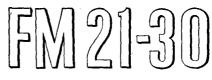
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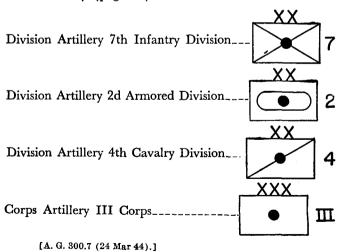
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27. APPLICATION OF SPECIAL SYMBOLS.

The following are added to Chart 33.—Examples—Field Artillery (page 70).



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Chart 10 page 95 ninth symbol.

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Chart 17, page 45:
Fourth symbol, change "Blue" to "Green."
Twelfth and thirteenth symbols are changed to
read as follows:
Normal barrage, Battery B, 105-mm howit-
zer (100 by 200 yards).
Emergency barrage, Battery B, 105-mm howitzer (100 by 200 yards).
Add the following symbol:
Artillery concentration (200 yards in
diameter; concentration number in (101)
symbol)
Add the following chart:
Harbor defense boundary
Plotting room
Magazine
Casemated battery
Turreted battery
Shielded battery
Mine casemate
Ÿ.
Harbor entrance control post
Loops
Sono-buoys
Heralds Plot of ship's course: Target No. 1 battleship
Chart 18.1.—Coast Artillery Corps activities.

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$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{y}$	mbols 14 to 1	19 are chang	ed to the fol	llowing:
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Chart 21, page 53, delete the note, "To be reproduced in *green* (in black if green is not available)."

Chart 21, page 54, first symbol:

Submarine mines, controlled.

(This symbol indicates one 13-mine group, and a separate symbol is used for each group. As it appears * * * the mine group.)

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Chart 24, page 58: Under "Petroleum supply," add the following symbol: Pumping station ____ Under "Traffic and traffic control," add the following symbol; Culvert 27. APPLICATION OF SPECIAL SYMBOLS. The follow-* the desired information. The ing examples examples shown illustrate some of the possible combinations; because of frequent changes in Tables of Organization they do not always represent actual units. The following diagram * * * are built up: Chart 26, page 63, fifth and sixth symbols, change "Peht" to "Preht." Chart 26, page 64, last symbol: Battery A, 105th Antiaircraft Artilery Automatic Weapons Battalion (self-propelled)_____A \(\sigma_{\text{NO5}} \(\text{SP} \) Chart 28, page 66 : Second symbol, change "IV Fi" to "IV Ftr." Third symbol, change "18 Fi" to "18 Ftr." Seventh symbol, change "66 Serv" to "66 Sv." Chart 29, page 67: Third symbol, change "1 Wpn" to "1 Wpns." Fourth symbol, change "Wpn" to "Wpns." Last symbol, change "Park, Mechanized Cavalry Group" to "Proposed Park, Cavalry Group, Mechanized." Chart 30, page 68: First symbol, change "1 Serv Avn" to "1 Sv Avn."

Company B, 2d Chemical Mortar B G Battalion_____ Fourth symbol, delete entire line and symbol. Chart 31, page 68, delete entire chart and substitute the following: Command Post, Harbor Defense_____ Command Post, Antimotor Torpedo Boat Battalion _____ Searchlight Battery, 104th Coast Artillery Battalion, HD_____st 912th Coast Artillery Battalion (Railway) _. 57th Coast Artillery Battalion (155-mm gun) _____ 98th Coast Artillery Group, Harbor Defense_ Observation Post, Harbor Defense.... Chart 31.—Examples—Coast Artillery Corps. Chart 32, page 69: Fourth symbol, change "126 Mtn" to "126 Mt." Sixth symbol, change "Pcht" to "Prcht." Chart 33, page 70: Fifth symbol, change "Serv" to "Sv." Twelfth symbol, change "125 Pcht" to "125 Prcht." Last symbol, change designation to "Forward Observer Post, Battery A, 1st Field Artillery Battalion." Chart 34, page 71: Eighth symbol, change "Wpn A" to "Wpns A." Twelfth symbol, change "502 Pcht" to "502 Preht." 5

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Third symbol, change to read:

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Chart 36, page 73:

Third and eighth symbols, change "Serv" to "Sy."

Tenth symbol, change unit designation to "1st Ordnance Company (Medium Maintenance)."

Chart 37, page 74, last symbol, delete entire line and symbol.

Chart 38, page 75, third and eighth symbols, change "Tt" to "TT."

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30. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ITS USES.

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Part IV (Added) Photo Interpretation Symbols

Chapter 11
List of Photo Interpretation Symbols

- 31. GENERAL. The symbols listed in this chapter are prescribed for use in photographic interpretations. They have been approved for joint use of the Army and Navy. These symbols are used in the annotation of aerial photographs and the preparation of overlays, reports, terrain models, and sketches from aerial photographic interpretation information.
- **32. ADDITIONAL SYMBOLS.** When symbols listed herein or combinations thereof do not give complete information, supplementary notations should be added. In special cases where no symbols can be found that apply, improvised symbols may be used provided they are explained in the legend and do not conflict with authorized symbols.
- **33. SIZE OF SYMBOLS.** The size of photo interpretation symbols shall be consistent with the scale of the finished material.

34. DIRECTIONS FOR ANNOTATION.

a. Location of weapon and emplacement symbols.

The "gun" axis of weapon and emplacement symbols indicates their direction of fire and shall be considered as the top of the symbol. O

Where possible, the center of the base of the symbol is the exact location of the indicated weapon, or emplacement.

Where the scale of a photograph is such that one symbol is used to denote a battery position containing several weapons, the symbol will encompass the entire area concerned and will have a numerical indication of the number of weapons involved.....

In some instances, the density of defenses will necessitate "pointer" line being drawn from the symbol to the exact location of the indicated weapon

Certain symbols designate areas rather than pin points-in which case they indicate the boundaries concerned

Combinations of symbols are encouraged in order to keep written annotations to a minimum.

b. Material index.

If the type of material utilized in the construction of an emplacement or obstacle can be determined, the appropriate "MATERIAL IN-DEX" will be added beneath the symbol.

C — CONCRETE

M — MASONRY

S — STEEL

L - LOG

w - wood

E - EARTH

c. Annotation colors.

Cultural	BLACK
Plant growth	GRETH
Topography	BROWN
$Hydrography.\dots\dots$	BLUE
Defenses	RED
d. Unidentified	(7)

35. WEAPONS.

a. General.

Caliber (numeral on left side of appropriate gun symbol indicates caliber of piece in millime-

Battery, with number of (numeral on right side of appropriate gun symbol indicates number of pieces in battery) . . .

Emplaced weapons—See graph 32.

Weapon or emplacement, destroyed . . .



Weapon, dummy		d. Coast defense.	
Weapon, doubtful	?	Superheavy (over 240-mm.)	#
b. Antiaircraft.		Heavy (over 175-mm.).	Ħ
Heavy (75-mm. and over)	•	Medium (105–175- mm.)	Ħ
Automatic (13.2-40-	_	Light (less than 105- mm.)	Д
mm.)	•	Howitzer, superheavy (over 240-mm.)	魚
Twin mount	•	Howitzer, heavy (over 175-mm.)	A
Triple mount	\blacksquare	Howitzer, medium (120-175-mm.)	· 由
Machine gun (6.5-7.7-mm.)	Ó	Howitzer, light (less than 120-mm.)	点
Dual-purpose		e. Field artillery.	
Self-propelled (heavy).	ı	Heavy (over 175-mm.).	
Railway (heavy)		Medium (105-175- mm.)	
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c. Antitank.		Howitzer, light (less than 120-mm.)	ሷ
Heavy (over 75-mm.).	•	,	
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mm.)	Ď	Railway gun	***
Self-propelled (heavy).	•	Railway gun on turn- table	

g. Infantry weapons.	Fire control center
Machine gun, heavy	Fire control, radar
Machine gun, light	
Machine gun, field of fire	Foxhole (if in quantity, outline area and annotate: Foxholes)
Mortar (annotate size).	
Mortar, barrage (annotate size)	Observation post
Rocket projector, single (annotate size)	Observation post, artillery
Rocket projector, multi- ple (annotate size)	Observation tower
h. Vehicles. Vehicle, animal drawn.	Pillbox (axis of gun indicates direction of fire. Show size of gun if known.)
Vehicle, armored	Bunker
Vehicle, motor	Casemate or blockhouse
36. EMPLACEMENTS.	Sniper post
If the type of material utilized in the construction of the emplace-	Personnel shelter, above ground
ment can be determined, the appropriate "MATERIAL INDEX" will be added beneath the symbol.	Personnel shelter, below ground
Emplacement, unoccup-	Strong point
Emplacement, covered	Trench, communication
Example—4-gun, 240-mm. heavy coast defense battery in	Trench (with firing bays)
covered concrete emplacements	Trench, fire

