ABBREVIATIONS

INTRODUCTION

- In order to reduce the size of SOHB only the spec encode lists have been incl. The auth for mil abbreviations is Annex A to JSP 101.
- 2. Op Writing. Max use is to be made of abbreviations in op writing except for the mandatory para headings in opOs and adminOs.
 - a. Nouns. The abbreviation for a noun may be used with a prefix or suffix, eg mob (mobilization), demob (demobilization).
 - b. <u>Verbs</u>. The first and third person singular of a verb which may be abbreviated are identical, eg fol (follow, follows).
 - c. <u>Plurals</u>. Some abbreviations, through common usage, indicate both the singular and the plural terms and do not require the addition of 's', eg rat (ration, rations). Abbreviations of measurements remain unaltered in the plural, eg m (metre, metres), in (inch, inches), l (litre, litres). If it is nec to add 's' it is always placed at the end of the abbreviation, eg F of Fs (fds of fire).
 - d. Ampersand. An ampersand '&' is to be used instead of 'and' where appropriate in titles, eg 'SO2 G3(O&D)'. It is not to be used in unit titles, eg 'D and D', '4 Armd Div HQ and Sig Regt', etc.
- 3. Non-Op Writing. Apart from formal, DO and dir ltrs, which fol their own spec rules, the fol are to be abbreviated in non-op writing:
 - a. Ranks and appts, regts and corps, fmns and units shown in the Encode List. Unspecified units, eg 'the division, platoons' etc, and appts which are used in a gen sense, eg 'divisional commanders', 'company commanders' etc, are not to be abbreviated.
 - b. Dates are to be abbreviated by using the first 3 ltrs of the day of the week (optional), fol by the fig(s) of the day of the month, fol by the first 3 ltrs of the month, fol by the last 2 figs of the yr (optional), eg 'Tue 1 Jan 82'. When dating a doc the day is to be omitted.
 - c. Words for which there is a commonly accepted abbreviation, eg UN, NATO, BFPO, USA, UK, HQ, DSO, ADC, etc.
 - d. The words extension 'Ext', in connection with telephone nos, and 'No' for number, in connection with telephone nos and copy nos of docs.
 - e. Spec abbreviations well understood by both writer and all likely recipients of the paper in question.
 - f. Other words which due to their length and the no of times that they appear in the text waste both the writer's and the typist's time; such words must be explained the first time they appear in the text, eg 'Junior Command and Staff Course (JCSC)'.

ENCODE LIST SECT 1 - REGTS AND CORPS OF THE BRITISH ARMY

Household Cavalry and Royal Armoured Corps.	H Cav, RAC	
The Life Guards	LG	
The Blues and Royals (Royal Horse Guards and lst Dragoons)	RHG/D	
1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards	QDG	
The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys)	1 SCOTS DG	
4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards	4/7 DG	
5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards	5 INNIS DG	
The Queen's Own Hussars	ООН	
The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars	QRIH	
9th/12th Royal Lancers	9/12 L	
The Royal Hussars	RH	
13th/18th Royal Hussars	13/18 H	
14th/20th King's Hussars	14/20 H	
15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars	15/19 H	
16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers	16/5L	
17th/21st Lancers	17/21 L	
Regiments of the Royal Tank Regiment	1 RTR, 2 RTR, 3 RTR, 4 RTR	
The Royal Regiment of Artillery.	RA	
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	Coldstream Guards		COLDM GDS
	Scots Guards		SG
	Irish Cuards		ic
	Welsh Guards		WG
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ь.	Scottish Division.		
	The Royal Scots	(1)	RS
	The Royal Highland Fusiliers	(11)	RHF
	The King's Own Scottish Borderers	(15)	KOSB
	The Black Watch	(23)	BW
	Queen's Own Highlanders	(26)	OO HLDRS
	The Gordon Highlanders	(27)	GORDONS
	The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders	(28)	A and SII
c.	The Queen's Division.		
	The Queen's Regiment	(2)	OUEENS
	The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	(4)	RRF
	The Royal Anglian Regiment	(6)	R ANGLIAN
d.	The King's Division.		
	The King's Own Royal Border Regiment	(3)	KINGS OWN BORDER
	The King's Regiment	(5)	KINGS
	The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of	07(7950)	
	Yorkshire	(9)	PWO
	The Green Howards	(10)	GREEN HOWARDS
	The Royal Irish Rangers	(16)	R IRISH
	The Oueen's Lancashire Regiment	(19)	OLR
	The Duke of Wellington's Regiment	(20)	DWR
e.	The Prince of Wales's Division.		
	The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment	(7)	D and D
	The Cheshire Regiment	(12)	CHESHIRE
	The Royal Welch Fusiliers	(13)	RWF
	The Royal Regiment of Wales	(14)	RRW
	The Gloucestershire Regiment	(17)	GLOSTERS
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f. The Light Division.

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The Brigade of Gurkhas.

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The Royal Marines. i.

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40 Cdo RM, etc Commandos

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This serial is only applicable when a Royal Marines units serves with the Army as an independent entity.

1. Special Air Service Regiment.

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UDR The Ulster Defence Regiment.

