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MULTI-SERVICE TACTICS, TECHNIQUES, AND PROCEDURES

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This publication will ease coordination and improve understanding during multi-Service operations. A Brevity code is a code which provides no security but which has as its sole purpose the shortening of messages rather than the concealment of their content (Joint Publication 1-02).

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This publication standardizes air-to-air, air-to-surface, surface-to-air, and surface-to-surface brevity codes. The scope is limited to those [voice] brevity codes used in multi-Service operations and does not include words unique to single-service operations. While not authoritative in nature, all services agree to these brevity code meanings. The brevity codes have been forwarded for inclusion or modification of current North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) joint brevity words and Allied Communications Publications of Canada-New Zealand-United Kingdom-Australia-United States agreements.

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#### **SUMMARY OF CHANGES**

#### 1. NEW TERMS

BIRD(S) AWAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> FOX 3/2/1	LASER	SLOPE
(group name)	GO BROADCAST	LOST CONTACT	SMACK
BUGSY	GO TACTICAL	MANFRED	STANDBY
CANYON	HOOTER	MATCH SPARKLE	STRENGTH
CHECK (item)	HUSH	MELD	SUPER
CONFIDENCE	INTERVENE	MINIMIZE	SUPPORTING
CONTACT (POD)	IN THE DARK	NEUTRAL	SWEPT
DECLUTTER	INVESTIGATE	PAN(LEFT/RIGHT/UP	SWITCH (item)
(level)	JAMMER	/DOWN)	TIMBER
DIRT	JELLO	PEEPSHOW`	CHANNEL
DOG	KICK (Degrees	PILLOW	TRACKING
EYEBALL	L/R or Heading)	POST ATTACK	VERY LOW
(NARROW)	KICK (appropriate	(direction/directive)	VERY SLOW
FOX 3/2 (x-ship)	frequency)	RENEGADE	ZOOM (IN/OUT)

#### 2. DELETED TERMS NELLIS Joint Working Group Jan 05

		3	
ASLEEP	FAST	KOBOLD	SCHLEM
AWAKE	GLOWWORM	LOW	SEARCHER
BEARING	GOGGLE/DEGOGGLE	MEDIUM	SNOOPER
BREVITY	GOGGLES ON/OFF	MIKEDUFF	TACTICAL
BROADCAST	GRIDIRON	OILFIELD	TROUT
CHANNEL	GUNS	(system) OKAY	WEEDS
CLOWN	HEADBUTT	PINNACLE	WILCO
COMPOSITION	HUFFDUFF	POGO	
DANCE	KILL	RENO	

#### 3. CHANGES TO TERM MEANINGS

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ARM	CONTACT	MUD	SPOT
BIRDS AFFIRM	DECLARE	POINT	STAKE
BITTERSWEET	ENGAGED	RETROGRADE	STOP
BURN	FURBALL	SCRAM	ZIPLIP
CLEARED TO	LEAN	SLOW	
ENGAGE	MARK	SPARKLE	

#### 4. DELETED AT BELGIUM JOINT WORKING GROUP NOV 04

ASLEEP	FAST	KOBOLD	PINNACLE
AWAKE	GLOWWORM	LOW	PULSE
BREVITY	GRIDIRON	MEDIUM	
DANCE	HUFFDUFF	MIKEDUFF	

#### Chapter I

#### **MULTI-SERVICE BREVITY CODES**

#### Table II-1 KEY

*	Meaning may differ with NATO brevity word
**	Not a NATO brevity word
[NATO]	NATO brevity word not used by US forces but may be encountered in combined operations.
<u>TERM</u>	New brevity code
text of meaning	Change to brevity code meaning
(A/A)	Brevity code meaning applies to air-to-air (A/A) operations
(A/S)	Brevity code meaning applies to air-to-surface (A/S) operations
(S/A)	Brevity code meaning applies to surface-to-air (S/A) operations
(S/S)	Brevity code meaning applies to surface-to- surface (S/S) operations
(EW)	Brevity code meaning applies to electronic warfare (EW) operations
(AIR-MAR)	Brevity code meaning applies to maritime air (AIR-MAR) operations

Note: All brevity codes pertain to general air operations unless indicated otherwise. NATO meanings derived from APP-7B, Change 1, and agreed upon changes at the 9 Nov 04 Brevity Custodial meeting, in addition to the results from the Nellis JWG held 6 Jan 05.

ABORT Cease action/attack/event/mission.

**ACTION** Initiate a briefed attack sequence or maneuver.

(system)ACTIVE\* (EW) Referenced emitter is radiating at the stated location or

(location/ direction) along the stated bearing. (ELINT derived)

**ADD (system/** (EW) Add a specific (system) or (EOB category) to search

category) responsibilities.

**ALARM** Terminat(ing) EMCON procedures. Opposite of SNOOZE.

ALFA CHECK Request for/confirmation of bearing and range from requesting

aircraft to described point.

ALLIGATOR Link-11/ TADIL A.

**ANCHOR(ED)** 1. (ED) Turning engagement at the specified location.

(location) 2. Orbit about a specific point.

3. Refueling track flown by tanker.

ANGELS Height of friendly aircraft in thousands of feet from mean sea

level (MSL).

**ANYFACE** Friendly GCI/AEW/C2I agency when callsign is not known.

ARIZONA No anti-radiation missile (ARM) ordnance remaining.

**ARM** (A/A) CONTACT(s) within a single group that maneuver outside

of GROUP criteria inside briefed no new picture range.

**AS FRAGGED** Unit or element will be performing exactly as stated by the air

tasking order (ATO).

**ATTACK(ING)** (A/S) Commence (aircraft are committed to) air-to-surface

delivery on a specific ground target. Direction/bearing from

which the weapon will be coming may be given.

**ATTACK COMPLETE** (A/S) Mandatory call from the attack aircraft to the Joint

Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC)/FAC during Type III control indicating completion of ordnance release. (See also CLEARED

TO ENGAGE)

**AUTHENTICATE** A coded challenge, or a response to a coded challenge.

**AUTOCAT** Any communications relay using automatic retransmissions.

(weapon) AWAY Release/launch of specified weapon (e.g. BIRDS AWAY, PIGS

AWAY, LONG RIFLE AWAY, etc.) NOTE: Include launch

location in bullseye format and weapons track direction for PIGS

and LONG RIFLE.

**AZIMUTH** 1. (A/A) A picture label describing two GROUPs separated

laterally. \*GROUP names will be referenced by cardinal directions. (e.g. NORTH GROUP, SOUTH GROUP, or EAST

GROUP, WEST GROUP).

2. (S/A) Direction to the threat.

**BANDIT** An aircraft identified as an enemy in accordance with (IAW)

theater ID criteria. The term does not necessarily imply direction

or authority to engage.

**BANZAI** (A/A) Execute(ing) launch and decide tactics.

BASE (+/- number) Reference number used to indicate such information as

headings, altitude, fuels, etc.

BAY [NATO] (EW) Carry out deception plan indicated or in

accordance with previous orders.

**BEAD WINDOW** Last transmission potentially disclosed unauthorized information.

BEAM (w/cardinal

direction)

(A/A) CONTACT stabilized within 70 to 110 degrees of aspect.

**BEANSTALK** [NATO] Datalink users should check equipment for spurious

tracks.

**(system) BENT** System indicated is inoperative. Cancelled by SWEET.

**BINGO** Fuel state needed for recovery.

**BIRD** Friendly surface-to-air missile (SAM).

BIRD(S) AFFIRM\* (S/A) FRIENDLY unit is able and prepared to engage. Friendly

unit has fire control solution on a specified target with SAMs.

Opposite of BIRD(S) NEGAT.

BIRD(S) AWAY (group

<u>name)</u>

(S/A) Friendly SAM has been fired at designated target

BIRD(S) NEGAT (S/A) FRIENDLY unit is unable to engage a specified target with

SAMs. Opposite of BIRD(S) AFFIRM.

<u>BITTERSWEET\*\*</u> <u>Notification of potential for blue-on-blue (fratricide) or blue-on-</u>

neutral situation.

**BLIND** No visual contact with FRIENDLY aircraft/ground position.

Opposite of VISUAL.

**BLOTTER** [NATO] (EW) ECM receiver.

**BLOW THROUGH** (A/A) Continue straight ahead at the merge and do not become

ANCHORED with target(s).

**BOGEY** A radar or visual air CONTACT whose identity is unknown.

**BOGEY DOPE** (A/A) Request for target information as requested or for closest

GROUP in BRAA (with appropriate fill ins)

**BOX** (A/A) Picture label with GROUPs in a square or offset square

(See CHAMPAGNE and VIC for GROUP names).

BRAA 1. Following information is in a tactical control format providing

target bearing, range, altitude, and aspect, relative to the

specified friendly aircraft.

2. Switch to tactical BRAA control format to a specific

GROUP/CONTACT.

**BRACKET (direction)** Maneuver to a position on opposite sides, either laterally or

vertically from the target.

BREAK\* (direction) Perform an immediate maximum performance turn in the

indicated direction (default is a 180-degree turn).