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Weapons pit (infantry)	Wire, concertina, single
37. OBSTACLES.	Wire, concertina, double
If the type of material utilized in the construction of the obstacle can be determined, the appropri-	Wire, single-fence.
ate "MATERIAL INDEX" will be added beneath the symbol.	Wire, double-fence . ***********************************
a. Obstacles, land.	Mines 000000
Antitank barrier	Mine field gap
Antitank ditch	Mined area, land
Antitank ditch, covered	b. Obstacles, underwater.
Barrage balloon	Mined area, water.
Demolition charge.	Obstacle, large fixed
Obstacles, fixed	Tetrahedron, ramp, or hedgehog, fixed
Obstacles, movable .	Tetrahedron, ramp, or hedgehog, movable
Stakes (plot position)	Stakes, piles, or rails
Road block, demo-	(plotted by position)
Road block, partial .	Tetrahedron, ramp or hedgehog, fixed (in line—numeral indicates number of tetrahedra, etc.,
Road block, total	between precisely located points)
Wire, broad area (base of symbol indicates location of first strand. Depth of zone, in feet, is indicated by numerals)	Tetrahedron, ramp or hedgehog, mov- able (in multiple rows, show by line)

When used with wire or mines, use proper symbols, use "MATERIAL INDEX" where known	Stores, area (area of stores to be included in a solid ring)
38. MILITARY AREAS.	Ammunition
Barracks area	Buried
Bivouac area	Coal
Command post	Engineer
Command post area.	Chemical
Military occupation.	Loose
New construction	Lumber
Park, armored (outline area, indicate type where possible, and show numerically the number of vehicles)	Oil or gas
Park, engineer equipment (out- line area and indi- cate type where possible)	Tent, area
Park, motor (outline area, indicate type where possible, and show numerically the number of vehicles)	39. TERRAIN FEATURES. a. Installations (cultural). Blast wall (line
Park, ordnance (outline area, indicate type where possible, and show numerically the number of ve-	conforms to shape of installation protected)
hicles)	Retaining wall

Building		Road, primary (show number of lanes in figures.
Building, buried		Minimum width of 1 lane is 8 feet)
Building, dug-in		Road, secondary (show number of lanes in figures.
Building, revetted		Minimum width of 1 lane is 8 feet)
Building, under construction		Path or trail
Cable	CABLE	Bridge, indicate width in feet and constructional
Cable, buried	CABLE	material by "MA- TERIAL INDEX"
Cemetery	CEM	Bridge, out
Church	±	Bridge, ponton
Excavation		For engineer classification of
Hospital	•	roads and bridges, see paragraphs 25a, b, and c, pp. 47 through 49.
Pipe line, buried	$\overline{\Box}$	School
Pipe line, overhead.	 	Stone fence
Pipe line, surface		Tank, buried
Railroad, double- track		Tank farm TANK FARM
Railroad, electrified.	ELECTRIFIED	Tank, fuel
Railroad, narrow gauge	. , . , . , .	Tank, gasometer
Railroad, single- track	++++++	Tank, water

Tower, unspecified or obstruction	Λ	Sand dunes	90
Tower, water	T	Cut	
Underground entrance	=== K	Fill	allillin THIRITE
Well derrick	A	Lake	
Windmill	X	Lake, dry	DRY LAKE
Canal		River or stream	
Culvert	7		()
Dam	The second second	Ford	<i>}</i> /=
Drainage ditch	DRAINAGE DITCH	Direction of flow	~~~
Flood gate	==	Stream, bed	
Lock	===	Stream, intermittent	J. V. J.
Lock, double	=	Falls or rapids	FALLS
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	MILITARY.	Spring	₹₩₩
Cliff, rocky	ात्तरा प्रभूति	Tidal flats	
Slope	MINISTERNATION OF THE PERSON O		
Ridge line		Inundated (over- flowed land)	
8			

c. Vegetation.

SHORT GRASS	Swamp forest
Area of specific vegetative type (on photo- graphs)	Swamp or marsh
Brush	} Tree ♀
Coniferous forest.	NOTE.—Areas containing the above, or other, types of vegetation should be outlined and annotated with the type indicated.
Deciduous forest	40. ELECTRONICS.
Grassland	Direction finder
Hedges	Power station
Mangrove	Power transmission line (obstruction)
- 6 6	etenction)
Palms	Radar
rams	Radio navigational aid.
jungle	Radio station
Rice field	Radio transmitter
Sugarcane	
Stump land	
	.

Sound locator	Lightship
Tower, control	Light, unspecified
Tower, light	Crane =-~
Tower, radio	DANGERS:
Tower, signal	Danger, area
Telephone or telegraph line T T T	Rock, awash
Transformer station	Rock, sunk
Weather station	Wreck, awash
41. NAVAL AND HYDROG-	Wreck, sunk
RAPHY.	Dredge
a. Naval.	
ANCHORAGES:	Drydock
Ship J	Drydock, floating
Ship, emergency	Marine railway
Ship with complete facilities	Net, submarine
BUOYS AND LIGHTS:	Net, torpedo
Buoy, bell, etc.	VESSELS:
Buoy, lighted	Merchant (indicate type
Buoy, unspecified	by "JMST" code des- ignation. See PI
10	Handbook)

Naval (indicate type by standard U. S. Navy designation. See PI handbook).... Mud or silt b. Beach studies and depth determination. BEACHES: Pebble Location and extent. Gradient (slope) ... Bed rock Left flank (from sea) Right flank (from sea) BEACH MATERIAL: Shingle...... Sea wall (see also "OBSTACLES. LINDER-WATER") Block or boulder . . . c. Offshore. BOTTOM MATERIAL (use same designations as for "BEACH MATERIAL"): Gravel or cobble . . . Block or boulder... Kelp or seaweed . . .

Gravel or cobble	Flood
J.	General
Kelp or seaweed	d. Wave and surf symbols for depth determination.
Mud	Wave length L
Pebble	Distance of outermost breakers from datum line
Rock	Wave period P
Sand	Wave velocity C
REEFS, BARS, AND SHOAD	S: Wave height (trough to crest)
Edge of coral reef	Angle of wave crest with bottom contours
Edge of rock reef	Angle of breakers with beach
Edge of sand bar	Velocity of longshore current in knots CL
Sand bar, exposed (above datum)	Subscript "o" reflects to values in deep water
Sand bar, unexposed (below datum)	High water datum.
Coral head, area	Low water datum. LOW LOW WATER
Coral head, isolated.	Soundings in fathoms 6
TIDES AND CURRENTS:	Soundings in feet
Ebb, KN—Speed of current in knots	Contours, hydro 3
••	

Critical line special purposes		Seaplane base, complete facilities	(1)
WAVE AND SURF CONDITIONS:	Lond	Seaplane base, refueling facilities	(1)
Breakers		Seaplane anchorage, no facilities	È
Surf line	Wini —	Seaplane, ramp	
NOTE.—Additional symbol abbreviations for hydr designations should con those published in H. C	ographic nform to	43. DAMAGE ASSESSN a. Bomb plot.	AENT.
42. AIR FIELDS AND	J. 140. G.	Single bomb certain, with crater	×
SEAPLANE BASES.		Single bomb certain, no crater	•
Aircraft	T	Single bomb probable, no crater	0
Aircraft, damaged	个	One or more bombs certain in vicinity of arrowhead	i
Aircraft, dummy	i	One or more bombs	
Aircraft, revetment		probable in vicinity of arrowhead	\$
Aircraft, revetment un- der construction		Bomb burst, area of fragmentation.	
Aircraft, shelter	\boxtimes	Fire location	*
Airfield, complete facilities		Cloud obscured	don h
Airfield, refueling facilities	\bigcirc	Smoke obscured	SMOKE
racinges		Line of flight	
Landing ground, no facilities	+	Nadir point	

Medium and Poor Cover and 1st Phase			NEW		
Roof Disturbance					Damage cleared (possible preparation for repairs)
Good Cover Only Superficial		Damage repaired	New buildings	Repair of damaged areas New buildings	Damage cleared (possible pr
it : For overlays. Structural		:	overlays.		Dam
b. Damage assessment : For overlays. Agent Structural	H. E. alone H. E. plus fire	Doubtful	c. Repair studies: For overlays. Construction completed	Construction in progress.	Least activity

d. Damage assessment: For photographs (color index).

NOTE.—Symbols are similar to those used on overlays with differentiation by color.