6. Other Corps. Army Air Corps

RAChD Royal Army Chaplains' Department RCT Royal Corps of Transport RAMC Royal Army Medical Corps RAOC Royal Army Ordnance Corps Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers REME RMP Corps of Royal Military Police RAPC Royal Army Pay Corps RAVC Royal Army Veterinary Corps SASC Small Arms School Corps MPSC Military Provost Staff Corps RAEC Royal Army Educational Corps RADC Royal Army Dental Corps RPC Royal Pioneer Corps INT CORPS Intelligence Corps APTC Army Physical Training Corps ACC Army Catering Corps GSC General Service Corps ALC Army Legal Corps

Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia).	R MON RE(M)
The Honourable Artillery Company	HAC
Royal Armoured Corps.	
The Royal Yeomanry	RY
The Royal Wessex Yeomanry	R Wx Y
The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry	QOMY
The Queen's Own Yeomanry	QOY
The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry	DLOY
Royal Regiment of Artillery.	
100th (Yeomanry) Field Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)	100 Fd Regt RA(V
101st (Northumbrian) Field Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)	101 Fd Regt RA(V)
O2nd (Ulster and Scottish) Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)	102 AD Regt RA(V)
103rd (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery	103 AD Regt RA(V)
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Sponsored Unit - Group A.

7.	The Scottish Division.
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	2nd Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers
	1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers
	2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers
	3rd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers
8.	The Queen's Division.
	5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment
	6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regimen
	5th (Volunteer) Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers
	6th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers
	5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian
	Regiment
	6th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment
	7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment
9.	The King's Division.
	4th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment
	5th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Regiment

4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Lancashire

2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment (Volunteers)

3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of

5th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)

6th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)

3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers

1st Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers 4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (The North Irish Militia) 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers

10. The Prince of Wales's Division. 1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers)

1st Battalion Mercian Volunteers

2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers

4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Worcestershire and

The Light Division.

11.

7th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers) 4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets

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1/52 LOWLAND 2/52 LOWLAND

4 KINGS OWN BORDER 5/8 KINGS

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4 RRW 3 WFR

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Regiment

Wales

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Sherwood Foresters Regiment

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12. The Parachute Regiment.

4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment	4 PARA
10th (Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment	10 PARA
15th (Scottish Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment	15 PARA

13. Special Air Service Regiment.

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23rd	Special	Air	Service	Regiment	(Volunteers)	23	SAS(V)

14. Other Corps.

	Corps of Transport (V) Army Medical Corps (V)		
	Army Ordnance Corps (V)		
Corps	of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engin	eers (V
Corps	of Royal Military Police (V)		
Intell	ligence Corps (V)		

RESTD

ENCODE LIST SECT 3 - RANKS, APPTS AND BRANCHES

RN. 1.

4	Ranks.
a .	Kanks.

AF Admiral of the Fleet Adm Admiral VAdm Vice-Admiral RAdm Rear-Admiral Cdre Commodore Capt Captain Cdr Commander Lt Cdr Lieutenant-Commander Lt Lieutenant SLt Sub-Lieutenant ASL Acting Sub-Lieutenant Mid Midshipman Cdt Cadet FCPO Fleet Chief Petty Officer Chief Petty Officer CPO PO Petty Officer LS Leading Seaman Able Seaman AB ORP Ordinary Seaman JS Junior Seaman

b. Appts.

Chief of the Naval Staff CNS FOF3 Flag Officer Third Flotilla NA Naval Attaché

RM and Army 2.

Ranks. a.

FM Field Marshal Gen General Lt Gen Lieutenant General Maj Gen Major General Brig Brigadier Co1 Colonel Lt Col Lieutenant Colonel Maj Major Capt Captain Lt Lieutenant 2Lt/Ct Second Lieutenant/Cornet Cdt Cadet WO1, 2 etc Warrant Officer (Class 1, 2 etc) RSM (1) Regimental Sergeant Major FofS Foreman of Signals Yofs Yeoman of Signals Cdr Conductor (RAOC WO) Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant RQMS (1) SSM, BSM, CSM, SSM, Squadron, Battery, Company, Staff etc, etc (1) Sergeant Major SQMS, BQMS, CQMS, SQMS, Squadron, Battery, Company, Staff etc, etc (1)

Quartermaster Sergeant

Colour Sergeant	CSgt
Staff Sergeant	SSgt (1)
Sergeant	Sgt (1)
Bombardier	Bdr
Corporal	Cpl
Lance Bombardier	LBdr
Lance Corporal	LCp1
Airtrooper	Airtpr
Bandsman	Bdsm
Craftsman	Cfn
Driver	Dvr
Drummer	Dmr
Fusilier	Fus
Guardsman	Gdsm
Gunner	Gnr
Kingsman	Kgsm
Marine	Mne
Musician	Musn
Pioneer	Pnr
Private	Pte
Ranger	Rgr
Rifleman	Rfn
Sapper	Spr
Signalman	Sig
Trooper	Tpr

Note 1: In H Cav the word Sergeant is replaced by Corporal eg: Regimental Corporal Major (RCM); Staff Corporal (SCpl). The H Cav rank equivalent to Sergeant is Corporal of Horse (CofH).

b. Appts.

Aide-de-Camp	ADC
Ad jutant	Adjt
Adjutant General	AG
Air Defence Artillery Commander	ADAC
Ammunition Technical Officer	ATO
Artificer	Art
Assistant (in longer titles)	A
Assistant (in short titles)	Asst
Battery Captain	BK
Battery Commander	BC
Brigadier General Staff	BGS
Chaplain to the Forces	CF
Chief Engineer	CE
Chief Instructor	CI
Chief of the General Staff	CGS
Chief of Staff	COS
Chief Signal Officer	CSO
Commandant	Comdt
Commandant General Royal Marines	CGRM
Commander eg:	Comd
Commander, Corps Royal Engineers	Comd Engr
Commander, Royal Artillery	Comd Arty
Commander, Royal Signals	Comd Comms

