts, as in British Museum Library
- addns** additions
- a des** *a destra* (It), at/to the right
- ad eund** *ad eundem gradum* (Lat), admitted to the same degree, e.g. at another University
- ADEX** Advertising (Services) Exhibition, Olympia
- ad fin** *ad finem* (Lat), towards or to the end
- ADG** Asst Director-Genl
- ADGB** Air Defence of Gt. Britain
- ADGMS** Asst Director-Genl Medical Services
- ad inf** *ad infinitum* (Lat), to infinity
- ad init** *ad initum* (Lat), at or near the beginning
- ad int** *ad interim* (Lat), in the meantime
- adj** adjacent; adjective; adjourned; adjustment (Bnkg)
- ADJAG** Asst Deputy Judge Advocate Genl
- adj/t** Adjutant
- ad lib** *ad libitum* (Lat), at will or pleasure
- ad loc** *ad locum* (Lat), at the place
- Adm** Administration/Administrator
- Adm/Adml** Admiral/Admiralty
- adm** Admitted/admission, e.g. to hospital etc.
- Ad Man** Advertisement Manager
- Admin** Administration, esp. in US Govt; Administrator
- ADMS** Asst Dir Medical Services
- ADN** Aden mVRL
- ADOS** Asst Dir Ordnance Services
- ADP** Automatic Data Processing (by electronic computers etc); also title of periodical dealing with same
- ADRA** Animal Diseases Research Assocn, Edin
- ADS** Advanced Dressing Station (Mil)
- Ads** *ad sectam* (Lat), at suit of (Law) cf **ats**
- ad us** *ad usum* (Lat), according to custom
- Adv** Advice (Comm); advertisement; Advocate (Law)
- adv** advance / advanced, e.g. advanced Maths; adverb; *adversus*, against, i.e. an opponent
- ad val** *ad valorem* (Lat), according to value, or to an estimate of value
- advb** adverb
- advert** advertisement
- advl** adverbial (Gram)
- ADVS** Asst Dir of Veterinary Services
- Advt/g** Advertisement/Advertising
- advv** adverbs
- AE** Agricultural Engineer; atomic energy; 'third class' at Lloyds, cf **AI**
- AEA** Actors Equity Assocn; Agric. Engineers Assocn; Air Efficiency Award; Atomic Energy Authority (of UK), often **UKAEA**
- AEB** Area Electricity Board
- AEC** Amer. Express Coy; Army Educational Corps, now **RAEC**; Assocd Equipment Coy; Assocn of Educational Committees; Atomic Energy Commission, replaced by Disarmament Commission. See **DC**
- AEE** Atomic Energy Establs, now in many countries, chiefly for developing nuclear power from reactors
- AEF** Allied/Amer./Australian/Expeditionary Force
- AEG** *Allgemeine Elektrizitäts-Gesellschaft*, W. Ger Electrical Corporation
- aeg** *aeger, aegra* (Lat masc. and fem.) The patient. Abr used in medical prescriptions
- AEGM** Anglican Evangelical Group Movement
- aegrot** *aegrotat* (Lat), he is ill (Univ. usage)

AEI Assocd Electrical Industries*
AEIOU *Austria est Imperator Orbis Universi* (Lat). Austria is ruler of the whole earth. Boast of the so-called Holy Roman Empire at its zenith
AEL Assocd Engineering Ltd
AELTC All England Lawn Tennis (and Croquet) Club
AEM Air Efficiency Medal
Aen the *Aeneid*, epic poem by Virgil (70 BC–AD 19)
Aen Nas *Aenei nasi* (Lat), brazen nose (Brasenose Coll., Oxon)
AEP Aviation and Engineering Products
AER Army Emergency Reserve
AERA Assoc. Engraver, Royal Academy
AERE Atomic Energy Research Estab, Harwell, Engl.
AerE Aeronautical Engineer
AERI Agric. Economics Research Inst., Oxon
Aes Aesop, Gk author of Fables (b. ab 570 bc)
aet/aetat *anno aetatis suae* (Lat), aged, at the age of
A et M *Arts et Métiers* (Fr), Arts and Crafts
AEU Amal. Engineering Union
AEWHA All England Women's Hockey Assocn
AF *Action Française* (Fr), minority group favouring monarchy. Began 1898, rallying around journal of above name during Dreyfus affair; Admiral of the Fleet; Associate Fellow; Associated Fisheries*; Audio frequency (Elec)
A-F Anglo-French
a f *anno futuro* (It), next year
AFA Amateur/Football Assocn/Fencing Assocn; Assoc. of Faculty of Actuaries; Assoc. in Fine Arts

