

# Abbreviations

1st NM	1st Naval Member
AA	anti-aircraft
AB	Able Seaman
AC	Companion of the Order of Australia
ACB	Australian Confidential Book
ACH	Area Combined Headquarters
ACNB	Australian Commonwealth Naval Board
ACNS	Assistant Chief of Naval Staff
ADFA	Australian Defence Force Academy
ADM	Admiral
AFC	Air Force Cross
AFO	Admiralty Fleet Order
AM	Member of the Order of Australia
AMC	Armed Merchant Cruiser
AMS	Australian Minesweeper
AMSI	Admiralty Merchant Shipping Instruction
ANMM	Australian National Maritime Museum
AO	Officer of the Order of Australia; area of operations
AOC	Air Officer Commanding
AP	armour-piercing
A/S	anti-submarine
ASIO	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
AVM	Air Vice Marshall
AWAS	Australian Women's Army Service
AWM	Australian War Memorial
B-Dienst	<i>Beobachtungsdienst</i> – radio monitoring service (German signals intelligence)
BPT	battle practice target
BS	Battle Squadron
C/S	call sign
CAFO	Confidential Admiralty Fleet Order
CAMSI	Confidential Admiralty Merchant Shipping Instruction
CAPT, Capt	Captain
CB	Confidential Book; Companion of the Order of the Bath
CCAS	Commodore Commanding the Australian Squadron
CCS	Combined Chiefs of Staff
CDF	Chief of the Defence Force, Australia

CDRE	Commodore
CGS	Chief of General Staff
C-in-C	Commander-in-Chief
CMDR	Commander
CDRE	Commodore
CMG	Companion the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George
CNO	Chief of Naval Operations; Commonwealth Naval Order
CNS	Chief of Naval Staff
CO	Commanding Officer
COIC	Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
COIS	Chief of Intelligence Staff
COS	Chief of Staff
CPBC	common pointed ballistic capped
CPO	Chief Petty Officer
CS	Cruiser Squadron
CSC	Conspicuous Service Cross
CTF	Commander Task Force
CTG	Commander Task Group
CTU	Commander Task Unit
CWR	Central War Room
CZM	Commander-in-Chief Netherlands East Indies Naval Forces
DCA	Department of Civil Aviation
DCNS	Deputy Chief of Naval Staff
DCT	director control tower
DEMS	defensively equipped merchant ship
DF	direction finding
DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
DNC	Director Naval Construction
DNI	Director Naval Intelligence
DNO	District Naval Officer; Director Naval Operations
DNOWA	District Naval Officer Western Australia
DOD	Department of Defence
DSC	Director of Signal Communications; Distinguished Service Cross
DSD	Defence Signals Directorate
DSO	Director of Signal Organisation; Distinguished Service Order
DSTO	Defence Science and Technology Organisation
EMC	<i>Einheitsmine Typ C (Ankertaumine)</i> – moored contact mines
ERA	engine room artificer
EST	Eastern Standard Time
ETA	estimated time of arrival
ETD	estimated time of departure

FAA	Fleet Air Arm
FELO	Far Eastern Liaison Officer
FLGOFF	Flying Officer
FLTLT	Flight Lieutenant
FOCAS	Flag Officer Commanding the Australian Squadron
FRUMEL	Fleet Radio Unit Melbourne
FSF	Finding Sydney Foundation
G	'Golf' time – GMT plus seven hours
GMT	Greenwich Mean Time (also 'Zulu' time)
GNR	Gunner
GOC	General Officer Commanding
GPCAPT	Group Captain
GSO	General Staff Officer
GWS	guided weapons system
h	hours
H	'Hotel' time – GMT plus eight hours
HA	high-angle
HACP	high-angle calculating position
HACS	high-angle control station
HE	high-explosive
HF/DF	high-frequency direction finding
hm	hectometre
HMAS	His (Her) Majesty's Australian Ship
HMAT	His (Her) Majesty's Australian Transport
HMCS	His (Her) Majesty's Canadian Ship
HMNZS	His (Her) Majesty's New Zealand Ship
HMS	His (Her) Majesty's Ship
HMT	His (Her) Majesty's Transport
hp	horsepower
HQ	headquarters
HQWA	Headquarters Western Area
HSK	<i>Handelsschutzkreuzer; Handelsstörkreuzer</i>
HT	Hired Transport
IJN	Imperial Japanese Navy
IWM	Imperial War Museum
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
K	'Kilo' time – GMT plus 10 hours
KBE	Knight of the British Empire
kc	kilocycle
KTB	<i>Kriegstagebuch</i> (war diary)
LA	low-angle