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Commander-in-Chief	CinC	
Commanding Officer	co	
Deputy (in longer titles)	D	
Deputy (in short titles such as Deputy Commandant)	Dep	
Director Royal Armoured Corps, Royal Artillery	DRAC, DRA	
Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	EME	
General Officer Commanding	GOC	
General Officer Commanding-in-Chief	GOCinC	
Instructor	Instr	
Instructor in Gunnery	IG	
Intelligence Officer	10	
Judge Advocate General	JAG	
Major General Royal Marines	MGRM	
Military Assistant, Military Attaché	MA	
Mechanical Transport Officer	мто	
Medical Officer	мо	
Mortar Fire Controller	MFC	
Non-Commissioned Officer	NCO	
Officer	Offr	
Officer Commanding	oc	
Paymaster	Pmr	
Physical Training Instructor	PTI	
Quartermaster	OM	
Quartermaster General	QMG	
Queen's Gurkha Officer	ogo	
Retired Officer	RO	
Senior Non-Commissioned Officer	SNCO	
Staff Captain	SC	
Staff Officer	SO (fol by Grade 1, 2 or 3)	
Superintendent	Supt	
Unit Emplaning/Embarkation Officer	UEO	
Branches.		
Adjutant General's Branch	A (G1)(1)	
May be qualified, eg:		
Personnel Services	APS	
Armoured	Armd	
Army Air	Army Air (Avn)(1)	
Artillery	Arty	
Chaplain	Chap	
Department of the Master General of the Ordnance	MGO	
Education	Ed	
Electrical and Mechanical Engineering	EME (Maint)(1)	
Engineering	Engr	
Engineer Stores	ES	
General Staff Branch	G (G2 and G3)(1)	
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May be qualified, eg:		
Intelligence Operations	G2 (Int)(1)	

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		Infantry	Inf
		Intelligence	Int
		Judge Advocate General	JAG
		Medical	Med
		Military Secretary	MS
		Operations	Ops
		Ordnance	Ord (Sup)(1)
		Parachute	Para
		Pay	Fin
		Pioneer and Labour	P&L
		Postal and Courier Service	PCS
		Provost	Pro
		Public Information	P Info
		Recruiting and Liaison	R & L
		Quartermaster General's Branch	Q (G4)(1)
		Quartermaster owners a station	
		May be qualified, eg:	
		Operations	G4 (Ops)
		Maintenance	G4 (Maint)
		California	Sy
		Security	Sigs (Comms)(1)
		Signals	SIB
		Special Investigation Branch	SD (O&D)(1)
		Staff Duties Survey	Svy
		500 전 200 전 100 분 Vi	Trg
		Training	Tpt
		Transport Veterinary and Remount	VR
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3.	RAF	State of the state	
	a.	Ranks	
		Marshal of the Royal Air Force	MRAF
		Air Chief Marshal	Air Chf Mshl
		Air Marshal	Air Mshl
		Air Vice-Marshal	AVM
		Air Commodore	Air Cdre
		Group Captain	Gp Capt
		Wing Commander	Wg Cdr
		Squadron Leader	Sqn Ldr
		Flight Lieutenant	Flt Lt
		Flying Officer	Fg Off
		Pilot Officer	Plt Off
		Cadet	Cdt
		Warrant Officer	wo
		Master (as in Master Airloadmaster)	M FS
		Flight Sergeant	Chf Tech
		Chief Technician	
		Sergeant	Sgt
		Corporal	Cpl Jnr Tech
		Junior Technician	SAC
		Senior Aircraftman	LAC
		Leading Aircraftman Aircraftman	AC
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b. Appts.

Air Attaché, Air Adviser Air Officer Commanding Chief of the Air Staff

ENCODE LIST SECT 4 - NATIONAL DISTINGUISHING LETTERS

1. The fol ltrs are used in fmn and unit titles wherever it is nec to ident a NATO nation (eg: 1 (NL) Corps):

а,	BE	Belgium
b.	CA	Canada (1)
C.	DA	Denmark
d.	FR	France
e.	GE	German Federal Republic
f.	GR	Greece
g.	IC	Iceland
h.	IT	Italy
1.	LU	Luxembourg
j.	NL	Netherlands
k.	NO	Norway
1.	РО	Portugal
m.	TU	Turkey
n.	UK	United Kingdom (2)
٥.	US	United States

Notes:

- The national distinguishing ltrs for Canada are not used to ident Canadian Army fmns which have the words "Ganada" or "Canadian" in their official title.
- 2. The ltrs 'UK' denote a force provided solely from this country. The ltrs 'BR' may be used in special cases, ie l (BR) Corps.