BREAK AWAY Tanker or receiver call indicating immediate vertical and

nose/tail separation between tanker and receiver is required.

BROKE LOCK Loss of radar/IR lock-on.

**BRUISER** Friendly air launched anti-ship missile.

**BUDDY (LASE/GUIDE)** (A/S) Request or informative communications to have guidance

of a weapon from a source other than delivering aircraft.

**BUDDY LOCK** (A/A) Radar locked to a known friendly aircraft. Normally a

response to a SPIKED or BUDDY SPIKE calls.

**BUDDY SPIKE** 

(position /heading/alt)

(A/A) Friendly aircraft radar lock-on indication on radar warning

receiver (RWR).

**BUGOUT (direction)** Separation from that particular engagement / attack / operation

with no intent to reengage/return.

BUGSY
Unit/entity conducting terrorist or asymmetric warfare activities.

(S/S) Friendly surface/submarine launched anti-ship missile.

**BULLRING** (AIR-MAR) Maritime aircraft patrol zone.

**BULLSEYE** An established reference point from which the position of an

object can be referenced by bearing (Magnetic) and range (NM)

from this point.

**BUMP/BUMP-UP** (A/S) A climb to acquire line of sight (LOS) to the target or laser

designation.

**BURN** (A/S) EO/IR illuminator is being used to provide illumination of

surface points of interest.

**BUSTER** Fly at maximum continuous speed (military power).

**BUTTON** Radio channel setting.

**BUZZER\*\*** Electronic communications jamming. (NOTE: same as NATO

term, CHATTER)

CANDYGRAM (EW) Electronic warfare targeting information is available on a

briefed secure net.

**CANYON** [NATO] (EW) Use electronic jamming on radar frequency

indicated or IAW previous orders.

**CAP(PING) (location)** 1. Establish a combat air patrol (CAP) at a specified location.

2. Aircraft established in a CAP.

(target/object) (A/S) Specified surface target/object has been acquired and is

**CAPTURED** being tracked with an on-board sensor.

**CAV-OK** Cloud and Visibility Okay (pronounced kav-okay). ICAO term

meaning no significant clouds below 5,000 feet, visibility at least

six miles, no precipitation or storms.

**CEASE (activity)** Discontinue stated activity; e.g. CEASE BUZZER, CEASE

LASER, etc.

**CEASE ENGAGEMENT** (S/A) A fire control order used to direct air defense units to stop

tactical action against a specified target. Guided missiles already

in flight will continue to intercept.

**CEASE FIRE** (S/A) Discontinue firing/do not open fire. Missiles in flight are

allowed to continue to intercept; continue to track.

**CHAMPAGNE** (A/A) A picture label of three distinct GROUPs with two in front

and one behind. GROUP names should be NORTH LEAD GROUP and SOUTH LEAD GROUP or WEST LEAD GROUP

and EAST LEAD GROUP and TRAIL GROUP.

**CHARLIE** 1.(AIR-MAR) The expected landing time on the ship.

2. (AIR-MAR) Directive to land aircraft on ship.

3.(time in minutes) (AIR-MAR) An advisory call

modifying/delaying the briefed recovery time (e.g., CHARLIE

TEN).

**CHATTERMARK** Begin using briefed radio procedures to counter communications

jamming.

CHEAPSHOT Active missile data link terminated between high and medium

PRF active.

CHECK (number,

LEFT/RIGHT)

Turn (number) degrees left or right and maintain new heading.

CHECK FIRE\*\* (S/S) Immediate pause of planned or current indirect fires.I

**CHECKPRINT (track #)**1. (AIR-MAR) Request by an Air Defense Commander for unit(s) to provide amplifying information on a specified track.

2. (AIR-MAR) Reply/informative to Air Defense Commander followed by positive track information using format specified in

applicable OPTASK document.

CHECK (item) \*\* Check the referenced item.

(CAPTURE)\*\* - Target appears to be no longer tracked by

sensor.

**(FOCUS)**\*\* – Sensor image appears to be out of focus.

(TIDS)\* - Check datalink display. NOTE: Usually used to

reference a target sorting message from another fighter aircraft.

CHERUBS Height of a friendly aircraft in hundreds of feet above surface.

**CHICKS** Friendly aircraft.

**CLAM** (EW) Cease emissions on specified equipment.

**CLEAN** 1. No sensor information on non-friendly group of interest.

2. No visible battle damage.

3. Aircraft not carrying external stores.

**CLEARED** Requested action is authorized. (A/A) NOTE: Engaged/support

roles not established.

CLEARED HOT 1. (A/S) Type 1 and 2 Close Air Support terminal control

clearance to release ordnance on this pass.

2. Training range operations: RCO/RSO authorizes ordnance

release

CLEARED TO ENGAGE\*\*

1. (A/S) Type 3 Close Air Support terminal control clearance. Attack aircraft flight leaders may initiate attacks within the parameters imposed by the JTAC. Attack platform will provide ATTACK COMPLETE call to JTAC, indicating completion of ordnance release.

2. A/A (NATO) Clearance to fire on designated group/target

**CLOAK(ING)** Switch(ing) from normal/overt external lighting to covert night

vision device (NVD) only compatible lighting.

**CLOSING** Decreasing in separation.

COLD 1. (A/A) Initiate(ing) a turn in the CAP away from the anticipated

threats.

2. Defined area is not expected to receive fire (enemy or

friendly).

3. (A/A) Intercept geometry will result in a pass or roll out

behind the target.

COLOR (system/

position)

(EW) Request for information on a type (system) at stated location; implies a request for ambiguity resolution. May be used with datalink data message (e.g. COLOR, DATA).

COMEBACK (direction)

Directive call to reverse course.

**COME OFF (direction)** 1. (A/A) Maneuver as indicated to either regain mutual support

or to deconflict flight paths. Implies both VISUAL and TALLY.

2.(A/S) Maneuver or execute a specific instruction (e.g., COME

OFF DRY).

**COMMIT** (A/A) Intercept the GROUP(s) of interest.

**CONFETTI** Chaff lane or corridor.

**CONFIDENCE** Confidence indication IAW operational directives.

**CONS/CONNING** Unknown/ nonfriendly aircraft producing contrails.

**CONTACT** 1. Sensor contact at the stated position.

2. Acknowledges sighting of a specified reference point.

3. (A/A) Individual radar return within a GROUP or ARM.

4. (A/S) (POD) Acknowledges sighting of a specified reference

point with EO/IR sensor.

5. (A/A) Sensor contact to group within pre-briefed threat range

with drag aspect.

**CONTAINER\*\*** (A/A) Inner GROUP formation with four CONTACTs oriented in

a square or offset square.

**CONTINUE** Continue present maneuver, does not imply a change in

clearance to engage or expend ordnance.

**CONTINUE DRY** Continue present maneuver, ordnance release not authorized.

NOTE: Simulated weapons deliveries may be performed.

COVER\* Assign S/A weapons or establish an A/A posture that will allow

engagement of a specified track or threat if required.

**CRANK (direction)** (A/A) F-Pole maneuver in the direction indicated; \*implies

illuminating target at/near radar GIMBAL limits.

**CROSSING** (A/A) Two GROUPs initially separated in azimuth decreasing

azimuth separation to pass each other.

**CRUISE** [NATO] Return to cruise speed (after BUSTER or GATE).

**CUTOFF (direction)** (A/A) Requests for, or directive to, intercept using cutoff

geometry.

CYCLOPS Any UAV.

**DANGER CLOSE\*\*** (A/S, S/S) Friendly troops are within close proximity of the target

(determined by the weapon/munition delivered/fired). NOTE: Specific DANGER CLOSE distances, assumptions, and

procedures are contained in J-Fire guide.

**DASH (#)** Aircraft position within a flight. Use if specific callsign is

unknown.

**DATA (object**, Standby for data link message concerning object at stated

position) location.

**DEADEYE** Laser designator system inoperative.

**DECLARE** Inquiry as to the identification of a specified track(s), target(s), or

correlated GROUP. Responses include FRIENDLY, BOGEY, BANDIT, HOSTILE, NEUTRAL, UNABLE, OR CLEAN. Full

positional data must accompany declaration responses.

**DECLUTTER (level)** Minimize on-screen graphics to prevent an object of interest

from being obscured. For sensors with multi-level de-clutter

capability, indicate as Level 1, 2, 3, etc.

**DEEP** (A/A) Indicates separation between the nearest and farthest

GROUPs in range in a relative formation of three or more groups, used to describe a LADDER, VIC, CHAMPAGNE, BOX.

**DEFENSIVE\*** (A/A) Aircraft is under attack, maneuvering defensively, and

unable to ensure deconfliction or mutual support.

**DEFENDING** Aircraft is in a defensive position and maneuvering with

(direction) reference to a surface-to-air threat.

**DELOUSE** Detect, identify, and engage (if required) unknown platform

trailing friendly platform.

**DELTA(\_\_)(\_\_)** (AIR-MAR) Hold and conserve fuel at altitude and position

indicated during shipboard operations.