AFAM Ancient Free and Accepted Masons
AFAS Assoc. of Faculty of Architects and Surveyors
AFBS Amer. and Foreign Bible Socy
AFC Air Force Cross, for devotion to duty while flying not in combat; Amateur or Association Football Club; Australian Flying Corps
afc automatic frequency control (Radio etc.)
AFCAI Assoc. Fel. of Canadian Aeronautical Inst.
AFCO Admiralty Fleet Confidential Order
AFCU Amer. and Foreign Christian Union
AFD Accelerated Freeze Drying, used in food processing
aff affiliated; affirmative/affirming
affec affectionate/affectionately
affd affirmed (Law)
affil affiliated
Afft Affidavit (Law)
Afgh Afghanistan. Kingdom N. India, cap. Kabul
AFHQ Allied Forces Headquarters, as in Europe, 1963
AFL Amer. Fed. of Labor, also AF of L. See **CIO**
AFLA Assocn of Fire Loss Adjusters
AFM Air Force Medal, for non-coms of RAF, for gallantry in active operations against enemy
AFNE Allied Forces, Northern Europe
AFO Admiralty Fleet Order
AFP *Agence France-Presse*, French world-wide news agency
AFR Air-Fuel Ratio, indicating lbs of air to burn 1 lb fuel
Afr Africa/African
AFRAeS Assoc. Fel. Royal Aeronautical Socy
AFS Advanced Flying School; Amer. Field Service, for international understanding between teen-agers; Auxiliary/or Army/Fire Service

* See *Supplement*

- afsd** aforesaid (Law)
AFSE Allied Forces, South Europe
AFT Amer. Fed. of Teachers
aft after, i.e. after part of ship
aftn afternoon
AFV Armoured Fighting Vehicle
AG Adj.-Genl; Agent-Genl (of Territories or in Trade); *Aktiengesellschaft* (Ger), joint-stock company; Argovia, Swiss canton, cap. Aarau
Ag Agent; Agreement; Air Gunner; *Argentum*, Silver (Chem)
A-G Attorney-General (Law)
a g *à gauche* (Fr), to the left
AGA Amateur Gymnastics Assocn
AGACS Air-Ground-Air Communications System (Avia)
AGARD Advisory Group on Aeronautical Research and Development. Estab. under NATO, May 1952
agb a good brand/any good brand (Comm)
Agcy Agency
AGEFI *Agence Economique et Financière*, Banking and finance orgzn, Brussels
AGM Annual Genl Meeting, i.e. of Union, Society, Club etc.
AGMA Amer. Guild of Musical Artists; Athletic Goods Manufcs Assocn
AGP Aviation General Policy (Min. of Avia)
AGR Advanced Gas-Cooled Reactor, used in Atomic Power Station equipment, as at Windscale etc.
Agr/Agric Agricultural/Agriculture
AGSM Assoc. of Guildhall School of Music
agst against
Agt Agent/against (Comm)
AGU Amer. Geophysical Union
AGV Anilin gentian violet (Dye)
AGVA Amer. Guild of Variety Artists
AGW Atlantic, Gulf and W. Indies (US steamship coy)
agw actual gross weight (Freight)
AGWAC Australian Guided Weapons and Analogue Computer, set up by team of WRE
AH *anno Hebraico* (Lat), the Jewish Year; *anno Hegiræ* (Lat), the year of Hegira, AD 622, flight of Mahomet from Mecca to Medina, reckoned as the first year of the Mohammedan era
a.h. after hatch (Shipg); ampere hour (Elec)
AHC Accepting Houses Committee (Bnkg)
a.h.l. *ad hunc locum* (Lat), at this passage/place
AHPR Assocn of Health and Pleasure Resorts
AHQ Air/ or Army/ Headquarters
AHRGB Assocn of Hotels and Restaurants of Gt. Britain
AHS Amer. Humane Socy; *anno humanæ salutis* (Lat), in the year of human salvation
a.h.v. *ad hunc vocem* (Lat), at this word
AHWC Assoc. of Heriot-Watt Coll., Edin.
AI Admiralty Instruction; *Altesse Imperiale* (Fr), Imperial Highness; American Inst; Anthropological Inst; Appenzell, Inner Swiss canton; Auctioneer's (and Estate Agents') Institute
AIA Amer. Inst. of Accountants / of Architects; Assoc. of Inst. of Actuaries; *Associazione Italiana di Aeronautica*, held 5th European Aviation Congress, Sept. 1962
AIAA Architect Mem. Incorp. Assocn of Architects (and Surveyors); Assoc. of Inst. of Accountants and Actuaries; Assocn of Internat. Advtg Agencies
AIASQuan Quantity Surveyor Mem. of Incorp. Assocn of Architects and Surveyors