ENCODE LIST SECT 5 - COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

Absent Without Leave	AWOL
Accommodation	accn
Accounts	accts
Acting (with abbreviated title)	A
Additional	add1
Address Indicating Group	AIG
Administer/administration/administrative	admin
Administrative Order	adminO
Advance, (d), advancing	adv
Airborne	ΛB
Airborne Early Warning	AEW
Airborne Forces Liaison Officer	AFLO
Air Contact Officer	ACO
Air Control Centre	ACC
Air Control Team	ACT
Aircraft	ac
Aircraft Maintenance Group	٨MG
Air Defence	AD
Air Defence Area	ADA
Air Defence Centre	ADC
Air Defence Control Centre	VDCC
Air Defence Control Unit	ADCU
Air Defence Operations Centre	ADOC
Airhead Maintenance Area	AMA
Air Intercept (Radar)	AI
Air Liaison Net	ALN
Air Liaison Officer	ALO
Airportable	airptbl
Air Support Officer	ASO
Air Support Operations Centre	ASOC
Air-to-Air Guided Weapons	AAGW
Air-to-Air Missile	AAM
Air-to-Surface Guided Weapon	ASGW
Air Traffic Control	ATC
Air Traffic Control Centre	ATCC
Air Transport Liaison (Net)	ATL
Air Transport Liaison Officer	ATLO
Air Traisport Movement Control Centre	ATMCC
Allied Mobile Force (Land)	AMF(L)
Allocate (d), allocating, allocation	alloc
Alternate, Alternative	altn
Ambulance	amb
Amendment	amd t
Ammunition	ammo
Ammunition Point	AP
Ammunition Technical Officer	ATO
Amphibious	amph
Amplitude Modulation	ΛM
Anti-Aircraft	AA
Anti-Air Warfare	AAW
Anti-Personnel	Apers
Anti-Tank	Λtk
Anti-Tank Guided Weapon	ATGW
Anti-Terrorist	Aterr
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Approximate/approximately/approximation	approx
Armament; armourer	arm
Armour	armr
Armoured	armd
Armoured Command Vehicle	ACV
Armoured Delivery Regiment	ADR
Armoured Delivery Squadron	ADS
Armoured Fighting Vehicle	AFV
Armoured Personnel Carrier	APC
Armoured Recovery Vehicle	ARV
Armoured Vehicle Launched Bridge	AVLB
Armour Piercing Discarding Sabot	APDS
Armour Piercing	AP
Army Careers Information Office	ACIO
Army Department	AD
Artillery	arty
Assault	asslt
Assault Ship (Landing Platform Dock)	LPD
Assault Vehicle Royal Engineers	AVRE
Assembly	assy
Assist (ance, ed); assistant	asst
Assistant (in titles)	A
Attach (ed) (ment)	att
Attention	attn
Authority/authorize (d)	auth
Automatic Data Processing	ADP
Available	aval
Aviation	avn
Aviation Gasoline	AVGAS
Aviation Turbine Fuel	AVTUR
Back Loading Point	BLP
Barracks	bks
Battalion	bn
Battery	bty
Battery Command Post	BCP
Battle Casualty Replacement	BCR
Battle Group	BG
Beach Armoured Recovery Vehicle	BARV
Beyond Economic Repair	BER
Beyond Local Repair	BLR
Biological Warfare	BW
Bombing Report	BOMREP
Bomb Line	BL
Boundary	bdry
Bridge/bridging	br
Brigade	bde
British Army of the Rhine	BAOR
British Forces Germany	BFG
British Forces Post Office	BFPO
Bulk Breaking Point	ввр
Calibrate/calibration/calibre	cal
Camouflage (d)	cam
Carrier-borne Ground Lisison Officer	CBGLO
Casualty, casualties	cas
Casualty Evacuation	CASEVAC

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confirm (ed)/confirmatory/confirmation cfm		
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Continue (d)/continuing/continuation cont		cont
Control/controlled con		con
Co-operate (d)/co-operation coop		coop
Co-ordinate (d)/co-ordination/co-ordinating/		
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Corps Maintenance Area CMA		\$100 A 100 A 1
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Corps Supply Area CSA		CSA
		C (eg C attack; C pen)
Counter Battery Fire CB		P457301
Counter Counter Measures CCM	Counter Counter Measures	CCM

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Counter Insurgency	COIN	
Counter Intelligence	CI	
Counter Measures	CM	
Counter Revolutionary Warfare	CRW	
Cross Roads	X rds	
Cross(ing) (when applied to rivers etc)	X (eg River X or	
Otoss(Ing) (when appried to trices ere)	X (the border)	
Daily Ammunition Expenditure Rate(s)	DAER	
Daily Combat Supply Rate(s)	DCSR	
Date-Time Group	DTG	
Decontamination	decon	
Defence Attaché	DA	
Defence Communications Network	DCN	
Defence Council Instruction	DCI	
Defence Operational Analysis Establishment	DOAE	
Defend (ed)/defence/defensive	def	
Defensive Fire	DF	
Delivery	del	
Demi-official	DO	
Demonstrate (d)/demonstrating/demonstration	demo	
Demolition	dm1	
Department/departmental	dept	
Department of the Environment	DOE	
Depot; deputy (in short titles)	dep	
Deputy (in longer titles)	D	
Deputy Under Secretary of State	DUS	
Designate (d)/designation	des	
Desired Ground Zero	DGZ	
Detach (ed) (ment)	det	
Diesel Oil Fuel	dieso	
Direct (ed)/direction	dir	
Directing Staff	DS	
Direction Finding	DF	
Direct Support	DS	
Dispatch Rider	DR	
Distribution	distr	
Distribution Point	DP	
District	dist	
Division (al)	div	
Divisional Administrative Area	DAA	
Divisional Supply Area	DSA	
Document	doc	
Dressing Station	DS	
Driver	dvr	
Dropping Zone	DZ	
Early Warning	EW	
Eastern District	EDIST	
Echelon	ech	
Education	edn	
Effect (ive, ness)	eff	
Electronic	elect	
Electronic Counter Counter Measures	ECCM	
Electronic Counter Measures	ECM	

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Electronic Intelligence Electronic Warfare