H. E. alone	GREEN
H. E. plus fire	PURPLE
Fire alone	RED
Doubtful	YELLOW

e. Repair studies: For photographs (color index).

Note.—Symbols: Outline for clearance completed, cross hatch for repairs in progress, solid for repairs completed.

To structural damage	PURPLE
To superficial damage	GREEN
To roof disturbance	YELLOW
First aid repairs	BLUE
New buildings	RED
Condition of area or site (clearance or no action)	BLACK

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PART I GENERAL MAPPING CHAPTER 1 GENERAL

1. PURPOSE. This manual gives in convenient form the abbreviations and general symbols which have been authorized for military use. It contains technical symbols and instructions for the map maker, and military symbols for the use of those in the military service. Persons engaged in the preparation of maps should also be guided by AR 300-15, TM 5-230, and Bulletin 788, Topographical Instructions of the United States Geological Survey. Those whose duties require them to read foreign topographic and military maps should consult FM 30-22.

Symbols other than those shown herein may be used provided they do not conflict with any authorized symbols and are explained in a legend.

- 2. SCOPE. Part I of this manual deals with general topographic, hydrographic, and air navigational symbols. and abbreviations prescribed for use on all United States maps. Part II contains symbols of a military nature authorized by the War Department. Part III gives authorized military abbreviations.
- 3. SIZE. a. In general, topographical symbols resemble the objects which they represent. The symbols vary in

size with the scale of the map. On small-scale maps, the symbols are reduced to their most elementary form and do not conform to scale. As the scale is increased, the symbols assume more nearly the shape and scaled size of the object represented.

- **b.** The symbols in this book are generally of a size suitable for use on a map of scale 1:62,500, unless otherwise noted.
- **4. COLOR.** The symbols are shown in appropriate color for a four-color map. When less than four colors are used, the colors in the symbols shown in chapters 2, 3, and 5 which are not used will be executed in black ink.
- **5. LETTERING.** Civil divisions are indicated by VER-TICAL ROMAN type; natural water features by SLANT ROMAN type, or italic; natural land features by VER-TICAL GOTHIC type; and works of man by SLANT GOTHIC type. On hastily prepared military maps, the lettering may vary considerably from these standards.
- 6. MARGINAL DATA. The data shown on chart 1 are given, where practicable, in the margins of all maps, photomaps, or aerial photographs, and usually in the places indicated by the encircled figures. On military maps, overlays, and field sketches, only essential information concerning the kind of map, orientation, date of preparation, source, and scale are shown, and then not necessarily in the margins. For detailed information on marking aerial photographs see FM 30-21.

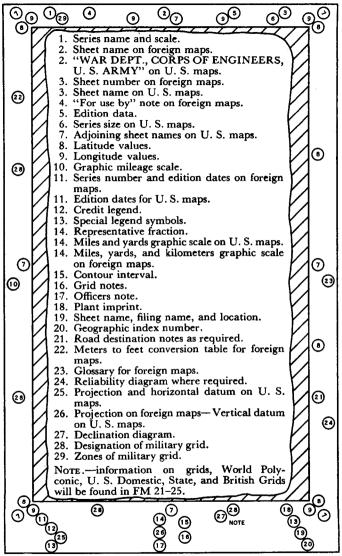


Chart 1.—Marginal data for maps, photomaps, and aerial photographs.

CHAPTER 2

PRIMARY TOPOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

7. GENERAL. This chapter gives the symbols used on United States maps for drainage, relief, and land classification. For topographic abbreviations, see chapter 6.

Perennial stream (large)	
,	
Perennial stream (small)	
Intermittent stream	
Stream with wash. Dark blue line	
indicates limit of permanent stream. Brown wash symbol indicates size of normal maximum channel. Intermittent stream in interior of wash will be shown if no permanent stream exists.	
Anastomosing or braided stream	

Chart 2.—Drainage.

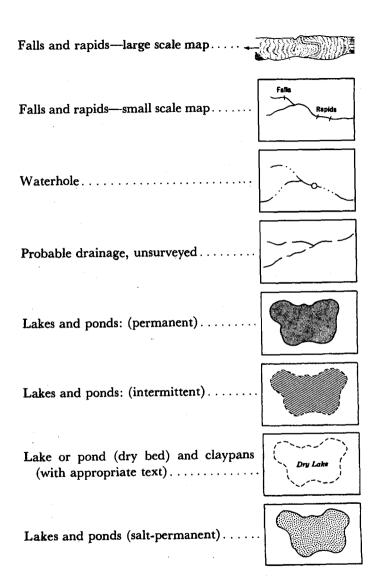


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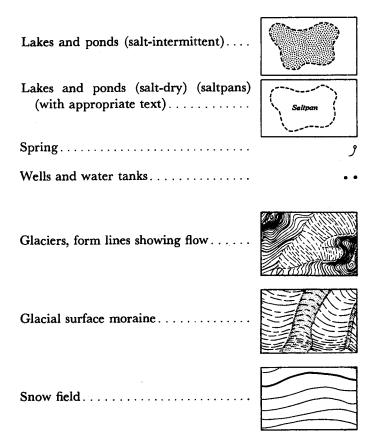


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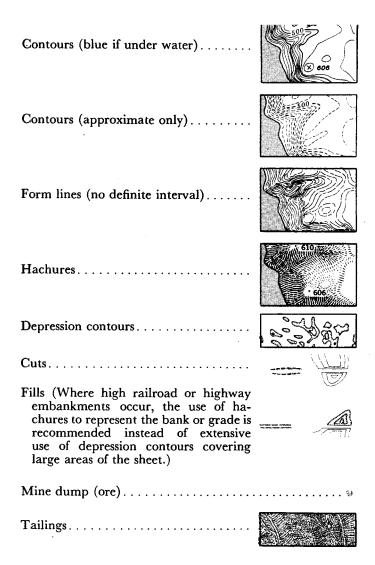


Chart 3.—Relief.

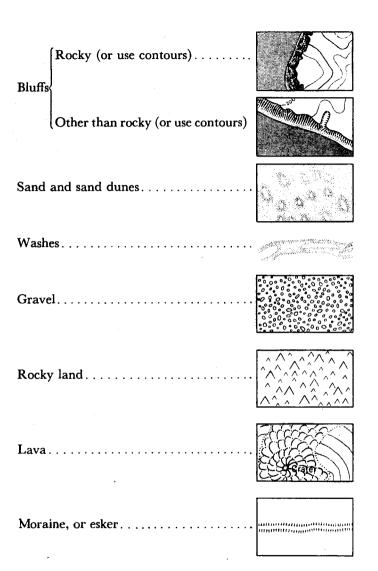


Chart 3.—Relief—Continued.

Overflowed land	
Marsh (if peat bog add appropriate text)	
Salt marsh	######################################
Cypress swamp	
Woodland (or as shown below)	
Woodland (or broadleaved trees)	
Logged-off or burned-off area	
Dense woods or jungle growth	

Chart 4.—Land classification.

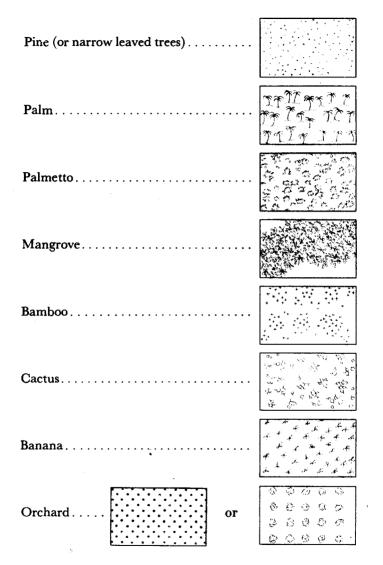


Chart 4.—Land classification—Continued.

Vineyard	
Grassland in general	
Tall tropical grass	And the Aller of Market of
Cultivated fields in general (Scale 1:31,680 and larger)	
Cotton	
Rice field	
Sugarcane	E a martina de de de la companione de la
Corn	

Chart 4.—Land classification—Continued.

CHAPTER 3

HYDROGRAPHY

8. GENERAL. This chapter gives hydrographic and aids to navigation symbols used on United States maps. These symbols are approved by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey. For hydrographic abbreviations, see chapter 6.

chapter 6.		
Shore lines		
Shores (high and low water lines and areas between)	In general	Land
		Land
	Coral reefs	Land
	Gravel and rocks	Land

Chart 5.—Hydrography, dangers, obstructions.