LCDR	Lieutenant Commander
LCS	Light Cruiser Squadron
LEUT	Lieutenant
LF	low-frequency
LS	Leading Seaman
LS 3	Light Speedboat No. 3
Lt	Lieutenant
LtCdr	Lieutenant Commander
MBE	Member of the British Empire
MID	Mentioned in Dispatches
MIDN	Midshipman
MLS	Mine Layer Squadron
MMS	Mercantile Movements Section
MS	Merchant Ship
MTB	Motor Torpedo Boat
MV	Motor Vessel
NAA	National Archives of Australia
NARA	National Archive and Records Administration (United States)
NB	Naval Board
NCS	Naval Control Service
NCSI	Naval Control Service Instruction
NCSO	Naval Control Service Officer
NEACH	North Eastern Area Combined Headquarters
NEI	Netherlands East Indies
NHB	Naval Historical Branch, United Kingdom
NHC	Naval Historical Centre, Washington DC
NHS	Naval Historical Section, Australia
NID	Naval Intelligence Directorate
NIDS	National Institute of Defense Studies, Japan
NLA	National Library of Australia
nm	nautical mile
NOCS	Naval Officer Commanding (Sydney)
NOIC	Naval Officer-in-Charge
NWACH	North Western Area Combined Headquarters
NZNB	New Zealand Naval Board
OAM	Medal of the Order of Australia
OBE	Order of the British Empire
OIC	Operational Intelligence Centre; Officer-in-Charge
ONI	Office of Naval Intelligence
OS	Ordinary Seaman
PNF	Permanent Naval Forces

PO	Petty Officer
POW	prisoner of war
PRO	Public Records Office
PWSS	Port War Signal Station
QC	Queen's counsel
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RACAS	Rear Admiral Commanding the Australian Squadron
RADM	Rear Admiral
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
RANC	Royal Australian Naval College
RANR	Royal Australian Navy Reserve
RANVR	Royal Australian Navy Volunteer Reserve
RCN	Royal Canadian Navy
RCNC	Royal Corps of Naval Constructors
RDF	radio direction finding (radar)
Retd	retired
RFA	Royal Fleet Auxillary
RFD	Reserve Forces Decoration
RINA	Royal Institution of Naval Architects
RMS	Royal Mail Ship
RN	Royal Navy
RNVR	Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve
RNZN	Royal New Zealand Navy
ROP	report of proceedings
ROV	remotely operated vehicle
R/T	radio telephony
Rtd	retired
SAG	Surface Action Group
SAP	semi-armour piercing
SAR	search and rescue
SBLT	Sub Lieutenant
SEACH	South Eastern Area Combined Headquarters
SFTS	Service Flying Training School
shp	shaft horsepower
SIGINT	Signals Intelligence
SIM	shipping intelligence message
SkL	Seekriegsleitung (German Naval War Staff)
SMN	Seaman
SMS	<i>Seine Majestäts Schiff</i> (His Majesty's Ship) – World War 1
SNOWA	Senior Naval Officer Western Australia

SP	signal publication
SPC-A	Sea Power Centre, Australia
SS	Steamship
SV	Survey Vessel
SWACH	South Western Area Combined Headquarters
SWPA	South West Pacific Area
TB	Torpedo Boat
TBS	talk between ships
TC	torpedo carriage
TMB	<i>Torpedomine B</i> – torpedo-launched ground mine, type B
TS	transmitting station
TT	torpedo tubes
UHF	ultra-high frequency
UKHO	United Kingdom Hydrographic Office
USS	United States Ship
UT	Universal Time
VADM	Vice Admiral
VAI	vessels in area indicated
VC	vertical compound
VDC	Volunteer Defence Corps
VHF	very high frequency
VS	visual signalling
W/A	Western Area Headquarters (Army)
WAMM	Western Australian Maritime Museum
WGCDR	Wing Commander
WIR	<i>Weekly Intelligence Report</i>
WO	Warrant Officer
WO-N	Warrant Officer of the Navy
WRANS	Women's Royal Australian Naval Service
WRENS	Women's Reserve Emergency Naval Service
W/T	wireless telegraphy
Z	Zulu time (Greenwich Mean Time)