Element

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Forward Air Base	FAB	
Forward Air Controller	FAC	
Forward Airfield Supply Organization	FASO	
Forward Air Support Operations Centre	FASOC	
Forward Air Transport Operations Centre	FATOC	
Forward Air Transport Support (Net)	FATS	
Forward Airhead Maintenance Area	FAMA	
Forward Combat Zone	FCZ	
Forward Control Post	FCP	
Forward Edge of Battle Area	FEBA	
Forward Line Own Troops	FLOT	
Forward Medical Equipment Depot	FMED	
Forward Observation Officer	FOO	
Forward Operational Base	FOB	
Forward Ordnance Team	FOT	
Forward Repair Group	FRG	.0.
Forward Repair Team	FRT	
Free Fire Zone	FFZ	
Free Flight Rocket	FFR	
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Frequency	FM	
Frequency Modulated	FCU	
Fuel Consumption Unit	10000	
approximate and the second	gar	
Garrison	gen	
General	GDP	
General Defence Plan	GD	
General Duties	GHO	
General Headquarters	GPMG	
General Purpose Machine Gun	GPMG (SF)	
General Purpose Machine Gun (Sustained Fire)	GS	
General Service	8.8	
General Staff Branches	G 1	
Personnel	G2	
Intelligence and Security	G3	
Operations and Training	G4	
Logistics and Quartering	G5	
Civil/Military Co-operation	GT	
General Transport	govt	
Government	GA	
Ground Attack	GLO/Sect	
Ground Liaison Officer/Section	GZ	(-)
Ground Zero	gp	
Group (ed)/grouping	gd	
Guard	GM	
Guided Missile	GW	
Guided Weapon	IMM.	
Harassing Fire	HF	
Harbour	har	
Headquarters	HQ	
Heavy	hy	
Heavy Stressed Platform	HSP	
Helicopter	he l	
Helicopter Landing Site	HLS	
Herz	Hz (Thus KHz etc)	
High Explosive	HE	
High Explosive Anti-Tank	HEAT	
High Explosive Squash Head	HESH	
HTPH Hybrogeria William Class		

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High Frequency	HF
High Mobility Load Carrier	HMLC
High Power	HP
Hospital	hosp
Hour	hr
Howitzer	liow
Hygiene	hyg
Identification Friend or Foe	IFF
Identity/identified/identification	ident
Illuminate (d)/illuminating/illumination	illum
Image Intensification	II
Immediate Replenishment Group	IRG
Inch (es)	in
In Charge	IC
Include (d)(s)/including/inclusive	incl
Indicent/Inventory Control Point	ICP
Independent (ly)	indep
Individual Weapons Sight	TWS
Infantry	inf
Inform (ed)/information/for the information of	info
Infra Red	IR
Installation	instl
Instruct (ed)/instruction/instructor	instr
Insurgent/insurgency	insurg
Intelligence	int
Intelligence Report	INTREP
Intelligence Summary	INTSUM
Intercommunication	intercomm
Intercontinental Ballistic Missile	ICBM
Intermediate	intmed
Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile	IRBM
Internal Security	IS
Interrogation	intg
Inventory/Incident Control Point	ICP
Jamming Report	JAMREP
Joint	jt
Joint Field Interrogation Team	JFIT
Joint Force Headquarters	JHQ
Joint Operations Centre	JOC
Joint Services Lisison Organization	JSLO
Joint Services Publication	JSP
Junction	june
Keypoint	KP
Kerosene	kero
Kilogram	kg
kilometre	km
Kiloton (s)	KT
Knot (s) aeronautical	kt
maritime	kn
Labour	1ab
Landing Craft Mechanized/Landing Craft Medium	LCM
Landing Craft Tank	LCT
Landing Craft Vehicle and Personnel	LCVP
Landing Platform Dock (Assault Ship)	LPD

Landing Platform Helicopter	LPH
Landing Point	LP
Landing Ship Logistic	LSL
Landing Site	LS
Landing Zone	LZ
Leader	1dr
Letter	ltr
Liaison Officer	LO
Light	1t
Light Aid Detachment	LAD
Light Machine Gun	LMG
Limited	1td
Lines of Communication	L of C
Litre(s)	1
Locally Engaged Civilian(s)	LEC
Locally Enlisted Personnel	LEP
Locate (d)/locating/location/locality	loc
Logistic (s) (al)	log
Logistic Executive (Army)	LE (A)
Logistic Support Group	LSG
	LONDIST
London District	LRATGW
Long Range Anti-tank Guided Weapon	LF
Low Frequency	LLAD
Low Level Air Defence	LP
Low Power	Lit
Machine Gun	MG
Magazine; magnetic	mag
Main Battle Tank	MBT
Main Repair Group	MRG
Main Supply Route	MSR
Maintain (ed)/maintenance	maint
Maintenance Area	MA
Major	maj
Manpower Planning Target	MPT
Mark (in equipment variants)	Mk
Material/materiel	mat
Maximum	max
Mechanic (al)/mechanized	mech
Mechanical/Motor Transport; Megaton (s)	MT
Mechanized Handling Equipment	MHE
Mechanized Combat Vehicle	MCV
Mechanized Infantry Combat Vehicle	MICV
Medical; medium	med
Medical Officer	MO
	MGB
Medium Girder Bridge Medium Range Anti-tank Guided Weapon	MRATGW
	MSP
Medium Stressed Platform	MT
Megaton (s); Motor Transport	memo
Memorandum	
dessage	msg
Meteorology/meteorological/meteorologist	met
fetre(s)	m
Military	mil
Military Aid to the Civil Authority/Community/	una tahul
Ministry/Power	MACA/C/M/P
Military Assistant/Attaché	MA
Military Intelligence Liaison Officet	MILO