Mud Shores (high and low water lines and areas between)---Con. Tidal flåts.... Kelp or eel grass..... Ice limits-shelf ice..... Rock under water..... Rock awash (at any stage of the tide)...... Breakers along shore.... Fishing stakes..... Fish weir Salt evaporator..... Overfalls and tide rips..... Limiting danger line..... Chart 5.—Hydrography, dangers, obstructions—Continued.

` • •	rtion of the hull or superstructure above	红
Sunken wreck	(dangerous to surface navigation)	€
	(not dangerous to surface navigation nor hich the depth exceeds 10 fathoms)	+++
Foul ground	(fou	D
Number of sun	ken wreckswreckog	•
Current, not ti	dal, velocity 2 knots	kn
(Special us	age)	<u></u>
(Flood, 1½ knots	kn
	Ebb, 1 knot	n →
Tidal currents	Flood, second hour	· • • •
	Ebb, third hour	
No bottom at	50 fathoms	
Depth curves:		
1-fathom o	r 6-foot line	anii.
2-fathom o	r 12-foot line	20000
3-fathom o	r 18-foot line	oss
	ne	
	ne	
	ne	
10-fathom	line	·-·-
	line	
	line	
40-fathom	line	··-
	line	
100-fathom	line	

Chart 5.—Hydrography, dangers, obstructions—Continued.

Lifesa	ving station (in general)
Lifesa	ving station (Coast Guard) + c.g. 165
Lightl	nouse \$
_	nouse on small-scale chart • at sectors shown by dotted lines)
Light	vessels showing number of mast lights ‡ ‡‡
Beacon by d	ns (sectors shown otted lines) Characteristics Characteristic
	Buoy of any kind (or red buoy)
	Black
	Striped horizontally (in general)
Buoys	Striped horizontally (red and black)
	Striped vertically
	Checkered
	Perch and square
	Perch and ball
	Whistling (or use first six symbols with word "whistling")
	Bell (or use first six symbols with word "bell")
	Lighted \$

Chart 6.—Aids to navigation.

Radio station
Radio direction-finder station (radio compass station) RCO
Radio tower
Radio beacon
Pilot station
Weather Bureau signal station
Water gage 0
Anchorage Of any kind (or for large vessel)‡
Anchorage Of any kind (or for large vessel)
Mooring
Range or bearing line
Track line
Drydock
Floating drydock
Patent slip
Leader cable
Dolphin
Anchorage prohibited

Chart 6.—Aids to navigation—Continued.

CHAPTER 4 AERONAUTICAL CHART SYMBOLS

(To be reproduced in magenta)

 9. GENERAL. The conventional signs for use on aero nautical charts differ from those used on topographic map as follows: a. All symbols are larger and more striking to the eye. b. Those features on the ground which are easily identified from high altitudes are emphasized on aeronautica charts. Other features are subordinated or omitted entirely
Airports: Unclassified
Military field
Joint military-civil
Commercial or municipal
Flight strip (landing area adjacent to highway; symbol indicates direction of runway)
Emergency landing field
Anchorage with limited facilities
Protected anchorage with no facilities Beacons: Rotating, with flashing code beacon
Rotating, with course lights and code
Flashing code

Chart 7.—Aeronautical chart symbols.

Flashing

Obstruction (center of symbol marks location) A 205
Prominent elevation (numerals indicate height in feet)
Mooring mast
Night lighting facilities (place under field name) LF
Marine navigation light (with characteristic) Gp FI ●
Lines of equal magnetic declina- tion
Prominent transmission line
Citation PED AIRWAY NO 1
With flight levels
indicated N Miles from Houston
Controlled
Uncontrolled
Air navigation hazards (United States only):
'/////
Danger area
Caution area CAUTION AREA
Prohibited area AIRSPACE RESERVATION
Air defense zone or vital defense area
(United States only) EASTERN AIR
Air routes as shown on radio direction- finding charts of the United
States:
Chart 7.—Aeronautical chart symbols—Continued
18 Charles Harry Symbols Communical

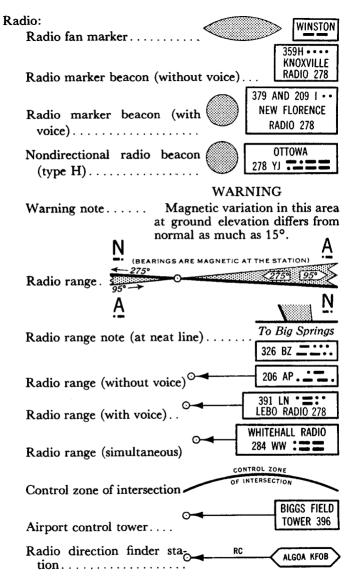


Chart 7.—Aeronautical chart symbols—Continued.

Radio-Continued.	
Radio beacon	HAFUN LN 294.5 * =: *
Radio communication station.	Dante ISP
Radio communication station (with radio beacon facility).	Geneva WJY
Radio communication station (with direction-finder facili-	
ty)	Chicago WOR
Radio broadcasting station	KFBB 1280
Railroads (if abandoned, label): Single track	· · · · · · · · · · · · • · · · · · •
Two or more tracks	
Interurban (electric)	
Highways:	
Superhighway (dual or four and more)	
Main road	
Secondary road	
Trails	
City or large town	M
Town or village	· —
Landmark	
Mine	
Lookout tower	
Danger curve	
Coast guard station	
Dam or dam with lock	
Race track	· ·
Chart 7.—Aeronautical chart s	•
Charles Actionation Charles	

CHAPTER 5 WORKS OF MAN

10. GENERAL. This chapter gives the symbols used on maps to indicate the works of man.

	1: 200,000	and smaller
Primary highways		and binaries
Secondary high- ways		
Other surfaced roads		
Dirt roads		==========
	wn, for each road	widths shall be inclassification. See
Trails		
Poor pack trail or footpath National or U.S. roo	[24] Provincial	
National or U.S. rol	ite. Frovinciai	or State route.
(Date of road info	rmation shown in n	nargin on all maps.)
Telegraph and tele- phone lines	On ground or poles Underground Submarine	
Electric power transn	nission line	
Tunnel (railroad or r	road)	
Railroad station of an	y kind	
Chart 8.—Road	ds, railroads, wire co	mmunication.

		•
Wide gogs	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
wide gage	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
Name I some	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
Normai gage	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
N	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
Narrow gage	Double track	ELECTRIFIED
Electric	Single track Double track	**************
passenger only	Double track	*******
	1:200,000 ar	nd smaller
XA7: -1	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
wide gage	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
Normal gage Narrow gage	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
	Double track	ELECTRIFIED
Normani wa wa	Single track	ELECTRIFIED
Narrow gage	Double track	ELECTRIFIED
RR in road 1:25	0,000 and smaller.	· ·
Abandoned RR		++++++
Note.—Railroads un or solid, with appropria	der construction may be shown e	ither broken
Railroad crossii	ngs on maps larger than 1	: 250,000
Grade,RR abov	ve,RR beneath	+
General crossin 1:250,000 and	ng symbol for maps	

Larger than 1:200,000

Chart 8.—Roads, railroads, wire communication—Continued.

Railroads:

	(Conord sumbol	
	General symbol	
	Capacity in tons indicated by figures	10
	Arrow denotes direction of flow.	
Bridges	Drawbridges (on large-scale charts leave channel open)	+++
	Truss (W, wood; S, steel; G, girder; C, concrete)	
	Foot	
	root	
	Suspension	
	Arch	
	Ponton	* 1
Ferries		
	ι	
(General symbol (for vehicles)	
1	Equestrian	
	Pedestrian	
Dam.		
Dam v	vith lock	

Chart 9.—River works.

Breakwater, dock and jetties	Try
Earth wall, or levee	AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER
Levee (optional for War Department)	***************************************
Revetment (optional for War Department)	
Dikes	17.1
River gage	•
Canal, ditch, or open aqueduct	
Buried aqueduct or water pipe	***************************************
Aqueduct or canal in tunnel	
Canal lock (point upstream)	
Canal lock (large scale)	

Chart 9.—River works—Continued.