**DEPLOY** Maneuver to briefed positioning.

**DETAILS** Request for modified 9-Line/15-Line(NATO) brief.

DIAMONDS A surface IR event location

(w/position).

RWR indication of surface threat in search mode. See MUD. DIRT\*\*

DIRTY Link is not encrypted.

**DIVERT** Proceed to alternate base.

DOG Air towed decoy DOLLY

(system) DOWN

(EW) Referenced emitter has stopped radiating at the stated location or along the stated bearing. NOTE: DOWN does not

mean system destroyed.

Link-4A/TADIL C.

DRAG (cardinal

(location/ direction)

direction)

(A/A) Contact aspect stabilized at 0-60 degrees angle from tail

or 120-180 degrees angle from nose.

DROP(PING) 1. Stop(ping) monitoring of specified emitter/target/contact and

resume(ing) search responsibilities.

2. **(TRACK\_\_\_)** Remove the emitter/target from tactical

picture/track stores.

3.(EW) Remove a specific system or EOB category from search

responsibilities.

[NATO] Descend and increase speed. **DUCK** 

**DUFFER** (EW) DF equipped unit.

**ECHELON** (subcardinal direction)\* (A/A) Fill-in to a picture label describing GROUPs aligned behind

and to the side of the closest GROUP.

**ECHO** Positive System M/Mode X (or comparable system) reply.

**EMPTY** (EW) No emitters of interest detected.

**ENGAGE** A fire control order used to direct or authorize units and/or

weapon systems to fire on a designated target.

**ENGAGED** Inter-flight call from a fighter maneuvering in the visual arena to

establish deconfliction responsibilities.

**ESTIMATE** Estimate of the size, range, height, or other parameter of a

specified contact; implies degradation.

EXTEND(ING) (A/A) Short-term maneuver to gain energy, distance, or separation, normally with the intent of reengaging. (direction)

**EYEBALL** 1. (A/A) Fighter with primary visual identification responsibility.

2. (A/A) EO/IR acquisition of an aircraft. Normally followed by

number of aircraft observed (if more than one).

3. (A/A) (NARROW\*\*) EO/IR contacts are too close for

resolution via radar.

FADED Radar contact is lost on unknown/nonfriendly contact.

FAKER [NATO] A FRIENDLY track acting as a HOSTILE for exercise

purposes.

**FAN** \_\_ **TACK** \_\_ [NATO] (EW) Left and right hand edges of jammed sector

are\_\_\_and\_\_\_.

**FATHER\*** Surface TACAN station.

**FEELER** [NATO] (EW) Shipborne fire control radar.

**FEET WET/DRY** Flying over water/land.

**FENCE (IN/OUT)** Set cockpit switches as appropriate before entering/exiting the

combat area.

FERRET [NATO] (EW) Airborne electronic reconnaissance activity or

aircraft.

**FLANK (direction)** (A/A) CONTACT aspect stabilized at 120 to 150 degrees angle

from tail or 30 to 60 degrees angle from nose.

**FLARE(S)** Deploy(ing) flares.

**FLASH (system)** Temporarily activate specified system for identification purposes

(IFF/afterburner/flare/chaff/etc.).

**FLASHLIGHT** Directive term for helicopter to turn on IR floodlight (pointed at

ground to aid visual acquisition by escort aircraft).

**FLAVOR** Visually identified nationality of a contact.

**FLOAT(ING)** Expand(ing) the formation laterally within visual limits to maintain

radar contact or prepare for a defensive response.

**FLOW (direction)** Fly stated heading.

**FOX (number)** (A/A) Simulated/actual launch of A/A weapons.

**ONE -** Semiactive radar-guided missile.

**TWO -** IR-guided missile.

**THREE -** Active radar-guided missile.

**FOX MIKE** VHF/FM radio.

**FOX THREE/TWO (X)** (A/A) Valid missile shot against (x) separate targets (assumes 1

missile per target).

**2nd FOX** (A/A) Simulated or actual launch of multiple missiles on the

THREE/TWO/ONE same target.

**SHIP** 

**FREEZE BURN** Freeze the EO/IR illuminator position in the present location.

**FRIENDLY** A positively identified friendly aircraft, ship, or ground position.

**FUEL STATE (time)** (AIR-MAR) A helicopter's fuel quantity, expressed in hours and

minutes before having to make a controlled emergency landing.

**FURBALL** (A/A) Non-friendly aircraft and friendly aircraft are in close

proximity to each other. Can be response to a DECLARE

request.

**GADABOUT (#)** [NATO] Upper limit of height sanctuary for fighters in the MEZ.

("GADABOUT 25" means the upper limit of the height sanctuary is 25,000 feet; "Gadabout 16 to 24" means the height sanctuary

is between 16,000 to 24,000 feet).

**GADGET** Radar or emitter equipment.

GATE Fly as quickly as possible, using after-burner/max power.

GENIE (EW) Emitter is employing electronic protection measures.

**GIMBAL** Radar target is approaching azimuth or elevation tracking limits.

**GINGERBREAD** Voice imitative deception is suspected on this net.

GO ACTIVE Go to briefed frequency agile net.

Switch to broadcast control format.

GO CLEAR

Use unencrypted voice communications.

Activate encrypted voice communications.

GO TACTICAL (A/A) Switch to tactical control.

**GOODWILL** Boundary of an active friendly MEZ.

**GOPHER** A CONTACT that has not conformed to safe passage routing,

airspeed, or altitude procedures. Will only be used when safe passage or minimum risk routing procedures are part of an ID

matrix.

**GORILLA** (A/A) Large force of indeterminate numbers and formation of un

known/non-friendly aircraft.

**GRANDSLAM** All HOSTILE aircraft of a designated track (or against which a

mission was tasked) are shot down.

**GREEN (direction)**1 (direction) Direction of no known enemy threats. **GREYHOUND\***Friendly ground attack cruise missile (e.g., TLAM).

GROUP\* (A/A) Any number of air contacts within 3 NM in azimuth and

range of each other. (NOTE: NATO definition includes an

altitude discrimination.)

HANDSHAKE 1. Link 16 Air Control NPG initiation between air control unit and

controlled aircraft.

2.\*\* Full motion video signal and data operative to receive-only

video receiver (ROVER)

HARD\* (LEFT, RIGHT,

direction)

High-G, energy sustaining turn in the indicated direction (default

is a 180 degree turn).

**HEADS UP** Alert of an activity of interest.

**HEAVY** A GROUP known to contain three or more individual entities.

**HIGH** CONTACT is greater than 40,000 ft MSL.

HIT(S) 1. Momentary radar return(s).

2. (altitude) (A/A) Indicates approximate target altitude (e.g.,

GROUP BULLSEYE 360/10, HITS 15 THOUSAND).

3. (A/S) Weapons impact within lethal distance.

**HOLD DOWN** Key transmitter for DF steer.

**HOLD FIRE** (S/A) An emergency fire control order to stop firing on a

designated target, to include destruction of any missiles in-flight.

**HOLDING HANDS** Aircraft in visual formation.

**HOLLOW** <u>1.</u> Any data link message not received.

2.\*\* Lost full motion video signal and/or data to ROVER.

3. **EXPECT HOLLOW\*\*** – A condition will likely exist that limits

ROVER reception (maneuvers, terrain, etc.).

**HOME PLATE** Home airfield or ship.

**HOOK** 1. (direction) Perform an in-place 180-degree turn.

2. (descriptor) Datalink directive call to cue sensors to

described A/S point (point of interest, SAM, markpoint, TN, etc.)

**HOOTER** (EW) Friendly Jammer.

HOSTILE\*

A contact identified as enemy upon which clearance to fire is

authorized in accordance with theater rules of engagement.

WARNING: the above use of hostile is used as a brevity term for air-to-air, and air-to-surface engagements and should not be

confused with the same term in TADIL and ROE.

**HOT** 1. Initiate(ing) a turn in the CAP toward the anticipated threats.

2. Defined area is expected to receive fire (enemy or friendly).

3. (A/S) Ordnance employment intended or completed.

4. CONTACT aspect stabilized at 160-180 degrees angle from

tail or 0 – 20 degrees angle from nose.

5. Intercept geometry will result in passing in front of the target.

**HOTDOG** (color)\*\* Friendly aircraft is approaching or is at a specified standoff

distance from the sovereign airspace of a nation (as defined by national boundaries or territorial sea and airspace). (Color may

indicate additional standoff distance.) Follow briefed procedures. \*(NOTE: NATO term is BRASS MONKEY)

**HOTEL FOX** HF radio.

**HOUNDOG** [NATO] (A/A) Call made by free fighter indicating that he is in a

position to employ weapons.

**HUSH** (EW) Execute emission control IAW emission control policy.

**HUSKY** (A/A) Active radar missile is at HPRF active range.

**ID** 1. Identify the target./track.

2. **(type)** Identification is accomplished, followed by type.

**IDLE** (A/S) Surface vehicles are stationary.

**IN (direction)** 1. (A/A) Turning toward a known threat. Opposite of OUT.

2. (A/S) Entering terminal phase of an air-to-ground attack. Opposite of OFF. (NOTE: NATO rules allow "IN HOT" call)

INDIA Mode IV IFF.