Military Load Classification	MLC
Military Police	MP
Minimum; minute	min
Ministry of Defence	MOD
Miscellaneous	misc
Missile	ms1
Mission	msn
Mission Report	MISREP
Mixed Service Organization	MSO
Mobile/mobilization	mob
Mobile Air Operations Team	MAOT
Mobile Civil Transport Group	MCTG
Mortar	mor
Mortar Bombing Report	MORTREP
Mortar Fire Controller	MFC
Motor Cycle	MC
Motor Rifle	MR
Motor/Mechanical Transport; Megaton (s)	MT
Motor Transport Officer	MTO
Mounted	mtd
Movement	mov
Movement Control	MC
Movement Control Check Point	MCCP
Movement Order	mov()
Moving Target Indication	MTI
Multiple Rocket Launcher	MRL
Multi-role	MR
Multi-Fole	Park
NATO Atomic Supply Point	NASP
Navy, Army and Air Force Institute	NAAFI
Necessary	nec
Net Identification Sign	NIS
Night	ni
Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation	NEO
North East District	NEDIST
Northern Army Group	NORTHAG
Northern Ireland	NI
North West District	NWDIST
Not to all addressees	NOTAL
Nothing to report	NTR
Notice to move	NTM
Nuclear	nuc
Nuclear, Biological and Chemical	NBC
Nuclear Killing Zone	NKZ
Nuclear Reserved Area	NRA
Number	no
Objective	ob 1
Observation	obsn
Observation Post	OP
Obstacle (s)	obs
7.530 (400 PC) 4.74 (500 PC) 5.74 (500 PC) 5.54 (500 PC) 5	os
Offensive Support Officer	offr
Officer Commanding	OC
Officer in Charge	oic
Operate (d)/operation (al)/operator/	OLG
	op
operational Demand	OPDEM
Operational Demand	OFDER

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Operation Order	op0
Operational Requirement	OR
Oral Order	00
Order (only when used in conjunction with	
other abbreviated words)	O
Order of Battle	ORBAT
Ordnance	ord
Organize (d)/organization	org
Organization and Deployment	0 & D
Parachute/parachutist; paragraph	para
Park	pk
Passenger(s)	pax
Patro1	pt1
Peace Establishment; Plastic Explosive;	PE
Procurement Executive	
Penetrate (d)/penetrating/penetration	pen
Permanent Under Secretary of State	PUS
Personal Assistant	PA
Personal Radio Communications	PRC
Personnel	pers
Petroleum, Oil and Libricants	POL
Petroleum Pipehead	PPH
Petroleum Point	PP
Phase Line; Pipe Line	PL
Photograph/photographer/photographic/	
photography	photo
Photographic Interpretation	PI
Photographic Reconnaissance	PR
Physical Training	PT
Pick up Point	PUP
Pilot	plt
Pioneer and Labour	P&L
Pioneer Civil Labour Unit	PCLU
Pipeline; Phase Line	PL
Plastic Explosive	PE
Platoon	pl
Point (see also KP, rel P, SP)	pt
Policy	pol
Population	pop
Portable	ptb1
Position (ed) (al)/positioning	posn
Postal and Courier	PC
Postal and Courier Services	PCS
Pound (s) (weight)	1b
Preliminary	preim
Prepare (d)/preparation/preparatory	prep
Prevention/preventive	prev
Priority	pri
Prisoner of War	PW
Private	pte
Projectile	proj
Provost	Pro
Psychological	psy
Psychological Operations	Psy Ops
Public Information (to describe Army staff	P Info
function)	
Public Relations (in Jt Svc context only)	PR

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Public Relations Officer	PRO
PULHEEMS (Employment Standard)	PES
STAMPONIN ABMETSABBIS (208 - N - A	
Quartermaster	QM
Queen's Regulations	QRs
	92012844444
Radiation Hazard	RADHAZ
Radio Active	rad A
Radio Relay	RR RT
Ratio Telephone/Telephony	rhd
Railhead	rly
Railway	RDD
Rapid Demolition Device	rat
Ration(s)	rat P
Ration Point	RTM
Ready to move Rear Combat Zone	RCZ
Rear Maintenance Area	RMA
Rebroadcast	rebro
Reconnaissance/reconnoitre	recce
Recover (ed)/recovery	rec
Refer (ence)	ref
Regiment (al)	regt
Regimental Aid Post	RAP
Regimental Headquarters	RHO
Regimental Police	RP
Regimental Signals Officer	RSO
Regulate (d)/regulating/regulation/regular	reg
Reinforcement	rft
Reinforcing Units Marshalling Area	RUMA
Release (d)/relief/relieve (d)	re1
Release Point	rel P
Rendezvous	RV
Replenish (ed) (es) (ing) (ment)	replen
Represent (ed) (s) (ing)/representative	rep
Reproduce (d) (s)/reproducing/reproduction	repro
Reproduction and Distribution Centre	RDC
Request	req
Reserve (s) (d)	res
Research and Development	R&D
Retired	Retd (as in title),
	retd
Retired Officer Grade 1, 2, 3	RO1, 2, 3
Road; round (ammunition)	rd
Rocket	rkt
Rocket Launcher	RL
Rounds per Mortar (per minute)	r/mor
Rounds per Gun (per minute)	r/g RO
Routine Order	RO RAF
Royal Air Force	RM
Royal Marines	RN RN
Royal Navy	ROF
Royal Ordnance Factory	KOF
Search and Clear	S & C
manufacture of the property	21C
Second in Command	
Secretary/secretariat/secretarial/	sec