1:200,000 and smaller

City, first importance	
City, second importance	
(actual snape)	
City, third importance	
Town, large	
Town, small	0
Village	
Sample combination showing city, town, or village, scales larger than 1:200,000. Note.—Large urban areas may be shown	
in gray tint with important buildings and stre	et system in black.
Buildings in general	
Hospital	
Schoolhouse or university	Тог ш scн
Windmill	ఈ
Ruins	B
Church or place of worship	
Fort	ж
Cliff dwellings	

Chart 10.—Buildings, urban areas.

	ery (cross symbol to be used in U. S.	CEM	or [:
Mine o	or quarry of any kind (or open cut)		×	
Prospe	ct		x	:
Shaft.	•••••			,
Mine t	unnel Showing direction			
Oil or	gas wells		. ••••	
Tanks.				
tanks. S tank fari	—Scales larger than 1:50,000, show individual Scales 1:50,000 and larger than 1:200,000, ms with three or four symbols. Scales 1:200,001 lls and tanks. No pipe lines are shown on ma	show o	well and I smaller	i,
Coke o	vens			:
	Fence of any kind (or board fence)			
	Stone	*****	0000000000	
Fences	Worm			
	Wire	rbed 	Smooth	
	Hedge	කු අවලේ අ	ර කිරීම වර්ග කරන	

Chart 11.—Miscellaneous.

Map boundaries

Foreign: International,	-
Intercolonial	
State or province	
County or district	
County line	
Civil township, district or precinct	
Reservation line (for Military, add tint)	
Land-grant line	
Metropolitan area	a -
Cemetery, small park, etc	
U. S. township, section, and quarter-section lines (any one for township line alone, any two for township and section lines)	
Located U. S. township and section corn	ers.
Boundary monument	
Triangulation point or primary traverse	station 🛆
Permanent bench mark (and elevation).	8M × 1232
Precise bench mark	PBM X
Intermediate bench mark (and elevation U. S. mineral monument)
Chart 12.—Boundaries, marks, and me	onuments.

CHAPTER 6

GENERAL MAPPING ABBREVIATIONS

SECTION 1

TOPOGRAPHIC ABBREVIATIONS

11. GENERAL. The abbreviations listed below are prescribed for use on all United States maps. Besides those listed in this section, those abbreviations listed in section II and also in chapter 10 are used when appropriate:

A	arch or arroy
abut	abutment
b	brick
bot	bottom
Br	branch
br	bridge
C	cape
cem	cemetery
con	concrete
cov	covered
Cr	creek
cul	culvert
DS	drug store
E	-
Est	
f	•
Ft	
gir	
i	_

I	island
Jc	junction
kp	king-post
L	lake
Lat	latitude
Ldg	landing
LSS	lifesaving station
LH	lighthouse
Long	longitude
$Mt\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	mountain
Mts	mountains
$N\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	north
$nf\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	not fordable
$p\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	pier
pk	plank
PO	post office
Pt	point
$qp\dots\dots\dots\dots$	queen-post
$R\ldots\ldots\ldots$	river
RH	roundhouse
RR	railroad
2d	second
S	south
$s\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	steel
Sch	schoolhouse
Sta	station
$St\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	stone
str	stream
TG	tollgate
3d	third
Tres	trestle
tr	truss
WT	water tank
ww	waterworks
W	west
$w\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots\dots$	wood

SECTION II

ABBREVIATIONS USED WITH HYDROGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

12. GENERAL. The following abbreviations, for use with hydrographic symbols, are authorized for all United States nautical maps and charts. These abbreviations are approved by the Federal Board of Surveys and Maps and are used by the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and Hydrographic Office.

13. RELATING TO LIGHTS.

AERO	aeronautical
Alt	alternating
Bu	blue
$\mathbf{D}.\dots\dots\dots\dots$	destroyed
ev	every
Exper	experimental ·
F	
F Gp FL	fixed and group flashing
F FL	fixed and flashing
FL	flashing
G	green
Gp	group
Gp FL	group flashing
Gp Occ	group occulting
Hor	horizontal
I Qk	interrupted quick
Irreg	irregular
Lt	light
Lt Ho	lighthouse

nautical mile

min	minutes
OBSC	obscured
Occ	occulting
Priv maintd	private light (maintained by pri-
	vate interests; to be used with
	caution)
Qk FL	quick flashing
R	red; range
REF	reflector
Rev	revolving
sec	seconds
SEC	sector
S-L	short-long
Temp	temporary
(U)	
VB	vertical beam
Vert	vertical
vis	visible
W	white
44 BELATING TO I	FOG SIGNALS
14. RELATING TO	
DFS	distance finding station
<i>FB</i>	fog bell
FD	fog diaphone
FG	fog gong; fog gun
FH	fog reed; fog horn
$F\mathcal{N}$	fog nautophone
FS	fog siren; fog signal station
FT	fog trumpet
<i>FW</i>	fog whistle

SB..... submarine fog bell (mechanical)

SFO..... submarine fog oscillator

15. RELATING TO DANGERS.

Bk... bank cov... covers

D	doubtful
<i>ED</i>	existence doubtful
<i>Obstr</i>	obstruction
<i>PA</i>	position approximate
<i>PD</i>	position doubtful
Pos	position
rep	reported
<i>Shl</i>	shoal
uncov	uncovers
Wk	wreck
Wks	wreckage

16. RELATING TO TIDES AND CURRENTS.

HW	high water
<i>HHW</i>	higher high water
<i>LW</i>	low water
<i>LLW</i>	lower low water
<i>MHW</i>	mean high water
<i>MHHW</i>	mean higher high water
<i>MLW</i>	mean low water
<i>MLLW</i>	mean lower low water
<i>MSL</i>	mean sea level
<i>MTL</i>	mean tide level

17. RELATING TO QUALITY OF BOTTOM. a. Material.

$Bld(s) \dots \dots$	boulder(s)
Ck	chalk
<i>Cl</i>	clay
<i>Cn</i>	cinders
Co	coral
Co Hd	coral head
Di	diatom
<i>G</i>	gravel
Gl	globigerina
Grs	grass

La	lava
<i>M</i>	mud
<i>Ml</i>	marl
Oys	oysters
0z	ooze
P	pebbles
<i>Pm</i>	pumice
<i>Rk</i>	rock
S	sand
<i>Sh</i>	shells
<i>Sp</i>	specks
<i>Spg</i>	sponge
St	stones
Vol Ash	volcanic ash
b. Quality.	
brk	broken
crs	coarse
$dk \dots \dots$	dark
fly	flinty
fne	fine
glac	glacial
gty	gritty
hrd	hard
lrg	large
lt	light
rky	rocky
sft	soft
sml	small
spk	speckled
<i>stf</i>	stiff
stk	sticky
c. Color.	
<i>bk</i>	
<i>br</i>	
bu	
gn	green

gy	
rd	red
wh	white
yl	yellov

18. RELATING TO BUOYS AND BEACONS.

 B
 black

 Bn
 beacon

 Br
 brown

 C
 can

 Chec
 checkered

 G
 green

HB..... horizontal bands
HS.... horizontal stripes

W..... white Υ yellow

19. RELATING TO STATIONS.

NRC..... naval radio direction-finder (radio

compass station)

NRS..... naval radio station

PIL STA. pilot station
R Bn. radio beacon
RS. radio station
R Tr. radio tower
SIG STA. signal station
S PIPE. standpipe

STA..... station
WB SIG STA..... Weather Bureau signal station

20. GENERAL ADJECTIVES.

abandoned ahand about aht ancient approximate between clearance concrete Conspic..... conspicuous

cor..... corner discontinued

 dist
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PART II

MILITARY MAPPING SYMBOLS

CHAPTER 7 MILITARY UNITS

- **21. IDENTIFICATION.** a. The symbols in chart 13 are used to indicate military units or their activities on maps, sketches, and overlays. Where the use of the identifying symbol of a military unit is impracticable, abbreviations are employed.
- **b.** These symbols are used either within a rectangle to indicate a military unit, a triangle to indicate an observation post, or a circle to indicate a supply point.
- 22. SIZE. The symbols in chart 14 are used to indicate the size of a military organization. They are used mainly with boundary symbols, or with rectangles, triangles, or circles in conjunction with the symbols in chart 13. See charts 17 and 26-40.

Chart 13 —Military units—identification.	
Artillery, except Antiaircraft Artillery	•
Army Air Forces	<u></u>
Armored Command	
Antiaircraft Artillery	

Cavalry (horse)	
Mechanized	Ø
Chemical Warfare Service	G
Engineers	E
Special (amphibian)	Æ
Infantry	\boxtimes
Medical Corps	
Military Police	MP
Ordnance Department	8
Quartermaster Corps	Q
Signal Corps	
Tank destroyer	TD
Transportation Corps	₩
Veterinary Corps	\square
with appropriate abbreviations. See chart 31. 2. Airborne units are designated by combining a gull wing symbol with the arm or service symbol. Examples:	
Airborne Artillery	<u>.</u>
Airborne Infantry	\boxtimes
3. For units attached to Air Forces, the arm or service symbol is placed over the Air Forces symbol. Examples:	
Aviation signal unit	యే
Aviation ordnance unit	
Chart 13.—Military units—identification—Continued	

The following symbols are placed either in boundary lines (see chart 17) or above the rectangle, triangle, or circle inclosing the identifying arm or service symbol.