**IN PLACE (direction)** Perform indicated maneuver simultaneously.

**INTERROGATE** Interrogate the designated contact of the IFF mode indicated.

**INTERVENE** (A/A) Immediately divert a track of interest clear of a restricted or

prohibited area. (NOTE: NATO word is INTERVENE)

**IN THE DARK** Contact is in known radar blind zone.

INTRUDER An individual, unit or weapon system in or near an operational or

exercise area, which represents the threat of intelligence

gathering or disruptive activity.

**INVESTIGATE\*\*** Verify specified element(s) of ROE, PID, CDE, and/or

coordination of forces on the referenced target/track.

JACKAL Surveillance network participating group (NPG) of Link 16/TADIL

J.

**JAMMER** (EW) Non-friendly jammer.

JELLO Inverse synthetic aperture radar

JINK Perform an unpredictable maneuver to negate a tracking

solution.

JOKER Fuel state above BINGO at which separation/bugout/event

termination should begin.

**JUDY** (A/A) Aircrew has radar or visual contact on the correct target,

has taken control of the intercept and only requires situation

awareness information; Controller will minimize radio

transmissions.

**KICK (APPROPRIATE** 

FREQ)

Change radio or datalink to a specified net or frequency

KICK (Degrees L/R or

Heading) Add

Offset element away from threat in specified direction using

maximum performance profile.

KNOCK IT OFF Cease all air combat maneuvers/attacks/ activities/exercises

(training use only).

**LADDER** (A/A) Picture label with three or more groups on the same

azimuth but separated by range. Group names should be LEAD

GROUP, MIDDLE GROUP, TRAIL GROUP

**LAME DUCK** An aircraft in a minor state of emergency.

**LASER** Platform is capable to laser target designate

**LASER ON** Start/acknowledge laser designation.

**LASING** The speaker is firing the laser.

LAST Command and control (C2) term that provides the last contact

altitude from a high fidelity source (fighter radar, etc.).

**LEAD-TRAIL** (A/A) Inner GROUP formation of two contacts separated in

range.

**LEAKER(S)** (A/A) Airborne threat has passed through a defensive layer. Call

should include amplifying information.

<u>LEAN (direction)</u> Offset package/element in specified direction maintaining briefed

altitude, airspeed, and formation.

**LEVEL** (A/A) Contact is co-altitude (inter-flight call).

LIGHTS ON/OFF Turn on/off all exterior lights.

LIGHTBULB Turn all position lights to bright.

**LINE ABREAST** Inner GROUP formation of two or more contacts separated in

azimuth.

**LINER** [NATO] Fly at speed giving maximum cruising range.

LOCKED 1. (w/GROUP label) Radar lock-on; SORT is not assumed.

2. (w/position) Radar lock-on; correct targeting is not assumed.

**LONG RIFLE** (A/S) Friendly, long range A/S missile launch (e.g. AGM-130,

SLAM- ER). See (weapon) AWAY.

**LOOKING** Aircrew does not have the ground object, reference point, or

target in sight (opposite of CONTACT).

**LOST CONTACT** 1. Previous contact lost, provide target information.

Sensor information on a friendly aircraft is lost.

**LOWDOWN\*\*** A request to provide tactical ground information pertinent to the

mission in a digital bullseye format.

MADDOG (A/A) Visual AIM-120 launch.

MAGNUM (system/

location)

(A/S) Launch of friendly antiradiation missile.

**MANEUVER (AZIMUTH** (A/A) Specified GROUP is maneuvering in azimuth, range,

**/RANGE/ ALTITUDE)** and/or altitude.

MANFRED (EW) I am unable to operate (radar or emitter indicated) for

reasons of national security.

**MAPPING** (A/S) Multifunction radar in an A/G mode.

MARK 1. Record the location of a point/object of interest.

2. (A/S)(S/S) Spotting round (normally white phosphorus [WP] or illumination on the deck to indicate targets to aircraft, ground

troops, or fire support.

**MARKING** Friendly aircraft is leaving contrails.

**MARKPOINT** Datalink non-designated geographic point of interest.

MARSHAL(ING) Establish(ed) at a specific point.

MATCH SPARKLE Overlay IR Point

**MELD**\*\* (A/A) Bias radar coverage IAW briefed parameters.

MERGE(D) 1. (A/A) FRIENDLIES and targets have arrived in the visual

arena.

2. Radar returns have come together.

MICKEY HAVE QUICK time-of-day (TOD) signal.

MIDNIGHT C2 radar functions are unavailable due to degradation. Advisory

information is still available. Opposite of SUNRISE.

MILLER TIME (A/S) Completion of air-to-ground ordnance delivery. Generally

used by the last striker in conjunction with a pre-coordinated

egress plan.

MINIMIZE The radio frequency is becoming saturated, degraded or

jammed and briefer transmissions must follow.

MONITOR(ING)

1. Maintain(ing) sensor awareness on specified GROUP/object.

(GROUP/object) Implies that tactically significant changes will be communicated.

2.\* (AIR-MAR) Maintain contact/targeting information on a

maritime surface contact.

**MOTHER** (AIR-MAR) Parent ship.

**MOVE BURN (bearing)** (A/S) Move EO/IR illumination in specified direction. NOTE: Do

not use LEFT/RIGHT for moving a BURN.

**MOVER(S)** Unidentified surface vehicles(s) in motion.

MUD (type w/direction/ 1. RWR gr

range if able)

1. RWR ground threat displayed with no launch indication.

2. RWR indication of surface threat in track mode. See DIRT

and SINGER.

MUSIC Radar electronic deceptive jamming.

**NAILS (direction)** 1. RWR indication of AI radar in search.

2.\* (A/S) 2.75-inch flechette rockets.

NAKED No RWR indications.

**NEAR-FAR** (A/A) Fighter term depicting a radar-apparent description of two

or more contacts within a GROUP separated in range.

**NEGATIVE CONTACT** No sensor information is available on a friendly aircraft.

**NEGATIVE LASER** (A/S) Aircraft has not acquired Laser energy.

**NEW PICTURE** (A/A) Used by controller or aircrew when tactical picture has

changed. Supersedes all previous calls and re-establishes

picture for all players.

**NEUTRAL** A positively identified aircraft, ship, or ground position whose

characteristics, behavior, origin or nationality indicate that it is

neither supporting nor opposing FRIENDLY forces.

NO FACTOR Not a threat.

**NO JOY** Aircrew does not have visual contact with the

target/bandit/landmark. Opposite of TALLY.

**NOTCH(ING)** (A/A) Aircraft is in a defensive position. Maneuver(ing) with

(direction) reference to an air-to-air threat.

**OCCUPIED** Ground equipment present at tasked target location. Opposite

of VACANT.

**OFF (direction)** Attack is terminated and maneuvering to the indicated direction.

**OFFSET (direction)** Maneuver in a specified direction with reference to the target.

**ON STATION** Unit/aircraft has reached assigned station.

**OPENING** Increasing in separation.

**ORBIT(ING)** Hold(ing) on current or indicated position.

**OUT (direction)** Turn(ing) to a cold aspect relative to a known threat.

**OUTLAW** CONTACT has met point of origin criteria for ROE.

**PACKAGE** Geographically isolated collection of GROUPs.

PACMAN [NATO] Fighters have found the end of the threat formation and

are converting; given in range and bearing from the BULLSEYE

(e.g. "BLUE 4 is PACMAN 290/5").

**PADLOCKED** Aircrew cannot take eyes off an aircraft, ground target, or

surface position without risk of losing TALLY/VISUAL.

**PAINT(S)** An interrogated group/radar contact that is responding with any

of the specified IFF/SIF modes and correct codes established for

the ID criteria.

**PAN** Move the sensor in the indicated direction relative to the current

(LEFT/RIGHT/UP/DOWN) image.

PANCAKE [NATO] Land or I wish to land (reason may be specified, e.g.

PANCAKE AMMO, PANCAKE FUEL).

**PARROT** IFF/SIF transponder.

**PASSING** (A/A) Two GROUPs initially separated in range, decrease range

separation and are passing each other.

PEDRO [NATO] Rescue helicopter.

**PEEPSHOW\*\*** Perform non-traditional ISR on the referenced target/track.

**PICTURE** \* (A/A) A request to provide air information pertinent to the

mission in a digital bullseye format unless briefed otherwise

**PIG(S)** (A/S) Friendly glide weapon(s) (e.g. JSOW). See (weapon)

AWAY.

**PIGEONS** Magnetic bearing and range to HOMEPLATE.

<u>PILLOW</u> (EW) Pulse repetition interval.

**PINCE** (A/A) Threat maneuvering for a bracket attack.

PITBULL (A/A) AIM-120 is at MPRF active range.

PITCH/ PITCHBACK Execute a nose-high heading reversal.

LEFT/RIGHT

PLAYMATE Cooperating aircraft.

**PLAYTIME** Amount of time aircraft can remain on station, given in hours

plus minutes (e.g. ONE PLUS THIRTY equals one hour and

thirty minutes).