AIAE Assoc. of Inst. of Automobile Engineers
AIB Assoc. of Inst. of Bankers, Lon (also Insts. of Ireland and Scotland)
AIBD Assoc. of Inst. of Brit. Decorators
AIBP Assoc. of Inst. of Brit. Photographers
AIC Assoc. of Inst. of Chemistry (of GB and Ireland)
AICE Assoc. of Inst. of Civil Engineers
AICS Assoc. of Inst. of Chartered Shipbrokers
AID Aeronautical Inspection Directorate; Agency for Internat. Development (US); Aircraft/or Army/Intelligence Dept; artificial insemination by donor (Biol)
AIEE Assoc. of Inst. of Elec. Engineers
AIG Adj't/or Asst/Inspector-General
AIH Artificial insemination by husband (Biol)
AIHVE Assoc. of Inst. of Heating and Ventilating Engineers
AII All-India International (Airlines)
AIITech Assoc. of Inst. of Incorp (Work Study) Technologists
AILA Assoc. of Inst. of Landscape Architects
AILocoE Assoc. of Inst. of Locomotive Engineers
aima as interest may appear (Ins)
AIMarE Assoc. of Inst. of Marine Engineers
AIME Assoc. of Inst. of Mining Engineers
AIMechE Assoc. of Inst. of Mechanical Engineers
AIMTA Assoc. of Inst. of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants
AINA Assoc. of Inst. of Naval Architects, now Royal Inst. of
AInstCE Assoc. of Inst. of Civil Engineers
AInstP Assoc. of Inst. of Physics
AInstPA Assoc. of Inst. of Park Administration (Mun)

AInstPI Assoc. of Inst. of Patentees (Inc)
AIPA Assoc. Mem. Inst. of Practitioners in Advertising
AIQS Assoc. of Inst. of Quantity Surveyors
AIR All-India Radio
Air Cdre Air Commodore
AirM Air Marshal
AISA Assoc. of Incorp. Secretaries Assocn
AIT Assocn of Investment Trusts (Fin)
AJAG Asst Judge Advocate Genl
AJPM *Ad Jesum per Mariam* (Lat). Te Jesus through Mary
AKC American Kennel Club; Assoc. of King's Coll. London
AL Admiralty Letter; Albania mvIRL; American Legion; *Anno Lucis* (Lat), in the year of Light; Army List; Autograph Letter
Al Alan; Alava, Prov. of Spain, cap. Vitoria; Albert/Alfred; Aluminium (Chem)
a.l. *anno lucis* (Lat), in the year of light; *après livraison* (Fr), after delivery (of goods etc.)
ALA Air Licensing Authority; Amer. Library Assocn, also Associate of same; Assoc. of Library Association, Engl.
Ala Alabama, State of US, cap. Montgomery
ALAA Assoc. of Lon Assocn of (Certified) Accountants
Alas Alaska, State of Us, cap. Juneau
Alb Albania, Republic of, cap. Tirana
Alba Alberta, Prov. of Canada, cap. Edmonton
Alban St. Albans, signature of Bp of same. cf **Cantuar**
ALC Assoc. of Loughborough Coll. of Technology
a.l.c. *à la carte* (Fr), choice of dishes on menu. cf **t.d.h.**

