

# Glossary

AAA	Antiaircraft artillery
AAF	Army Air Forces
AAR	After action report
Abn	Airborne
ACIGS	Assistant Chief, Imperial General Staff
Admin	Administrative
ADSEC	Advance Section
AEAF	Allied Expeditionary Air Force
AEF	Allied Expeditionary Force
AF	Air Force
AFA	American Forces in Action
AGF	Army Ground Forces
AGp	Army Group
AGWAR	Adjutant General, War Department
Ammo	Ammunition
ANCXF	Allied Naval Commander Expeditionary Force
<i>Anlage(n)</i>	Appendix or annex
ANVIL	The plan for the Allied invasion of southern France
Armd	Armored
Arty	Artillery
Avn	Aviation
AW	Automatic weapons
BAOR	British Army Operations Records
BAR	Browning automatic rifle
BCT	Battalion combat team
Bd	Board
BLUECOAT	British Second Army attack south from Caumont, beginning on 29 July 1944
Bn	Battalion
Br	Branch; British
C	Combat
Cav	Cavalry
CB	Combat battalion
CCA	Combat Command A
CCB	Combat Command B
CCR	Combat Command R
CCS	Combined Chiefs of Staff
CG	Commanding General
CI	Combat Interviews

CIGS	<i>Chief, Imperial General Staff</i>
CinC	Commander in Chief
Circ	Circulation
Cml	Chemical
CO	Commanding Officer
Co	Company
COBRA	First Army plan and operation to penetrate the German defenses in the Cotentin by the combination of concentrated power on the ground and overwhelming bombardment from the air; the breakthrough starting 25 July
CofS	Chief of Staff
Comd	Command
Comdr	Commander
COMZ	Communications Zone
Conf	Conference
Contl	Control
COSSAC	Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander (designate)
CP	Command post
CROSSBOW	The Allied air attacks by heavy bombers on the launching sites for the German V-1 weapons
Dept	Department
Dir	Directive
Div	Division
Doc	Document
DRAGOON	The plan for the Allied invasion of southern France, code name that replaced ANVIL
DSC	Distinguished Service Cross
ECB	Engineer combat battalion
Engr	Engineer
ESB	Engineer special brigade
Est	Estimate
ETHINT	European Theater Historical Interview of former German military personnel
ETOUSA	European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army
EUCOM	European Command
FA	Field artillery
FFI	<i>Forces Françaises de l'Intérieur</i> (French Forces of the Interior)
Flak	Antiaircraft
Fld	Field
FO	Field Order

## FORTITUDE

	Allied deception operations designed to convince the Germans of an invasion of western Europe in the Pas-de-Calais area
FUSA	First U.S. Army
G-1	Personnel section of division or higher staff
G-2	Intelligence section of division or higher staff
G-3	Operations section of division or higher staff
G-4	Logistics and Supply section of division or higher staff
Gen	General
GOODWOOD	British Second Army plan and operation, south of Caen, 18 July 1944
Gp	Group
HE	High-explosive
Hist	Historical
Hosp	Hospital
Hq	Headquarters
IG	Inspector General
Immed	Immediate
Incl	Inclosure
Inf	Infantry
Info	Information
Instr	Instruction
Intel	Intelligence
Interv	Interview
I.S.I.S.	Inter-Service Information Series
Jnl	Journal
JPS	Joint Staff Planners
Jt	Joint
King Tigers	German heavy tanks
KTB	<i>Kriegstagebuch</i> (war dairy)
Ltr	Letter
LVT (1)	Landing Vehicle, Tracked, Unarmored (Mark I) "Alligator"
MC	Medical Corps
Mecz	Mechanized
Mil	Military
Min	Minutes
MIRS	Military Intelligence Research Section
MLR	Main line of resistance
Msg	Message
Mtg	Meeting
NCWTF	Naval Commander Western Task Force
Nebelwerfer	Rocket projector or chemical mortar

**NEPTUNE**

The plan for the invasion of western Europe, used for security reasons after September 1943 in place of OVERLORD

***Oberbefehlshaber West***

Highest ground headquarters of the Western Front

Supreme Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces

***OB WEST***  
***Oberbefehlshaber West******Oberster Befehlshaber der Deutschen Wehrmacht***

Objs

Objectives

Obs

Observation

OCMH

Office of the Chief of Military History

OKH

*Oberkommando des Heeres* (Army High Command)

OKL

*Oberkommando der Luftwaffe* (Air Force High Command)

OKM

*Oberkommando der Kriegsmarine* (Navy High Command)

OKW

*Oberkommando der Wehrmacht* (Armed Forces High Command)

OMAHA

The Normandy beach assaulted by the U.S. V Corps on 6 June 1944

ONI

Office of Naval Intelligence

OP

Observation post

Opn (s)

Operation (s)