Squad•
Section
Platoon
Company, troop, battery, or Air Forces flight
Battalion, cavalry squadron, or Air Forces squadron.
Regiment or group; combat team (with abbreviation CT following identifying numeral)
Brigade, combat command of armored division, or Air Forces wing
Division, or command of an Air Force $\times \times$
Corps or Air Force
Army ××××
Service command, department, or section of com-
munications zone
Communications zone
General Headquarters

Chart 14.—Military units—size.

CHAPTER 8

MILITARY ACTIVITIES

- **23. GENERAL.** a. This chapter contains symbols used for military purposes on maps, charts, and overlays. These symbols are authorized for all military use, but they are used mainly on large-scale maps. No departures from these symbols should be made unless none of these signs applies or when the scale of a map prevents their use.
- **b.** Special signs and symbols of a technical nature, such as signal wiring diagrams, construction blueprints, engineer construction symbols, or coast artillery fire-control maps, may be found in Field and Technical Manuals of the arm or service concerned.
- **24. COLOR.** When colors are used, military symbols representing objects in territory occupied or controlled by our forces are shown in blue, and those in territory occupied or controlled by the enemy are shown in red. The only exceptions are the following:
- **a.** Symbols for areas to be covered by friendly fire or gas, although generally located in enemy territory, are executed in blue.

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b. Symbols for gassed areas, wherever located, are alw	
executed in red.	
Military airdrome, general	\bigcirc
Communication of the Lat C.11	\Box
Commercial or municipal airfield	
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Chart 15.—Air activities.

Army Air Forces air base or service center......

Night fighter airdrome
Air field:
Landing Satellite Auxiliary Advanced + or
Dummy Dummy
Dispersal point for airplane
Revetment, splinterproof, for airplane
Airship
Airship hangar
Airship mooring mast
Autogiro or helicopter
Radar station(Type No. —)
Barrage balloon ascension point
Chart 15.—Air activities—Continued.

Balloon barrage area (with number and height).
Antiaircraft defended area
Searchlight belts
Combined antiaircraft and searchlight area
Restricted flying area
Prohibited flying area
Bomb line BL BL BL
Free bombing area
Antiaircraft ship (top of mast placed at exact location)
Antiaircraft ship, defended area (circle shows radius of effective action)
Convoy (arrow indicates direction; point of arrow is at position of convoy)
Chart 15 Air religities Continued

Submarine (arrow indicates direction; top of tower is at position)
Rendezvous point
Rally point
Example, for separate units: 91st Fighter Squadron991 Fi
Targets:
Primary
Alternate
Last Resort
Aircraft patrol area L

Chart 15.—Air activities—Continued.

Antiaircraft unit symbol	A
Balloon	8
Barrage balloon ascension point	T
Searchlight	~
Radio detector (radar)	// io. —)
Searchlight with radio detector	
Searchlight at principal control point	¥p
Searchlight at subcontrol point	K/s
Spread-beam searchlight	1
Self-propelled antiaircraft artillery	\triangle
50-caliber antiaircraft machine gun	50 AA >
4.7-inch antiaircraft gun	.7 AA
3-inch antiaircraft gun	3 AA
90-mm antiaircraft gun (etc., caliber on right) ♦	90 AA
Chart 16.—Antiaircraft artillery activities.	

Squad
Section
Platoon
Company or similar unit
Battalion or similar unit
Regiment or similar unit
Brigade
Division
Corps
Army
Service command, department, or section of
communications zone
Communications zone
Rear boundary of theater of operations — GHO —
Front line
Fighter aviation (limit of radius of action). — Fi —
Observation aviation (limit of zone of re-
connaissance)
Limit of wheeled traffic by day
Limit of wheeled traffic by night
Line beyond which lights on vehicles are pro-
hibited
Outpost line — OPL —
Main line of resistance
Regimental reserve line
Limiting point
Line of communication — Lc —
Line of departure — LD —
Straggler line
Prisoner of War inclosure, IV Corps PWW

Defense areas (consist of boundaries broken by	7
unit symbol):	$\overline{}$
Squad	
Section	$\langle \cdot \rangle$
Section	
Platoon	
Demolitions	#### Blue
Gas (see also chart 18):	all line
	Red (// 5///)
Area to be gassed, nonpersistent	Blue G-NP
	Smoke
Area blanketed by smoke (time effective).	(1300-1700 hrs)
Target areas (indicate caliber; draw symbol to	scale):
Primary, 60-mm mortar (50 yards square)	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	[
Primary, 81-mm mortar (100 yards square)[*']
Secondary, 60-mm mortar (50 yards in diam	meter). 60
Secondary, 81-mm mortar (100 yards in ameter)	di-
NT - 1 D D 405 1 2	8
Normal, Battery B, 105-mm howitzer (100 by 200 yards)	105 How
(,,,,,	
Emergency, Battery B, 105-mm howitzer	В
(100 by 200 yards)	105 How
(100 by 200 yards)	

Chart 17.—Boundaries and delimited areas—Continued.

Arsenal (chemical warfare)
Building, gasproof.
Demolitions, vesicant contaminated RED / HS (show agent, time, and date) 0800 APR 14
Dugout, gasproof
Gas:
Area to be avoided (show agent, time, and date)
Area to be blanketed by smoke (show time effective and date)
Area to be gassed, nonpersistent BLUE G-NP CG (show agent, time, and date) OBOO APR 14
Area to be gassed, persistent (show BLUE G HS agent, time, and date)
Mines:
Chemical land mine
Chemical land-mine barrier (mines emplaced but unfired)
Road-block obstacle, contaminated (show agent, time, and date)

Chart 18.—Chemical warfare activities.

25. ROAD AND BRIDGE CLASSIFICATION.

On topographic maps, road classification is as shown in chart 8. Military traffic control symbols are shown in chart 24. For military field sketches and topographic reconnaissance, the classification system described in this paragraph is used. The characteristics of roads and bridges are indicated by the following symbols and abbreviations:

a. General road types.

		Type of surface		
	All weather		Earth	
Physical char- acteristics	Paved: such as concrete, bi- tuminous, brick, or other pave- ment	I m p r ov ed:1 such as gravel, crushed rock, stabilized soil, select granular material, or other wearing material	Unimproved : dusty when dry; muddy when wet	
Good road (gentle grades, gradual curves, smooth surface, good founda-	A	С	E	
tion). Poor road (steep grades, sharp curves, rough surface, or poor foundation).	В	D	F (probably im- passible in wet weather).	

Includes roads of these materials which have had a treatment to lay dust or which are covered by a bituminous surface treatment or seal coat.

b. General characteristics of roads and bridges.

(1) Traffic lanes.

- 1, 2, 3, etc. Placed after road type symbol to indicate roadways suitable for continuous traffic in one, two, three, etc., lanes respectively.
 - 1+ One-lane roadway having occasional passing locations, and suitable for very light two-way traffic.
 - 1½ One-lane roadway having frequent passing location, and suitable for light twoway traffic.
 - 2 Two-lane roadway having occasional one-lane defiles, and suitable for moderate two-way traffic.

(2) Information.

- W Followed by numeral indicates clearance width in feet provided at most critical location. Symbol is preceded by numeral to indicate more than one such lane (for example, 2 W 9 indicates two separate lanes, each of which provides a clearance width of 9 feet).
- Cl Followed by numeral indicates clearance height in feet between surface of roadway and overhead obstruction.
- T Preceded by numeral indicates tonnage limitation. (Bridges.)
- Mi Preceded by numeral indicates distance in miles.
 - I Followed by numeral indicates average interval of time (time-distance) in minutes required by motor vehicles during daylight to travel section of road shown.

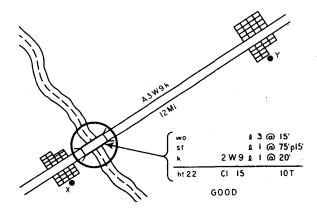
c. Engineer characteristics of roads and bridges.

(1) Roads.

