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## ABBREVIATIONS

AA&QMG	Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General (divisional staff)
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Commission (now Corporation)
ABDA	American, British, Dutch Australian (Command)
ADC	aide-de-camp
ADFA	Australian Defence Force Academy
Adv GHQ	Advanced General Headquarters
Adv LHQ	Advanced Headquarters Allied Land Forces
Adv NGF HQ	Advanced New Guinea Force Headquarters
AHQ	Army Headquarters
AIF	Australian Imperial Force
AMF	Australian Military Forces
ANGAU	Australian New Guinea Administration Unit
ANZAC	Australian and New Zealand Army Corps
Arty	Artillery
Aust	Australia
AWM	Australian War Memorial
Bde	Brigade
Berry	Berryman, Frank Horton
BFP	Berryman Family Papers
BGS	Brigadier General Staff (corps staff)
BM	Brigade Major (brigade staff)
BMRA	Brigade Major, Royal Artillery
Bn	Battalion
Brig	Brigadier
Bty	Battery
Capt	Captain
CB	Companion of the Order of the Bath
CBE	Commander of the Order of the British Empire
CCRA	Commander, Corps Royal Artillery
CGS	Chief of the General Staff

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CIGS	Chief of the Imperial General Staff
C-in-C	Commander-in-Chief
CMF	Citizen Military Forces
CO	commanding officer
Comd	Commander
Coy	Company
CRA	Commander, Royal Artillery (division)
CRE	Commander, Royal Engineers (division)
DA&QMG	Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General (corps staff)
DAQMG	Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General (divisional staff)
DCGS	Deputy Chief of the General Staff
Div	Division
DSO	Distinguished Service Order
ESB	Engineering Special Brigade
FAB	Field Artillery Brigade
FHB	Frank Horton Berryman
Forland	Forward Echelon of Adv LHQ
FSR	Field Service Regulations
Fwd	Forward
GHQ	General Headquarters, SWPA
GOC	General Officer Commanding
GSO1	General Staff Officer Grade 1 (also G1, divisional staff)
GSO2	General Staff Officer Grade 2
GSO3	General Staff Officer Grade 3
HQ	Headquarters
Inf	Infantry
IO	Intelligence officer
Joint Chiefs	US Joint Chiefs of Staff
KBE	Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire
KCB	Knight Commander of the Bath
L of C	Lines of Communication
Landops	alternative name for Advanced Headquarters Allied Land Forces (Adv LHQ); headed by Blamey
LHCMA	Liddell Hart Centre for Military Archives, Kings College, London
LHQ	Land Headquarters
LO	liaison officer
Lt Col	Lieutenant-Colonel

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Maj	Major
MC	Military Cross
ME	Middle East
MG	machine gun
MGGS	Major-General General Staff
MMMA	MacArthur Memorial Archives, Norfolk, Virginia
MS	manuscript
MT	Motor Transport
NAA	National Archives of Australia
NCO	non-commissioned officer
NEI	Netherland East Indies
NGF	New Guinea Force
NLA	National Library of Australia
OC	Officer Commanding (company, battery)
OO	Operations Order
OP	Observation Post
Pl	platoon
Posn	position
PRO	Public Record Office (Kew, London; now the National Archives)
RAA	Royal Australian Artillery
Recce	Reconnaissance
Regt	Regiment
RMC	Royal Military College
RMO	Regimental Medical Officer
RNF	Royal Northumberland Fusiliers
RSL	Returned Servicemen's League
RTR	Royal Tank Regiment
SEAC	South East Asia Command
Sigs	Signals
SLNSW	State Library, New South Wales
SWPA	South West Pacific Area
TAB	Thomas Albert Blamey
TEWT	Tactical Exercise Without Troops
Tps	troops
VC	Victoria Cross
VPRO	Victorian Public Records Office
US	United States
WO	Warrant Officer

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