(freq) POGO (freq) Switch to communication channel number preceding POGO. If

unable to establish communications, switch to channel number following POGO. If no channel number follows POGO, return to

this channel.

**POINT** Datalink sensor point/track of interest.

**DROP POINT\*\*** – Data link target sorting message is no longer

needed/desired.

<u>HOLD POINT\*\*</u> - Maintain primary designated track (PDT) on the current track to maintain the datalink target sorting message.

TARGET POINT\*\* - Target the referenced datalink target sorting

message (Example: "IRON FOUR, TARGET IRON ONE'S

POINT").

POLAR BEAR [NATO] Friendly aircraft has VISUAL/contact on the FRIENDLY

(direction) PACKAGE and is joining.

**POP** 1. (A/S) Starting climb for A/S attack.

2. Max performance climb out of low-altitude structure.

**POPCORN** CSAR aircraft departing the landing zone (LZ). Usually followed

by number of recovered personnel, (e.g. "STING 1, POPCORN

PLUS 2")

**POPEYE** Flying in clouds or area of reduced visibility.

**POP-UP** 1. (A/A) GROUP that has suddenly appeared inside of briefed

range.

2. (S/A)\* Criteria used as a self-defense method, within the ROE, to protect friendly air defense elements from HOSTILE

aircraft.

**POSIT** Request for friendly position; response in terms of a geographic

landmark or from a common reference point.

**POST ATTACK** Desired direction/directives after completion of

(direction/directive) intercept/engagement.POST HOLE Rapid descending spiral.

**PRESS** Requested action is approved and mutual support will be

maintained.

**PRINT (type)** Active NCTR reply.

PULSE[b139] Illuminate(ing) an enemy position with flashing IR energy.

**PUMP** (A/A) A briefed maneuver to minimize closure on the threat or

geographical boundary with the intent to re-engage. Used to

initiate a Grinder tactic.

**PURE** (A/A) Pure pursuit is being used or directive to go pure pursuit.

**PUSH (channel)** Switch to designated frequency; no acknowledgment required.

**PUSHING** 1. Departing designated point.

2. (GROUP/descriptions) GROUP(S) have turned cold and will

continue to be monitored.

**QUAIL** Enemy air-/surface-launched cruise missile.

**RACKET** (EW) Intercepted electronic emission that has been assigned to

a number of the trackblock.

**RANGE** (A/A) A picture label describing two GROUPs separated in

distance along the same line of bearing. Groups names will be

LEAD GROUP / TRAIL GROUP.

RAYGUN (position/

heading/ altitude)

(A/A) Radar lock-on to unknown aircraft. A request for a BUDDY SPIKE reply from friendly aircraft meeting these

parameters.

**RED LIGHT** Time when search and rescue (SAR) aircraft is no longer SAR

capable.

REFERENCE

(direction)

Assume stated heading.

**RENEGADE** A civil platform that is assessed as operating in such a manner

as to raise suspicion that it might be used as a weapon to

perpetrate a terrorist attack.

**RENT** (EW) Report of characteristics of an intercepted signal.

**REPEAT\*\*** 1. (S/S) (during adjustment) Fire again using the same firing

data.

2. (S/S) (during fire for effect) Fire the same number of rounds

using the same method of fire for effect.

REPORTED (information)

Information provided is derived from an off-board source.

**RESET** Proceed to a pre-briefed position or area of operations.

**RESTAKE** Drive a new STAKE at the target centroid reported with direction

of travel and elevation. Initiated by aircrew.

**RESUME** Resume last formation/route/mission ordered.

**RETROGRADE(ING)** Withdraw(ing), while executing defensive procedures in

response to a threat,

**RIDER** A BOGEY that is complying with ACO/safe passage procedures.

**RIFLE** (A/S) Friendly air-to-surface missile launch.

**RIPPLE** (A/S) Two or more munitions released or fired in close

succession.

\*ROBBER A surface vessel that is identified as an enemy in accordance

with theater ID ctireria. The term does not necessarily imply

clearance to engage.

**ROGER** Radio transmission received; does not indicate compliance or

reaction.

**ROLEX** (+/- time) Time line adjustment in minutes always referenced from original

preplanned mission execution time. PLUS means later; MINUS

means earlier.

ROPE Circling an IR pointer around an aircraft to help the aircraft

identify the friendly ground position.

**ROTATOR** Moving Target Indicator (MTI) returns that signifies a high

probability of a rotating antenna.

**RUMBA** 1. \*Radar has detected jamming/mutual interference but has not

resolved the type.

2. [NATO] Own ship maneuvering for ranging.

**SADDLED** Wingman or element has returned to briefed formation position.

**SAM (direction)** Visual acquisition of a SAM in flight or a SAM launch, should

include position.

**SAME** Aircrew has the identical information as was just stated.

**SANDWICHED** Aircraft or element is between opposing aircraft or elements.

**SAUNTER** Fly at best endurance.

SCAN [NATO] Search sector indicated and report any contacts.

SCRAM\* (direction)

1. Friendly asset is in immediate danger. Withdraw clear in the

direction indicated for survival. No further mission support from

the friendly asset is expected.

2. Cease the intercept and take immediate evasive action.
Implies that the target aircraft is being engaged by SAMs or

other air defense fighters.

**SCRAMBLE** Takeoff as quickly as possible.

SCRUB MTI return that signifies a low slow airborne target

**SCUD** Any threat theater ballistic missile (TBM).

**SEPARATE(ING)** (A/A) Leaving a specific engagement; may or may not reenter.

**SEPARATION** Request for separation between two GROUPS. Response will

include the follow-on GROUP's separation, altitude, and fill-ins.

SET \_\_\_\_ 1. Set (or have set) a particular speed. May be in

knots/indicated or in Mach.

2.\*\* No longer slewing sensor and awaiting further updates.

**SHACKLE** One weave, a single crossing of flight paths; maneuver to adjust

or regain formation parameters.

**SHADOW** Follow indicated target.

**SHIFT (direction)** (A/S) Shift laser/IR/radar/device energy.

(NOTE: Can be used to shift from the offset position onto the target. Also used during multi aircraft attack to shift laser energy

to the next target.)

**SHOOTER** Aircraft/unit designated to employ ordnance.

**SHOPPING** An aircraft request to FAC/JTAC/C2 platform for a target.

SHOT\*\* (S/S) Round(s) has(ve) been fired.

**SHOTGUN** Pre-briefed weapons state.

(system) SICK\*\* System indicated is degraded/partially operative. Cancelled by

SWEET

**SIDE-SIDE** (A/A) Fighter term depicting a radar-apparent description of two

or more CONTACTs within a GROUP separated in azimuth.

(system) SILENT 1. (time) System will be unavailable for time indicated.

2. Datalink is, or should be placed, in receive only.

3. [NATO] (EW) Broadcast station is not transmitting. May also be used as an order and must be followed by a frequency or station designator. If possible it should be followed by an

estimated time of return to the air.

SINGER RWR indication of SAM launch. NOTE: Not a current NATO

(type/direction)\*\* brevity word.

**SINGLE** One GROUP, CONTACT, etc.

**SKATE** (A/A) Execute(ing) launch-and-leave tactics.

**SKINNY** Current survivor coordinates.

SKIP IT Veto of fighter COMMIT, usually followed with further directions.

SKOSH (A/A) Aircraft is out of/or unable to employ active radar missiles.

SKUNK A maritime surface contact that has not yet been identified.

SLAPSHOT (A/S) Immediately employ a best available HARM against a

(type/bearing) specified threat at the specified bearing.

SLICE/ SLICEBACK Perform a high-G descending turn in the stated direction, usually

(LEFT/RIGHT) 180-degree turn.

SLIDE Continue(ing) present mission while flowing from station in

response to perceived threat, implies intent to RESET.

**SLIP(PING)** (A/S) Time delay to individual flight/element event.

SLOPE (EW) Pulse repetition frequency.

**SLOW** Contact with ground speed of 150-400 knots.

SMACK\*\* (A/S)(S/S) Clearance to employ ordnance/fires on surface

target coordinates. ROE, PID, CDE, coordination of forces, and Commander's Guidance requirements on the referenced target/track have been satisfied and coordinate accuracy is

sufficient for GPS weapon employment.

**SMASH (ON/OFF)** Turn on/off anti-collision lights.

SMOKE (A/S) Smoke marker used to mark a position.

SNAKE (A/S) Oscillate an IR pointer about a target.

**SNAP** 1. (A/A) Fighter request for immediate BRAA call (with

appropriate fill-ins) to the group described. Indicates fighter

intent to intercept/join.

2. (heading) Urgent directive call to turn to a heading.

**SNAPLOCK (BRAA)** (A/A) Fighter has obtained a radar contact inside briefed range,

aspect, or radar mode.

**SNEAKER** (EW) An intelligence-gathering vessel.

**SNIFF\*\*** (type) (EW) Passive sensor indication of a radar emitter.

SNIPER (type, location (A

[range, bearing]) specified threat at the specified location.