- ALCD** Assoc. of Lon Coll. of Divinity
Alch/Alchem Alchemy
ALCM Assoc. of Lon Coll. of Music
Ald Alderman
Alec Alexander etc.
Alex Alexander/Alexandra/Alexandria, Egypt (Colloq)
Alf Alfred/Alphonse
Alg Algebra
Algie Algernon
A. List Abr Army List Abbreviation, used in this book
alfo *allegro* (Mus), lively
all'ott *all'ottava* (Mus), an octave higher than written
AllyPally Alexandra Palace (Colloq), Muswell Hill, Lon. Originally intended as rival to Crystal Palace, Sydenham
ALOE A Lady of England, pseudonym of Charlotte M. Tucker (1821-1893), writer of children's books
ALPA Air Line Pilots' Assocn (US)
ALPO Assocn of Lunar and Planetary Observers
alr *aliter* (Lat). Otherwise
ALS Assoc. of Linnean Socy (Lon). Name from Carl von Linnaeus, Swedish scientist (1707-1778), founder of modern botany; Autograph Letter Signed
Alt *Altesse* (Fr) Highness (title); *alto* (Mus), high
alt alternate / alternative; altitude (Geog), also flying height
Alta Alberta. Prov. of Canada, cap. Edmonton
alum aluminium (trade abr); alumnus
AM Air / Mail / Marshal / Ministry; Albert Medal, inst. 1866 for gallantry in saving life; Asst Manager; Associate Member
AM *anno mundi* (Lat), in the year of the world; *Artium Magister* (Lat), Master of Arts, usually MA in Engl.;
Ave Maria (Lat), Hail Mary! (the Virgin)
A-M Alpes-Maritimes, Dept of France, cap. Nice
A/M *Am Mainz* (Ger), on river Mainz (Geog)
Am America (Amer. used in this book); Americium (Chem); ammeter (Elec); Ammunition, also amn
am *ante meridiem* (Lat), before noon
AMA Amer. Medical Assocn; Automobile Manufs Assocn (US)
AMAB Army Medical Advisory Board
Amal Amalgamated
Amb Ambassador; Ambulance
AmbEx Ambassador Extraordinary
AmbEx&Plen Ambassador Ex. and Plenipotentiary
AMBritIRE AsMem. Brit. Inst. of Radio Engineers
AMC Art Master's Certificate
am cur *amicus curiae* (Lat), a friend at court (Law)
AMDG *ad maiorem Dei Gloriam* (Lat), to the greater glory of God
amdt amendment
Amer America/American
AMet Assoc. of Metallurgy (Sheffield Univ)
AMI Ancient Monuments Inspectorate (Dept of Min. of Works); AsMem. Instn of Automobile Engineers
AMIAE AsMem. Inst. of Aeronautical Engineers
AMIAMA AsMem. Incorp. Advertising Managers' Assocn
AMICE AsMem. Instn of Civil Engineers
AMICHEM AsMem. Instn of Chemical Engineers
AMIEE AsMem. Instn of Electrical Engineers
AMIGasE AsMem. Inst. of Gas Engineers

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AMIHVE AsMem. Inst. of Heating and Ventilating Engineers
AMIIA AsMem. Inst. of Industrial Admin.
AMILocoE AsMem. Inst. of Locomotive Engineers
AMIMarE AsMem. Inst. of Marine Engineers
AMIMechE AsMem. Instn of Mechanical Engineers
AMIMinE AsMem. Instn of Mining Engineers
AMInstBE AsMem. Instn of Brit. Engineers
AMInstR AsMem. Inst. of Refrigeration
AMInstT AsMem. Inst. of Transport
AMInstTE AsMem. Instn of Transport Engineers
AMIPA AsMem. Inst. of Practitioners in Advertising
AMIProdE AsMem. Inst. of Production Engineers
AMIStructE AsMem. Instn of Structural Engineers
AMIWE AsMem. Inst. of Water Engineers
AMIWM AsMem. Instn of Works Managers
ammo ammunition (Colloq)
amn ammunition
AMP adenosine monophosphate, i.e. adenylic acid (Chem); Air Member for Personnel (Air Council)
amp amperage/ampere (Elec)
AMPAS Acad. of Motion Picture Arts and Science
amph amphibian
AMRINA AsMem. Royal Instn of Naval Architects
AMS Army Medical Service/Staff; Asst Mil. Secretary
AMSE AsMem. Socy of Engineers
AMSO Air Member for Supply and Orgzn (Air Council)
Amst Amsterdam
AMT Air Mail Transfer (Comm);