Concrete	
Bituminous pavement, heavy duty bt	1
Brick or block pavement bi	•
Bituminous surface treatment (except on concrete, brick, or block pavement), bituminous stabilized sand or gravel, or other bituminous type not suit-	
able for heavy duty bs	,
Crushed rock or macadam m	i
Gravel g	,
Stabilized soil, sand-clay, shell, cinders, disintegrated	
granite, or other select material sm	ı
Earth ea	ı
(2) Bridges.	
Concrete, slab or beam k	
Concrete arch ka	Ĺ
Steel beamsb	,
Steel truss st	Ċ
Steel girder sg	,
Stone archsa	L
Wood trestle wo	,
Wood truss wot	:
Length	į
Height above stream bed ht	:
Panel length (trusses) p	,
Condition (state as "excellent," "good," "fair," or "poor.")	

d. Example (see chart 19). Sketch between villages X and Y with good, all-weather, three 9-foot lanes, concrete road, 12 miles long, and a multiple bridge 140 feet long consisting of 45 feet of wood truss, and 20 feet of concrete beam and 75 feet of steel truss with 15-foot panels; 18-foot roadway width, 22 feet above stream bed, 15-foot clearance, capable of carrying 10 tons, and in good condition.

Road and bridge classification:



Special engineer landing craft:

Command and navigation, or patrol, boat
Landing craft, mechanized (LCM)
Salvage boat≡ <u>s</u>
Landing craft, vehicle-personnel (LCVP)
Chart 19.—Engineer symbols.
Trench for one squad
Isolated dugout
Dugout in trench system
Gasproof dugout ■ G-PF
Chart 20.—Field and permanent fortifications.

Surface shelter	Occupied	Unoccupied 8∏
Underground shelter (personnel capacity indicated)	Occupied	Unoccupied
Surface shelter in trench system	٦	_
Underground shelter in trench system	¬	
Gasproof surface shelter		G-Pf
Fort, general		Д
Pillboxes:		^
Concrete		🏵
Steel turret		🖾
Machine guns, direction of fire unkn	own	😝
Antitank guns, direction of fire unkn	own	
Direction of fire known, caliber unkn	nown	🔅
Machine guns, direction of fire know	n	
Antitank guns, direction of fire know	'n	. AT
Fortified area, general		

Chart 20.—Field and permanent fortifications—Continued.

Demolitions	8
Entanglements: Barbed wire, general	>
Four-strand fence (protective wire)	
Double-apron fence	þ
Low-wire fence	٠ ٧
High-wire fence	Υ ¥
Combination band	4
Loose wire rolls)
Dannert wire or concertina	þ
Concealed wire	_
Gas (see also chart 18): Area to be avoided)
Area to be gassed, nonpersistent (indicate Blue G-NP) date and hour—see chart 18).)
Area blanketed by smoke (time effective). Smoke 1300-1700 hrs)
Mines and mine fields: Land mines: Single string of antitank mines	_
Activated antitank mine	(
Double antitank mine)
Double activated antitank mine)
Pressure type antipersonnel mine)
Trip-wire type antipersonnel mine	-

Mines and mine fields—Continued.
Land mines—Continued.
Booby trap
Mine detector
Mine fields.—The color green should be used to designate mine field areas, demolitions, road blocks, and other engineer obstacle activities. The color green is to be used for no other military activity. When the color green is not available, the symbol will be executed in black. To be reproduced in green (in black if green is not available).
Mine belt; numerals in rectangle indicate number of mines in belt. D in rectangle represents dummy mine field. Mines in definite pattern; boundaries drawn to scale to indicate actual extent of belt
Boundary of mine field unfenced
Boundary of mine field indefinite, unfenced
Boundary of mine field, fenced with barbed wire. Numerals indicate number of strands in fence
Example of symbols in mine field. Scattered mines between boundaries and between belts are indicated schematically by small

circular marks.....

Marine mines, controlled	7	
(This symbol indicates one 19-mine group, and a separate symbol is used for each group. As it appears here, the upper edge of this page is assumed to be seaward; and on charts the symbols should be correspondingly placed. The length of a mine group being 1,800 feet, the symbol is drawn to scale. Its position represents the contemplated disposition of the mine group.)		
Leader gear		
(An energized cable to aid vessels through free passages in marine mine fields. Symbol is used on chart to show exact location.)	_	
Chemical land mine	/.	
Marine nets: Torpedo net (with gate) Antisubmarine net (with gate)	+	
Obstacle, general:		
Prepared but Proposed passable Complete	d	
Individual		
Road block		
Bridge out		
Tank barrier		
Tank trap<	`>	
Chart 21.—Obstacles—Continued.		

Filter center
Information center
Message Center
Point on axis of signal communication (probable future location of command post) Examples: Artillery
Cavalry
Infantry
Radar station
Radio intercept station(Type No. —)
Radio station (transmitting and receiving) or RS o
Radio direction—finder station (radio compass)
Radio direction—finder station, mobile
Radio direction—finder station, portable
Switching central (located at command post)
Switching central
Commercial switching central
Teletypewriter central
Test station or cable terminal
Visual signal

Military post or station; command post or head- quarters	
(Lower end of staff terminates at a military post or station or at an easily recognizable terrain feature near a command post or unit headquarters.)	
Troop unit	
(On large-scale maps where troop units can be shown to scale, this symbol may be modified as follows so as to show area occupied by units in column or line and direction in which they are	
facing):	
Line Column	
Arsenal	
Arsenal (chemical warfare)	噬ੇ
General hospital	
Laboratory, experimental center, or proving ground	
Point, any located (suitable description)	. 0
Posts:	
Observation, general	Δ
Fixed underwater, listening	(L)
Visual signal	\propto
Reception center	\Diamond
Replacement training center	A
Training center	V
XA7	₩

Chart 23.—Special buildings, posts, and centers.

Debarkation or embarkation point	4
Supply points:	
Occupied	. Ö
Proposed	\mathcal{O}
Examples:	
Railhead	
Class I supplies	
Ammunition (Class V supplies)	
Artillery ammunition	
Small-arms ammunition	
Class III supplies	. 🏵
Water	. (w)
Engineer (arm or service symbol in circle)	. (E)
Procurement district, headquarters	X
Railroad center	0
Supply:	
Ammunition, all classes	Д
Ammunition, artillery	<u>A</u>
Ammunition, small arms	🛭
Class I	•
Gasoline and oil	▼
Water	w
Remount Service	℧
Chart 24.—Supply, transportation, traffic.	

Petroleum supply:
Gas wells $\Delta_{\Delta}^{\Delta_{\Delta}}$
Oil wells
Oil-well derrick
Petroleum tank
Bulk storage petroleum products
Surface cable
Submarine cable
Submarine pipeline
Gas pipeline
Oil pipeline
Petroleum products pipeline, general. 🐯 🐯 🗴
Trains (supply, motor)

Traffic and traffic control:

Railroad grade crossing.

Railroad above road.

Railroad beneath road.

Animal-drawn.....

Railway....

Chart 24.—Supply, transportation, traffic—Continued.

Traffic and traffic control—Continued.
Boundary between two sections of roadway —+-
Impassable roadway
Bridge
Tunnel
Rotary traffic
Turn-around location
Parallel line to one-lane road indicates length of roadway where passing is possible
One-way traffic
Two-way traffic
Alternating one-way traffic ◆ALT→
Dispatch route (operated by schedule system).
Reserved route (can be used by specific traffic only)
National and state route markers, respectively. [5] (29)
Military route marker
Traffic post (or unit); traffic headquarters T
Marked road intersection (atlas-grid system)
Line beyond which any lights (including black- out lights) are prohibited
Chart 24.—Supply, transportation, traffic—Continued.

Automatic rifle	
Automatic rifle (position prepared but not occupied)	»
Machine guns (arrow points in principal direction of fire):	
Caliber .30, water-cooled, heavy	 →
Caliber .30, air-cooled, light	-
Caliber .50	• .50 >
Antiaircraft	• A.A.
Sector of fire of single machine gun (arrows indicate sector of fire; heavy solid portion on solid arrow shows danger space when fire is placed on final protective line)	<i>→</i>
Sector of fire of machine-gun section (two guns)	
Rifle, firing antitank grenade	>>
Rocket launcher, antitank	>,,,
Antitank gun, 75-mm (caliber specified on right).	₽ 75
75-mm antitank gun in position with principal direction of fire	<u> </u>
37-mm antitank gun in position with principal direction of fire	4 37 >
37-mm antitank gun emplacement, showing principal direction of fire	→ 37 →
Chart 25.—Weapons.	

Gun	, ,	
Gun battery		
Howitzer or mortar • Open when em-	→	
Howitzer or placement is unoccupied, thus	or -0000	
4.2-inch chemical mortar 4.2 cm1	-0-42 Cml	
Tanks: Light	\sigma	
Medium		
Heavy	(Hv)	
Self-propelled guns:		
Howitzer (tank-chassis mounted; indicate caliber) 105		
Mortar (indicate caliber)	81	
Gun (indicate caliber)	37 AT	
Ammunition carrier		
Chart 25.—Weapons—Continued.		