(A/S) Aircraft to employ a range-known HARM against a

**SNOOZE** <u>Initiate(ing) EMCON procedures. Opposite of ALARM.</u>

**SORT** Assignment of responsibility within a GROUP; criteria can be

met visually, electronically (radar), or both.

**SORTED** Sort responsibility within a GROUP has been met.

**SOUR** (Opposite of SWEET).

1. (mode/type)\* Invalid/no response to an administrative

IFF/SIF check.

2. (link name) (e.g. " TIMBER SOUR ") Potential problems with

net entry; initiates pre-mission link troubleshooting.

3. Equipment indicated is not operating efficiently

SPADES An interrogated group/radar contact that lacks all of the ATO (or

equivalent) IFF/SIF modes and codes required for the ID criteria.

SPARKLE 1. (A/S) Mark(ing) target by IR pointer.

2. (A/S) Target marking by gunship/ FAC-A using incendiary

rounds.

3. Platform is capable to IR Point

**SPIKE(D) (direction)** RWR indication of an AI threat in track or launch.

**SPIN** Execute(ing) a timing/spacing maneuver.

**SPITTER (direction)** (A/A) An aircraft that has departed from the engagement or is

departing the engaged fighter's targeting responsibility.

**SPLASH(ED)** 1. (A/A) Target destroyed.

2. (A/S) Weapons impact.

3.\* (S/S) Informative call to observer or spotter five seconds

prior to estimated time of impact.

**SPLIT** Flight member is leaving formation to pursue a separate attack;

VISUAL may not be maintained.

**SPOOFER** (EW) An entity employing electronic or tactical deception

measures.

**SPOOFING** Voice deception is being employed.

**SPOT** 1. (A/S) Acquisition of laser designation.

2. Platform is LST capable.

**SQUAWK (mode/code)** Operate IFF/SIF as indicated or IFF/SIF is operating as

indicated.

**SQUAWKING (mode #)** BOGEY is responding with an IFF/SIF mode or code other than

that prescribed by the ATO/identification criteria.

**STACK\*** (A/A) Two or more CONTACTs within GROUP criteria with an

altitude separation in relation to each other.

**STAKE**<u>1.</u> Reference point for A/S targeting operations.

2. A full motion video system mark has been set and is used as

a frame of reference.

1. More information is coming **STANDBY** 

> 2. (A/A)(GROUP) Eyeball fighter is preparing to call visual identification (VID) of target aircraft. No radio transmissions should be made until either ID is made or the eyeball fighter

calls "unable VID."

STARE (w/ laser code

Cue the laser spot search/tracker function on the specified laser and reference point) code in relation to the specified reference point. Reference point

may include the following: INS steerpoint, GEOREF, bearing

and range or datalink point.

1. Request for an individual's tactical situation. **STATUS** 

2. (GROUP) Request for a full positional update.on a specified

group(default is digital bullseye).

STEADY (A/S) Stop oscillation of IR pointer.

STERN (A/A) Requests for, or directive to, intercept using STERN

geometry.

STINGER 1. (A/A) Three-ship inner GROUP formation with two lead

CONTACTs line abreast and the SINGLE in trail.

2.\* (S/A) An IR man portable air defense system (MANPADS).

STOP\* 1. (A/S) Stop IR illumination of a target.

2. (BURN) (A/S) Directive call to stop IR/EO illumination of a

target.

STRANGER Unidentified traffic that is not a participant with the action in

progress.

STRANGLE () Turn off equipment indicated.

(A/A) Numerical strength of a TRACK/GROUP. <u>STRENGTH</u>

STRIPPED Aircraft is out of prebriefed formation. STROBE(S) (bearing) Radar indication(s) of noise jamming.

SUNRISE C2 radar functions are available. Opposite of MIDNIGHT.

SUNSHINE (A/S) Illuminating target with artificial illumination.

SUPER Speed 600kts / 1.0M or greater.

**SUPPORTING** Speaking unit or element is assuming a supporting role, is in a

position to influence the outcome, assumes deconfliction

responsibility.

**SWEET** (Opposite of SOUR; cancels SICK, BENT)

1. (mode/type)\* Valid response to an administrative IFF/SIF

check request.

2. (link name). (e.g. TIMBER SWEET) Confirms receipt of

datalink information.

<u>3</u>. Equipment indicated is operating efficiently

SWEPT (w/subcardinal direction)\*\* (A/A) Inner GROUP formation with the trailer displaced

approximately 45 degrees behind the leader.

**SWITCH** (item)\*\* 1. Switch the setting on the referenced item.

2. (CAMERA) Switch full motion video to EO or IR.

**3. (POLARITY)** Switch IR polarity to black hot or white hot.

**SWITCHED** (A/A) Attacker is changing from one aircraft to another.

**TAG (system, location)** (EW) Response to an emitter ambiguity resolution request

(COLOR).

**TALLY** Sighting of a target, non-friendly aircraft, landmark, or enemy

position. Opposite of NO JOY.

**TARGET ()** 1. Assignment of targeting responsibilities.

2. (A/S)(S/S) ROE, PID, coordination of forces, and Commander's Guidance requirements on the referenced target/track have been satisfied. Target/track correlation and CDE must be accomplished prior to employing ordnance/fires.

**TARGETED** GROUP responsibility has been met.

**TEN SECONDS** (A/S) Standby for LASER ON call in approximately 10 seconds.

**TERMINATE** 1. (A/S) Stop laser illumination of a target.

2. In training, cease local engagement without affecting the

overall exercise.

**THREAT (direction)** (A/A) Untargeted HOSTILE/BANDIT/ BOGEY is within a briefed

range of a friendly aircraft.

**THROTTLES** (A/A) Reminder to set throttles appropriately considering the IR

threat and desired energy state.

**THUNDER** (A/S) One minute until A/S weapons impact. **TIED** Positive radar contact with element or aircraft.

TIGER Enough fuel and ordnance to accept a commitment.

TIMBER Link 16 network.

TIMBER CHANNEL Stacked net within a Link 16 Network.

TIMECHECK Check/change IFF code.

**TOGGLE** Execute a briefed change of an avionics setting.

**TOY** HARM targeting system (HTS) pod.

**TRACK (direction)** GROUP/CONTACT's direction of flight/movement.

TRACKING IR lock-on.

(system) TRACKING Enemy air defense system is maintaining situational awareness

on FRIENDLY.

TRACK NUMBER (#) Datalink information file.

TRASHED Missile has been defeated.

**TRAVEL** [NATO] (EW) Change radar frequency.

TRESPASS (system,

position)

The addressed flight is entering the threat SAM ring of a specific (system) at the stated location.

**TUMBLEWEED**I have limited situational awareness, (i.e., NO JOY, BLIND) and

request information.

**UNABLE** Cannot comply as requested or directed.

**UNIFORM** UHF/AM radio.

**VACANT** Ground equipment not present at tasked target location.

Opposite of OCCUPIED.

**VAMPIRE** Hostile anti-ship missile.

**VECTOR** Alter heading to magnetic heading indicated. (Use of true

headings to be established before operation commences).

VERY FASTTarget speed greater than 900 knots / 1.5 MachVERY LOWTarget altitude less than 1,000 feet above surface.

**VERY SLOW** Target speed less than 150 kts.

**VIC** (A/A) Picture label with three groups with the single closest in

range and two groups, azimuth split, in trail. \*Group names should be LEAD GROUP and NORTH TRAIL GROUP and SOUTH TRAIL GROUP or EAST TRAIL GROUP and WEST

TRAIL GROUP.

VICTOR VHF/AM radio.

**VISUAL** Sighting of a friendly aircraft or ground position. Opposite of

BLIND.

**WALL** (A/A) Picture label with three or more groups primarily split in

azimuth. Group names should be NORTH GROUP, MIDDLE GROUP, SOUTH GROUP or WEST GROUP, MIDDLE GROUP,

EAST GROUP.

WARNING (color) Hostile attack is:

(RED) Imminent or in progress.

(YELLOW) Probable. (WHITE) Improbable.

**WEAPONS ()** (S/A) Fire only:

1. (FREE) - at targets not identified as FRIENDLY IAW current

ROE.

2. (TIGHT) - at targets positively identified as HOSTILE IAW

current ROE.

3. (HOLD/SAFE) - in self-defense or in response to a formal

order.

WEDGE\*\* Three-ship inner GROUP formation with a single CONTACT

closest in range and two trail CONTACTs line abreast.

WEIGHTED (cardinal

direction)

Multiple GROUP formation (WALL, LADDER, VIC,

CHAMPAGNE) that is offset in one direction.

**WHAT LUCK** Request for results of missions or tasks.

WHAT STATE Request for amount of fuel and missiles remaining. Response to

WHAT STATE is-1. (US response)\*

(1st number) number of active radar missiles remaining. (2nd number) number of semi-active radar missiles remaining.

(3rd number) number of IR missiles remaining.

(MINUS) No gun/ not sufficient ammunition for gun attack.