Ord

Ordnance

OVERLORD

Plan for the invasion of western Europe in 1944 designed to secure for the Allies the lodgment area bounded by the Seine, Eure, and Loire Rivers

Panther

German Mark V tank

*Panzerfaust*

Recoilless German antitank rocket, hand-carried

Per

Periodic

Plng

Planning

POL

Petrol, oil, and lubricants

Prog

Progress

PS

Planning staff

PWI

Prisoner of war interrogation

Pz

*Panzer*

QMG

Quartermaster General

RAF

Royal Air Force

Rcd

Record

RCT

Regimental combat team

Recon

Reconnaissance

Regt

Regiment

Rev

Revised

Rhinos	Rhinoceros attachments to cut hedgerows
Rpt	Report
S-3	Operations and training section of a unit not having a general staff
SC	Supreme Commander
SCAEF	Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Force
SCR	Signal Corps radio
Sec	Section
Secy	Secretary
Serv	Service
SGS	Secretary, General Staff
SHAEF	Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expedition- ary Force
Sig	Signal
Sitrep	Situation report
SOP	Standing operating procedure
SP	Self-propelled
Spec	Special
Sq	Squadron
SS	<i>Shutzstaffel</i> (Elite Guard)
TAC	Tactical Air Command
TD	Tank destroyer
Tel	Telephone
Telecon	Telephone conversation
Telg	Telegram
TF	Task force
Tiger	German Mark VI (heavy tank)
Tk	Tank
TOTALIZE	First Canadian Army attack toward Falaise, 8 August 1944
TSFET	Theater Service Forces European Theater
TUSA	Third U.S. Army
USAF	U.S. Air Force
USAFET	U.S. Army Forces, European Theater
USFET	U.S. Forces in the European Theater
USSAFE	U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe
USSTAF	U.S. Strategic Air Forces
UTAH	The Normandy beach assaulted by the U.S. VII Corps on 6 June 1944
V-1	<i>Vergeltungswaffe</i> (Vengeance weapon)
V-2	Supersonic rockets
VHF	Very high frequency
Waffen SS	Combat arm of the SS
Wehrmacht	Armed Forces
Wehrmachtbefehlshaber	Armed Forces Commander
Werfer	Mortar, rocket launcher

WFSt

*Wehrmachtfuehrungsstab* (Armed Forces  
Operations Staff)

WP

White phosphorus

# Basic Military Map Symbols\*

Symbols within a rectangle indicate a military unit, within a triangle an observation post, and within a circle a supply point.

## Military Units—Identification

Antiaircraft Artillery .....	
Armored Command .....	
Army Air Forces .....	
Artillery, except Antiaircraft and Coast Artillery .....	
Cavalry, Horse .....	
Cavalry, Mechanized .....	
Chemical Warfare Service .....	
Coast Artillery .....	
Engineers .....	
Infantry .....	
Medical Corps .....	
Ordnance Department .....	
Quartermaster Corps .....	
Signal Corps .....	
Tank Destroyer .....	
Transportation Corps .....	
Veterinary Corps .....	
Airborne units are designated by combining a gull wing symbol with the arm or service symbol:	
Airborne Artillery .....	
Airborne Infantry .....	

\*For complete listing of symbols in use during the World War II period, see FM 21-30, dated October 1943, from which these are taken.

## Size Symbols

The following symbols placed either in boundary lines or above the rectangle, triangle, or circle inclosing the identifying arm or service symbol indicate the size of military organization:

Squad .....	●
Section .....	●●
Platoon .....	●●●
Company, troop, battery, Air Force flight .....	
Battalion, cavalry squadron, or Air Force squadron .....	
Regiment or group; combat team (with abbreviation CT following identifying numeral) .....	
Brigade, Combat Command of Armored Division, or Air Force Wing .....	X
Division or Command of an Air Force .....	XX
Corps or Air Force .....	XXX
Army .....	XXXX
Group of Armies .....	XXXXX

### EXAMPLES

The letter or number to the left of the symbol indicates the unit designation; that to the right, the designation of the parent unit to which it belongs. Letters or numbers above or below boundary lines designate the units separated by the lines:

Company A, 137th Infantry .....	A  137
8th Field Artillery Battalion .....	 8
Combat Command A, 1st Armored Division .....	A  1
Observation Post, 23d Infantry .....	 23
Command Post, 5th Infantry Division .....	 5
Boundary between 137th and 138th Infantry .....	 137 — 138

## Weapons

Machine gun .....	→
Gun .....	●
Gun battery .....	■
Howitzer or Mortar .....	●—
Tank .....	◇
Self-propelled gun .....	○



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- Washington Command Post: The Operations Division*
- Strategic Planning for Coalition Warfare: 1941–1942*
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- Global Logistics and Strategy: 1940–1943*
- Global Logistics and Strategy: 1943–1945*
- The Army and Economic Mobilization*
- The Army and Industrial Manpower*

## The Army Ground Forces

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