Section	sect	
Security	sy	
Self propelled; Start Point	SP	
Self Loading Rifle	SLR	
Senior Non Commissioned Officer	SNCO	
Serial	ser	
Service (d)/servicing	svc	
Shelling Report	SHELREP	
Short Range	SR	
Short Take-off and Landing	STOL	
Signal/signaller	sig	
Signal Dispatch Service	SDS	
Signal Intelligence	SIGINT	
Single Side Band	SSB	
Situation	sit	
Situation Report	SITREP	
SLIDEX, Callsign, Address Group, Net Identification	SIIKSI	
Sign, Telephone Exchange List	SCANTLIST	
Small Arms	SA	
Small Arms Ammunition	SAA	
Smoke	smk	
Soldier	sldr	
Sound Ranging	Srg	
South East District	SEDIST	
South West District	SWDIST	
Special Boat Section/Service	SBS	
Special Branch	SB	
Special Investigation Branch	SIB	
Specialize (d)/specializing/specialist/	3.19	
specification	spec	
Specialist Team Royal Engineers	STRE	
Squadron		
Staff Duties	sqn SD	
Staff Officer	so	
Staff Officers' Handbook	SOHB	
Standard Distribution List	SDL	
Standardization Agreement (NATO)		
Standing Operating Procedure	STANAG	
Start Line	SOP	
Start Point; Self Propelled	SL	
Station	SP	
Station Radio	stn (S in titles)	
Station Staff Officer	SR	
Statistics	SSO	
Strategic	stats	
Strategic Transport (Aircraft)	strat	
Strength	ST	
Stretcher Bearer	str	
Subject	SB	
Subject Indicator Code	subj	
Sub Machine Gun	SIC	
	SMG	
Super High Frequency	SHF	
Supplementary Intelligence Report	SUPINTREP	
Support (ad)/supporting	sup	
Support (ed)/supporting	sp	
Support Helicopter	SH	
Surface-to-Air Guided Weapon Surface-to-Air Missile	SAGW	
Surface co Att Missife	SAM	

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Surface-to-Surface Guided Weapon	SSGW
Surface-to-Surface Missile	SSM
Surveillance	surv
Surveillance and Target Acquisition	STA
Surveillance and Target Acquisition Plan	STAP
Survey	svy
Switchboard	bdwa
Tactic (s) (al)	tac
Tactical Air Control party	TACP
Tactical Air Request (Net)	TAR
Tactical Exercise Without Troops	TEWT
Tactical Transport (Aircraft) (Medium/Short	
Range)	Tac T(MR/SR)
Tank	tk
Tank Laser Sight	TLS
Target	tgt
Technical/technician	tech
Technical Maintenance	TM
Telegraph/telegraphic/telegraphist/telegraphy/	
telegram	tg
Telephone/telephonist/telephony	te1
Teleprinter	telep
Temporary	temp
Territorial Army	TA
Terrorist	terr
Thermal image/imaging	TI
Time on Target (Artillery)/Time over Target	
(Aircraft)	TOT
Tonne (s)	t
Topographic/topography	topo
Toxic Incident Report	TOXREP
Tractor	ter
Traffic	tfc
Traffic Control	TC
Traffic Post	ŤΡ
Trailer	tlr
Training	trg
Transport	tpt
Transport Support	TS
Transportation	tn
Transported	tptd
Transporter	tptr
Troop	(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
Troop Carrying Vehicle	t p TCV
Truck, Tanker Fuel	TTF
I dell' Lamer I dell	\$151
Ultra High Frequency	UHF
Unexploded Bomb	UXB
United Kingdom Land Forces	UKLF
United Kingdom Mobile Force	UKMF
Unserviceable	U/S
Jt111ty	ut
Variable Time	VT
Vehicle	veh
/ehicle Check/Collecting Point	VCP
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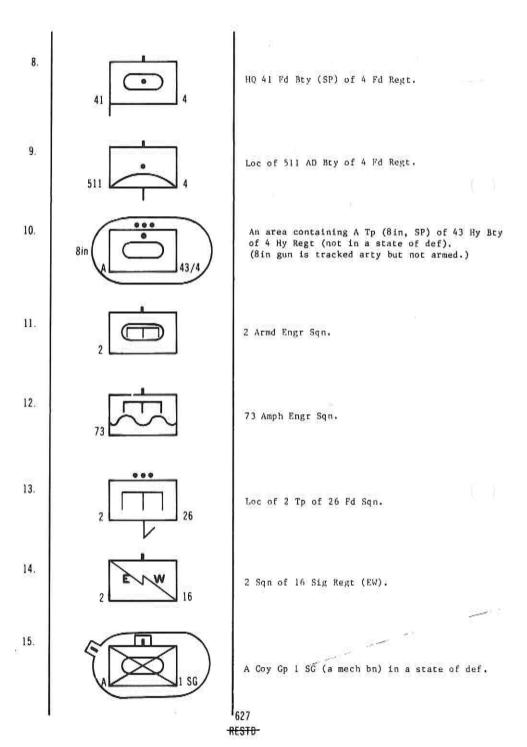
Vehicle (s) Off the Road	VOR	
Vehicles per kilometre	V/km	
Vehicle Radio Communications	VRC	
Vertical Take-off and Landing	VTOL	
Very High Frequency	VHF	
Very Important Person	VIP	
Veterinary and Remount	VR	
Vice (in titles)	V, eg VCGS (Vice Chief of the General Staff)	
Visibility/visual/visible	vis	
Volunteers (when used in a title)	V, eg 22 SAS(V)	
Vulnerable Point	VP	
War Establishment	WE	
Warning	wng	
Water Point; White Phosphorous	WP	
Weapon	wpn	
Weapon Holding Area	WHA	
Week	wk	
Weight	WE	
Wheel (ed)	wh	
Wing	Wg	
Wireless Telegraphy	WT	
Withdraw(al)/withdrawing/withdrawn/withdrew	wdr	
Works	wks	
Workshop	wksp	
Year	уг	
Zone	z	

MIL SYMBOLS

- 1. The symbols which fol are examples likely to be found in the armd div area.
- 2. Precis SD 3 contains a comprehensive explanation of the method of building up British and Allied symbols.
- 3. Editor's Note. Symbols elsewhere in SOHB 85 have not been amended to conform with draft STANAG 2019, due to the printing deadline of this edition.