BY

**(4th number)** thousands of pounds of fuel (given to one decimal point), or time remaining. Example response to WHAT STATE: "BLUE TWO IS 3-1-2 BY 7 POINT 5" is equivalent to 3 AIM-120s, 1 AIM-7, 2 AIM-9s, gun with ammunition, and 7,500 lbs of

fuel remaining.

2. (item) Ammunition and oxygen are reported only when

specifically requested or critical.

**WIDE** (A/A) Separation between the farthest GROUPs in azimuth in a

relative formation of three or more groups, used to describe a

WALL, VIC, CHAMPAGNE, or BOX.

**WINCHESTER** No ordnance remaining.

**WOOFER** [NATO] (EW) Off board active radar decoy.

**WORDS** Directive or interrogative call regarding further information or

directives pertinent to the mission.

WORKING 1. (system w/location) Platform gathering EOB on a designated

emitter.

2. Platform executing EID on a specific aircraft/group to obtain

identification necessary for BVR employment.

YARDSTICK Use A/A TACAN for ranging.

**ZAP** Request for data link information.

**ZIPLIP** Limit transmissions to critical information only (See MINIMIZE).

#### ZOOM (IN/OUT)

Increase/decrease the sensor's focal length. NOTE: ZOOM IN/OUT is normally followed by "ONE, TWO, THREE or FOUR" to indicate the number of FOVs to change.

#### Chapter IIIChapter II

#### **CATAGORY SYNOPSIS**

#### 1. GENERAL AIR OPERATIONS

**CONTACT** 

Note:(General operating terms for aircrew and units that operate with aircraft) [N] = NATO brevity word

**ABORT CONTINUE JOKER SADDLED** KNOCK IT OFF SAM ACTION CRUISE [N] ALFA CHECK **CYCLOPS LAST SAME ALARM DASH LEAN SANDWICHED DEPLOY** ANCHOR(ED) LINER [N] SAUNTER ANGELS DIRT MARKING SCAN [N] **ANYFACE DIVERT** MARSHAL(ING) **SCRAM** AS FRAGGED **ECHO MICKEY SCRAMBLE** AUTHENTICATE **ESTIMATE MIDNIGHT SCRUB** AUTOCAT **FADED MINIMIZE SCUD BASE** FEET WET/DRY **MOTHER** SET **BANDIT FENCE** MUSIC SHACKLE **BEAD WINDOW** FLARE(S) **NEGATIVE SHADOW BENT FLASH CONTACT SHOTGUN BINGO FLAVOR** NO FACTOR SICK **BITTERSWEET FLOAT** NO JOY **SILENT** FOX MIKE **BLIND** (system) OKAY SLICE/ **BOGEY FRIENDLY SLICEBACK** ORBIT(ING) BRAA **OUTLAW** GADABOUT [N] SKUNK **BREAK GADGET** PADLOCKED **SNOOZE BREAKAWAY GATE** PAINT(S) **SOUR GINGERBREAD** PANCAKE [N] **BROADCAST SPIN BUGOUT GO ACTIVE PARROT SPADES BULLSEYE GO CLEAR PIGEONS SPOOFING** BUSTER **GO SECURE** PITCH / **SOUAWK** BUTTON **GOODWILL** PITCHBACK **SQUAWKING BUZZER GREEN PLAYMATE STATUS** CAP/CAPPING **GREYHOUND PLAYTIME STRANGER** CAV-OK HARD POGO **STRIPPED CEASE HEADS UP** POLAR BEAR[N] **STROBES ENGAGEMENT** POP **SUNRISE** HIT(S) **CEASE FIRE HOLDING HANDS** POPEYE **SWEET CHATTERMARK HOLD FIRE POSIT TALLY CHECK HOME PLATE PRESS TERMINATE CHERUBS** HOOK **PUSH** TIED CHICKS HOSTILE PUSHING **TIGER CLEAN HOTDOG** REFERENCE **TIMECHECK CLEARED HOTEL FOX** REPORTED **TRACKING** COLD ID RESET TRESPASS **COMEBACK** IN PLACE **TUMBLEWEEDU** RESUME RETROGRADE **CONFETTI INDIA NABLE** CONS/CONNING **INTRUDER VAMPIRE** RIDER

### DRAFT for WORLD WIDE REVIEW

**ROGER** 

**VECTOR** 

**JINK** 

VISUAL WARNING RED, YELLOW, WHITE WEEDS WELL WHAT LUCK WHAT STATE WILCO WINCHESTER WORDS

YARDSTICK ZIPLIP

#### 2. AIR-TO-AIR

Note: (General air-to-air employment terms for fighters and controllers

ACTION	CONS/CONNING	HARD	NEGATIVE	
ABORT	CONTACT	HEADS UP	CONTACT	
ACTION	CONTAINER	HEAVY	NEW PICTURE	
ALARM	CONTINUE	HIGH	NO FACTOR	
ALFA CHECK	COVER	HIT(S)	NO JOY	Ī
ANCHOR(ED)	CRANK	HOLDING	NOTCH(ING)	•
ANGELS	CROSSING	HANDS	OFF	
ARM	CRUISE	HOLD FIRE	ON STATION	
AZIMUTH	CUTOFF	HOOK	OPENING	
BASE	CYCLOPS	HOSTILE	OUT	
BANDIT	DASH	НОТ	OUTLAW	
BANZAI	DECLARE	HOUNDOG	PACKAGE	
BEAM	DEEP	[NATO]	PACMAN [NATO]	
BEARING	DELOUSE	HUSKY	PADLOCKED	
BITTERSWEET	DEFENSIVE	ID	PAINT(S)	
BLIND	DEPLOY	IN	PARROT	
BLOWTHROUGH	DRAG	IN PLACE	PASSING	
BOGEY	DROP(PING)	INDIA	PICTURE	
BOGEY DOPE	DUCK [N]	INTERROGATE	PITBULL	
BOX	ECHELON	<u>INTERVENE</u>	PITCH /	
BRAA	ECHO	INVESTIGATE	PITCHBACK	
BRACKET	ENGAGED	JINK	PINCE	
BREAK	ESTIMATE	JUDY	PITBULL	
BROADCAST	EXTEND(ING)	KILL	PLAYMATE	
BROKE LOCK	EYEBALL	KNOCK IT OFF	POLAR BEAR	
BUDDY LOCK	FADED	LADDER	POP	
BUDDY SPIKE	FAST	LAST	POP-UP	
BUGOUT	FLANK	LEAD-TRAIL	POPEYE	
BULLSEYE	FLARE	LEAKER(S)	POSIT	
BUSTER	FLASH	LEAN	POST HOLE	
CAP/CAPPING	FLASHLIGHT	LEVEL	PRESS	
CEASE	FLOAT	LINE ABREAST	PRINT (type)	
<b>ENGAGEMENT</b>	FLOW	LINER [N]	PUMP	
CEASE FIRE	FOX THREE	LOCKED	PURE	
CHAMPAGNE	2ND FOX THREE	LOW	PUSH	
CHEAPSHOT	FOX 3 (X)-SHIP	MADDOG	PUSHING	
CHECK	FRIENDLY	MANEUVER	<u>QUAIL</u>	
CHERUBS	FURBALL	MARKING	RANGE	-
CHICKS	GADGET	MARSHAL(ING)	RAYGUN	
CLEAN	GATE	MEDIUM	REPORTED	
CLEARED	GIMBALL	MERGE(D)	RESET	
CLOSING	GOPHER	MIDNIGHT	RESUME	
COLD	GORILLA	MONITOR(ING)	RETROGRADE	
COMEBACK	GRAND SLAM	MUSIC	RIDER	
COMMIT	GREEN	NAILS	RUMBA	
COMPOSITION	GROUP	NAKED	SADDLED	
CONFETTI	GUNS	NEAR-FAR	SANDWICHED	

SAUNTER	SLOW	STATUS	TIGER
SCRAM	SNAP	STERN	TRACK
SCRAMBLE	SNAPLOCK	STINGER	TRASHED
SCRUB	SNIFF	STRANGER	TUMBLEWEED
SEPARATE(ING)	SNOOZE	STRANGLE	VERY FAST
SEPARATION	SORT	STRIPPED	VIC
SHACKLE	SORTED	STROBES	VISUAL
SHADOW	SOUR	SUNRISE	WALL
SHOOTER	SPADES	SWEET	WEDGE
SHOTGUN	SPIKE(D)	SWITCHED	WEIGHTED
SIDE-SIDE	SPIN	TACTICAL	WHAT LUCK
SILENT	SPITTER	TALLY	WHAT STATE
SINGLE	SPLASH(ED)	TARGET	WIDE
SKATE	SPLIT	TARGETED	WINCHESTER
SKIP IT	SPOOFER	TERMINATE	WORKING
SKOSH	SQUAWK	THREAT	YARDSTICK
SLICE/SLICEBACK	SQUAWKING	THROTTLES	
SLIDE	STACK	TIED	

#### 3. AIR-TO-SURFACE

Note: (Terms for general air-to-surface employment for attack aircraft and controllers)