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Air Member for Training (Air Council)
amt amount (Comm/Accy)
AMTC Acad. Mem. Trinity Coll. of Music; Art Master's Teaching Certificate
AMTPI AsMem. Town Planning Inst.
AMVETS Amer. Veterans (of World War 2)
AMWG Air Miss Working Group, joint Committee of Air Min. and Min. of Aviation to investigate near collisions in air, estab. Sept 1962
AN Nicaragua CivAir NM
An Actinon (Chem)
A-N Anglo-Norman
an above-named; *anno* (Lat), in the year
anaes anaesthesia/anaesthetic
anag anagram
anal analogy; analyse/d/analytical
Anat Anatomical/Anatomy
ANC All Numbers Calling, new system, US telephones
anc *ancien* (Fr) formerly/old
anct ancient
And Andorra, miniature Repub. in Pyrenees, cap. Andorra La Vella
and *andante* (Mus) moderate 'walking pace'
Angl *Angleterre* (Fr) England; Anglican, i.e. Church
Ann Annual, i.e. a yearly publication
ann annual, e.g. a flower
anniv anniversary
annot annotation/annotator
Annuit Annuitant
Annunc Annunciation (of the Virgin Mary)
anny annuity (Law)
anr another (Law)
ANS Army Nursing Service
ans answer (Comm)
ANSA *Agenzia Nazionale Stampa Associata*, Italian Press Agency
Ant Antigua, one of Leeward Is,

- BWI, cap. St John; Antrim, N. Ireland county, cap. Belfast
- ant** antique
- anthol** anthology
- Anthrop** Anthro-po/logical/logy
- Antiq** Antiquarian/Antiquary
- anton** antonym, opposite to a synonym
- ANU** Australian Nat. Univ., Canberra
- ANZAC** Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. Gave name to landing beach, Gallipoli, in World War 1
- AO** Area Officer/Army Order
- A/o** Account of (Comm)
- AOA** Aerodrome Owners' Assocn
- AOB** Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, friendly socy
- AOC** Air Officer Commanding; *anno Orbis Condit*i (Lat), in the year of the Creation
- AOD** Ancient Order of Druids; Army Ordnance Dept
- AOF** Ancient Order of Foresters
- AofF** Admiral of the Fleet
- AofS** Acad. of Science
- AOH** Ancient Order of Hibernians
- AOL** Absent over leave (US) cf **AWOL**
- A/or** and/or (alternative), used in agreements etc.
- AOS** Ancient Order of Shepherds
- AP** Additional premium (Ins); Advanced Post (Mil); ante post, betting before day of race; Appenzell, Outer, Swiss canton, cap. Herisau; Associated Press, chief Newsagency for events in UK, in assocn with Reuters for foreign news; Pakistan CivAir NM
- Ap** Apostle (plural App)
- ap** above proof (spirits); author's proof (Typ)
- APA** Assocn of Public Analysts
- a-part** alpha particle (Phys)
- APCN** *anno post Christum natum* (Lat), in the year after the birth of Christ
- APH** A. P. Herbert (Sir Alan Patrick), former MP Oxford Univ. Author, dramatist, writer for Punch. b. 1890
- Apr** April, month of
- APLE** Assocn of Public Lighting Engineers
- APM** Asst Paymaster/Asst Provost Marshal (Mil)
- APMG** Asst Postmaster Genl
- APO** Acting Pilot Officer; Army Post Office
- Apoc** Apocalypse, Gk name for last Book of N.T., the Revelation of St John the Divine
- Apocr** Apocrypha, Books of Bible not generally recognized as canonical*
- apos** apostrophe
- Apoth** Apothecary
- App** Apostles; Appeal (Law)
- app** apparent; appended; appendix; approval, i.e. goods on approval
- appar** apparatus
- appl** appeal/appellant (Law); applicable/applied etc.
- appro** approval, as in 'on appro' (Comm)
- approx** approximately
- Appx** Appendix, e.g. to a book
- Apr** April, month of
- APRC** *anno post Roman conditam* (Lat), in the year after the building of Rome (754 BC)
- APS** Aborigines Protection Socy; Actual Parade State (Mil); American/Peace/Physical/Protestant/Society; Army Postal Service; Assoc. of Pharmaceutical Socy
- a.p.s.** autograph poem signed
- APSL** Acting Paymaster Sub-Lieut (Navy)
- APTC** Army Physical Training Corps
- Apts** Apartments, as in 'Apts to Let'
- APUC** Assocn for Promoting Unity of Christendom
- APWL** Assocn of Public Wharfingers of Port of London

*See Supplement