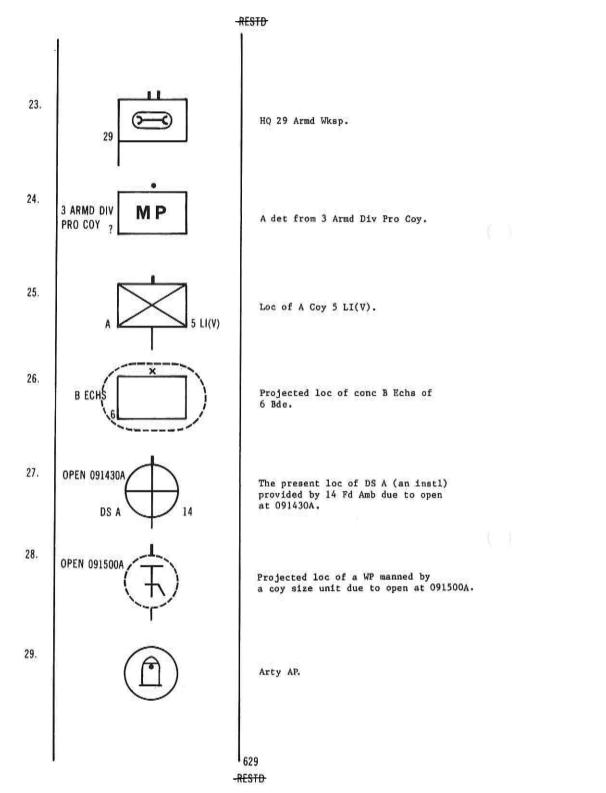
SERIAL	SYMBOL-	MEANING
1.	3 MAIN	Main HQ 3 Armd Div.
2.	16 ×	HQ 16 Inf Bde.
3.	1 STEPUP	Projected loc of HQ 1 Armd Bde step up.
4.	A LG	A Sqn LG (a med recce sqn (T) of an armd recce regt).
5.	4/7 DG 0/1/1	4/7 DG BG part 1 Armd Bde in 1 Armd Div.
6.	FWD DEL	Fwd Del Sqn.
7.	1 RHA	Area to be occupied by 1 RHA (not in a state of def).

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31 Ord Coy of 3 Ord Bn.

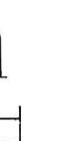
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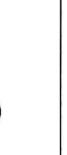


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Med SSM launcher (eg LANCE).

Med tk (eg CHIEFTAIN).

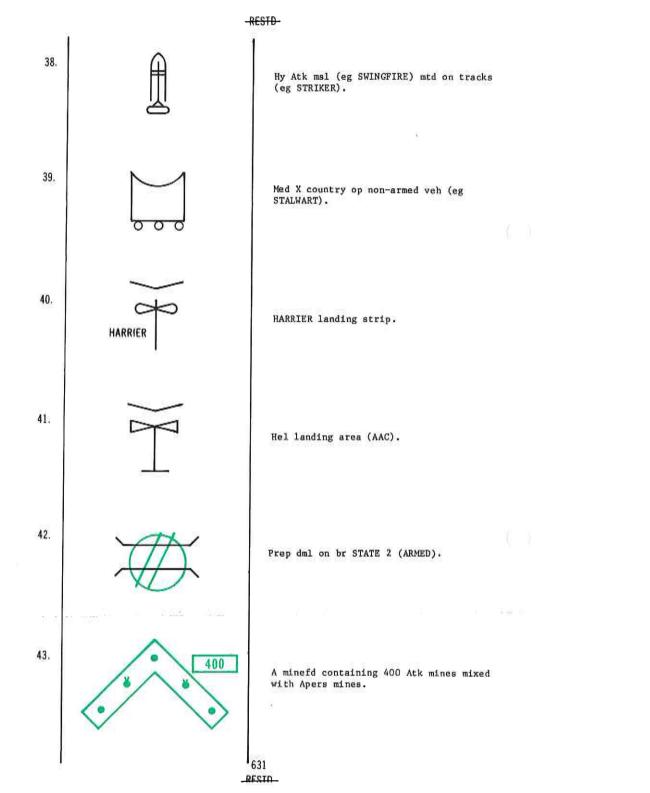
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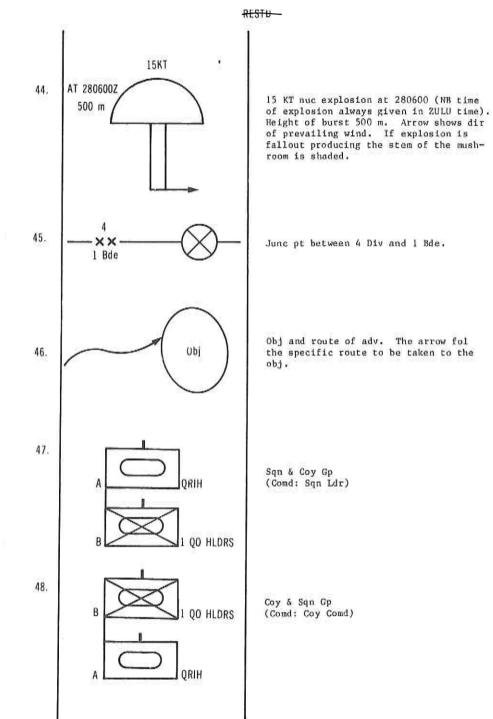
Lt armd car (eg FOX).

Tracked 1t gun (eg ABBOT).

Med Atk mal (eg MILAN) with its arc.

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