ABORT	CONTINUE	LOW DOWN	RIPPLE
ATTACK(ING)	DRY	LEAN	ROLEX
(weapon) AWAY	DANGER CLOSE	MAGNUM	SCAN
BRACKET	DIVERT	MAPPING	SCUD
BRUISER	ENGAGE	MARK	SKUNK
BUMP/BUMP-UP	GREYHOUND	MILLER TIME	SLIPPING
CAPTURED	HIT(S)	MONITOR(ING)	<b>SMACK</b>
CLEARED HOT	HOT	NO JOY	SPLASH(ED)
COLD	IN	OCCUPIED	TALLY
COMEOFF	<u>INVESTIGATE</u>	OFF	<b>TARGET</b>
CONTACT	KILL	PIG(S) AWAY	THUNDER
CONTINUE	LONG RIFLE	POP	VACANT
	LOOKING	RIFLE	VISUAL

#### 4. CLOSE AIR SUPPORT (CAS)

ATTACK(ING)	CLEARED TO	ENGAGE	RIFLE
ATTACK	ENGAGE	HIT(S)	<b>SMOKE</b>
COMPLETE	COLD	HOT	SPARKLE
(weapon) AWAY	COME OFF	IN	STOP
BUMP/BUMP-UP	CONTACT	LONG RIFLE	THUNDER
CAPTURED	CONTINUE	LOOKING	
CLEARED	CONTINUE DRY	OFF	

#### 5. COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE (CSAR/SAR)

CLEARED HOT DANGER CLOSE

FLASHLIGHT	MARK	PEDRO [N]	<b>RED LIGHT</b>
HOLD DOWN	MILLER TIME	POPCORN	SKINNY

**OFFSET** 

#### 6. LASERS

CONTACT	NEGATIVE	SPLASH(ED)
DEADEYE	LASER	SPOT
DIAMONDS	PULSE	STARE
LASER ON	SHIFT (direction)	TEN SECONDS
LASING	SPARKLE	TERMINATE
	DEADEYE DIAMONDS LASER ON	DEADEYE LASER DIAMONDS PULSE LASER ON SHIFT (direction)

#### 7. BASIC NVD/IR/ILLUMINATION

**BURN FLASHLIGHT NEGATIVE SPARKLE CLOAK** FREEZE BURN LASER **STEADY ROPE DEADEYE** LIGHTBULB **STOP** SHIFT (direction) DIAMONDS LIGHTS ON/OFF STOP BURN **SMASH EYEBALL MOVE BURN SUNSHINE SNAKE** FLASH (system) (bearing)

#### 8. DATA LINKS

Note: (Terms for surveillance, air control, and tactical aircraft data links)

**JACKAL ALLIGATOR DATA TAG BEANSTALK DIRTY TARGET MARKPOINT** BLOTTER DOLLY POINT TIMBER **CHECKPRINT** HANDSHAKE **SORT TRACK** NUMBER (#) (track#) **HOLLOW** SOUR (link name) **COLOR** SWEET (link name) ZAP HOOK (descriptor)

#### 9. JSTARS

DETAILS MOVERS SCRUB
IDLE RESTAKE SHOPPING
LOWDOWN ROTATOR STAKE

#### 10. MARITIME AIR OPERATIONS

BULLRING FAKER MONITOR(ING) SKUNK
CHARLIE FATHER PANCAKE
DELTA()() FUEL STATE ROBBER

#### 11. BASIC SEAD/SIGINT/EW INTEGRATION

(system) ACTIVE	DUFFER	RENT	SPLASH(ED)
ADD	EMPTY	RETROGRADE	SPOOFER
(system/category)	FAN_TACK_ [N]	ROTATOR	TAG
ALLIGATOR	FEELER [N]	SAM	THUNDER
ARIZONA	FERRET [N]	SCRAM	TOY
BAY [N]	GENIE	SLAPSHOT	(system)
CANDYGRAM	HOLLOW	SINGER	TRACKING
CLAM [N]	LOWDOWN	SLIDE	TRESPASS
COLOR	MAGNUM	<u>SLOPE</u>	WOOFER
DATA	MUD	SNEAKER[N]	[NATO]
(system) DOWN	<u>PILLOW</u>	SNIFF	WORKING
DROP (PING)	RACKET	SNIPER	ZAP

#### 12. SURFACE-TO-AIR

Note: Terms for surface-to-air units for coordination and deconfliction.

ABORT	<u>DIRT</u>	SCRAM	VAMPIRE
BIRD	ENGAGE	SCRUB	VERY FAST
BIRD(S) AFFIRM	FADED	SLOW	WARNING
BIRDS AWAY	FEET WET/DRY	SOUR	RED
BIRD(S) NEGAT	FRIENDLY	SPADES	YELLOW
BITTERSWEET	GADGET	SPLASH(ED)	WHITE
CEASE	GRANDSLAM	SPOOFING	WEAPONS
ENGAGEMENT	GREYHOUND	SQUAWKING	FREE
CEASE FIRE	HIGH	<u>STRENGTH</u>	TIGHT
CHERUBS	HOLD FIRE	STRANGLE	HOLD/SAFE
CONTACT	LEAKER(S)	SWEET	WINCHESTER
CONTINUE	RESET	TRACKING	
COVER	RIDER	UNABLE	

#### 13. SURFACE-TO-SURFACE

BULLDOG	CHECK FIRE	HOLD FIRE	SHOT	
CEASE	DANGER CLOSE	LASER ON	SPLASH(ED)	
<b>ENGAGEMENT</b>	GO ACTIVE	LASING		
CEASE FIRE	GO CLEAR	MARK		
CEASE LASER	GREYHOUND	REPEAT		

#### 14. NATO-SPECIFIC TERMS

BAY	(EWAN_TACK_	(E <b>W</b> ANCAKE	SCAN (AIR-GEN	
<b>BEANSTALK</b>	(Datalika)R	(EW()AIR-GEN /AIR-MAR)	/AIR-MAR)	
BLOTTER	(E <b>W</b> ERRET	(E <b>W</b> EDRO	SNEAKER	(EW)
CLAM	(E <b>W</b> )ADABOUT	(AIR GERSAR)	TRAVEL	(EW)
CRUISE	(AIROGENDOG	(A/ROLAR BEAR	WOOFER	(EW)
DUCK	(AKRHCHIN)LD	(AIR-GEN)		
FAKER	(AIRAMIMIA)N	(A/S, A/A)		

#### **Glossary**

A

A/A air-to-air

AAA anti-aircraft artillery
AGL above ground level
AGM air-to-ground missile
AI air interdiction/air intercept

AIC air intercept control
AIM air intercept missile
AM amplitude modulation
AO area of operations
ARM anti-radiation missiles
A/S air-to-surface

ASCM anti-ship cruise missiles
ASM anti-ship missile
ATM air tasking message
ATO air tasking order

**AWACS** airborne warning and control system

B

**BRAA** bearing, range, altitude, and aspect

**BVR** beyond visual range

 $\mathbf{C}$ 

C2 command and control
CAP combat air patrol

**CSAR** combat search and rescue

D

**DF** direction finding**DR** decision range

 $\mathbf{E}$ 

ECM electronic countermeasures
EID electronic identification

EMCON emission control
EO electro optical

EOB electronic order of battle
EW electronic warfare

F

F-POLE distance between shooter and target at impact

FAC-A forward air controller-airborne

FT feet

FM frequency modulation

G

GCI ground control intercept
GEOREF geographical reference
GLINT gated laser intensifier

H

**HARM** high-speed anti-radiation missile

**HF** high frequency **HIGH-G** high gravity

HPRF high pulse repetition frequencyHTS HARM targeting systemHVAA high value airborne assets

I

IAW in accordance with

ICAO International Civil Aviation Organization

**ID** identification

IDM improved data modemIFF identification, friend or foeINS inertial navigation system

IR infrared

J

JTAC joint terminal attack controller

**JSOW** joint stand-off weapon

L

LOS line of sight LZ landing zone

M

MALDminiature air launch decoyMARminimum abort rangeMEZmissile engagement zone

MFDF medium frequency direction finding
MPRF medium pulse repetition frequency

MSL mean sea level

MTI moving target indicator

N

NCTR noncooperative target recognition

NM nautical mile

**NPG** network participation group

**NVD** night vision device

O

**OPTASK** operational tasking

P

PPI plan position indicator
PRF pulse repetition frequency

PZ pickup zone

R

ROE rules of engagement
RWR radar warning receiver

 $\mathbf{S}$ 

S/A surface-to-air

**SAM** surface-to-air missile

SEAD suppression of enemy air defenses
SIF selective identification feature

S/S surface-to surface

T

TACAN tactical air navigation
TAD tactical air direction

TADIL tactical digital information link
TALD tactical air-launched decoy
TBM tactical/theater ballistic missile
TIDS tactical imagery dissemination system

TLAM Tomahawk land-attack missile

TN track number
TOD time of day
TOT time on target

 $\mathbf{U}$ 

UAV unmanned aerial vehicle
UHF ultra high frequency

 $\mathbf{V}$ 

VHF very high frequency

 $\mathbf{W}$ 

**WP** white phosphorus

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