CHAPTER 9

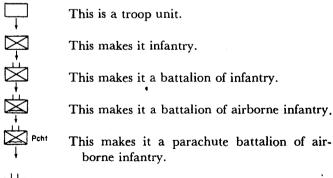
ILLUSTRATIONS OF MILITARY SYMBOLS

- **26. UNIT DESIGNATIONS.**—This chapter contains examples to illustrate the method of combining basic symbols and abbreviations in order to show the desired information. The following are general rules governing the application of these symbols to rectangles, triangles, or circles representing, respectively, troop units, observation posts, and supply points:
- **a.** The basic symbol is placed in the center. (See chart 13.)
- **b.** The symbol for the size of the unit is placed above.
- c. Army and air force are shown by a number spelled out.
- d. Corps and air force command are shown by Roman numerals.
- **e.** When the symbol represents either an army or a corps in its entirety, the numeral designation is placed *inside* the box. When the symbol pertains to a unit within an army or corps, the army or corps numeral is placed on the right, *outside* the box.
- **f.** Numbers designating battalions in a regiment are shown on the left, in Arabic numerals.
- g. Numbers designating separate battalions are shown on the right, in Arabic numerals.
- **h.** Numbers designating divisions, brigades, groups, regiments, separate companies, or similar separate units are placed on the right, in Arabic numerals.

- Letters designating companies, troops, or batteries are in capitals and are shown on the left.
- j. Companies, troops, batteries, or platoons (not separate), and other elements of a unit which are designated by name instead of by letter (for example, "Antitank Company" or "Headquarters and Service Troop"), are designated by the use of the proper abbreviation on the left.
- **k.** Abbreviations for explanatory purposes are shown on the right (see ch. 10).
- **I.** Abbreviations are used instead of symbols to show information that cannot be indicated by a single symbol,
- m. Calibers are shown by numbers placed under the symbol and the unit of measure is omitted.

27. APPLICATION OF SPECIAL SYMBOLS.

The following examples illustrate the method of combining basic symbols and abbreviations in order to show the desired information. These are only a few of the possible combinations. The following diagram illustrates how these symbols are built up:



³ 502 Pcht This tells what battalion of parachute infantry it is.

88th Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade
3d Antiaircraft Artillery Group 3
302d Antiaircraft Balloon Battalion (low altitude). 🛱 302
101st Antiaircraft Balloon Battery (separate) (very low altitude)
Headquarters Battery, 401st Antiaircraft Gun Battalion Hq 401
Battery C, 228th Antiaircraft Searchlight Battalion
2d Platoon, Battery C, 119th Airborne Antiair- craft Battalion
Battery D, 441st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (mobile)
Battery A, 105th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (self-propelled)

Chart 26.—Examples—Antiaircraft Artillery.

I Armored Corps
1st Armored Division
Combat Command A, 1st Armored Division A XX
1st Armored Division Trains
Transportation Platoon, Headquarters Company, 1st Armored Reconnaissance Battalion
Assault Gun Platoon, Headquarters Company, Hq 1 1st Battalion, 1st Armored Regiment
Company A, 1st Armored Regiment
1st Tank Group
742d Tank Battalion (light)
6th Armored Artillery Group
16th Armored Engineer Battalion
Medical Detachment, 16th Armored Engineer Battalion
6th Armored Infantry Regiment
Assault Gun Platoon, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Armored Infantry Regi- ment
Treatment Platoon, Company A, 47th Armored Medical Battalion
Company A, Supply Battalion, 1st Armored Division A Sup
Operations Platoon, 47th Armored Signal Company
Chart 27.—Examples—armored.

First Air Force.
IV Fighter Command
18th Fighter WingX
4th Reconnaissance Group
5th Bombardment Squadron (heavy) 5 Bomb (H)
54th Troop Carrier Group 54 Tr Carr
66th Service Squadron
12th Glider Squadron 12 Gli
88th Reconnaissance Squadron
Air Support Control B, 8th Air Support Communications Squadron B 8 A Spt Com
5th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron 5 Ph Rcn
16th Depot Repair Squadron, 15th Air Depot Group
20th Air Base Security Battalion
23d Signal Company, Wing 23 wg
Company C, 321st Engineer Aviation Battalion. C 321
Chart 28.—Examples—Army Air Forces.

Machine Gun Platoon, Troop A, 5th Cavalry
Caliber .50 Machine Gun Section, Troop A, 5th Cavalry
1st Platoon, Weapons Troop, 14th Cavalry wpn 14
Mortar Platoon, Weapons Troop, 14th Cavalry. Wpn 481
Troop E, 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized
2d Platoon, Troop A, 4th Cavalry, Mechanized. 2A 24
Antitank Platoon, Headquarters Troop, 2d Cavalry Brigade
1st Tank Platoon, Troop E, 1st Reconnais- sance Squadron
5th Cavlary Group, Mechanized 5
89th Cavalry Mechanized Reconnaissance Squadron: Acting alone B9 Rcn
Acting as part of 5th Cavalry Group 89 Ren 25
Reconnaissance Troop (Mechanized) 9th Cavalry Division
1st Cavalry Division
Command Post, 5th Cavalry 5
Observation Post, 9th Cavalry
Park, Mechanized Cavalry Group

2d Platoon, 1st Chemical Company, Service Aviation
10th Chemical Company, Maintenance G 10 Moint
Company B, 2d Separate Chemical Bat- talion
3d Battalion, 901st Chemical Regiment 3 6 901
Proposed Chemical Warfare Supply Point, IV XXX Corps
Chemical Depot, First Army
Chart 30.—Examples—Chemical Warfare Service.
Searchlight Battery, 104th Coast Artillery, 104 HD (A) Harbor Defense Type A
912th Coast Artillery (Railway) 912 Ry
912th Coast Artillery (Railway)
4th Battalion, 241st Coast Artillery, Harbor Defense, Type C
Command Post, Battery E, 248th Coast Artil- 248 HD(B) lery, Harbor Defense, Type B
7 71

Chart 31.—Examples—Coast Artillery Corps.

Company A, 2d Engineer Combat Battalion A E 2
8th Engineer Squadron
Company A, 16th Armored Engineer Battalion A 16th Armored Engineer Battalion
Motorized Company, 126th Engineer Mountain Battalion
Company B, 905th Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion
Parachute Company, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion
2d Platoon, Company B, 28th Engineer Aviation Battalion 28 28
2d Platoon, 70th Engineer Light Ponton Company
Engineer Depot Number 2, First Army
Proposed Engineer Park, II Army Corps
2d Platoon, Company B, 84th Engineer Camouflage Battalion
2d Platoon, Photomapping Company, 660th Engineer Topographic Battalion 28 E 660 Topo
Company
2d Platoon, 391st Engineer Depot Company. 2 E 391 Dep
Company B, 801st Engineer Water Supply Battalion
Second Boat Platoon, Company A, 531st Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment. 2Bt A 531 Bt a Shore
Pioneer Platoon, Company D, 591st Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment Pion D Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment

Chart 32.—Examples—Corps of Engineers.

Battery F, 2d Field Artillery Battalion F • 2
Headquarters Battery, 1st Division Artillery
Ammunition Train, 82d Field Artillery Battal- ion (horse)
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Field Artillery Battalion (Pack)
Gasoline Section, Service Battery, 54th Field Artillery (105-mm Howitzer, armored) ◆ 105
8th Field Artillery Battalion
Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 11th Field Artillery Brigade
2d Section, Battery B, 71st Field Artillery Battalion, horse-drawn
Maintenance Section, Battery C, 98th Field Artillery Battalion (75-mm How-Maint C 98 Pk itzer, Pack)
Battery B, 1st Field Artillery Observation Battalion. Box 100sn
74th Field Artillery Brigade
125th Field Artillery Parachute Battalion
131st Glider Field Artillery Battalion
18th Field Artillery Group
10th Armored Field Artillery Group
Forward Observation Post, Battery A, 1st Field Artillery Battalion
70 Chart 33.—Examples—Field Artillery.

Headquarters Company, 29th Infantry Hq 29
Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, Headquarters Company, 19th Infantry 18R 19
Maintenance Section, Transportation Platoon, Service Company, 5th Infantry
Kitchen and Baggage Train, 29th Infantry
1st Platoon, Antitank Company, 4th Infantry 1AT 337
1st Cannon Platoon, Headquarters Company 6th Infantry
Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 10th Infantry. Asp 3 10
Weapons Platoon, Company A, 14th Infantry. Wpn A 14
60-mm Mortar Section, Company B, 15th Infantry B 560
Light Machine-Gun Section, Company E, 17th E 17
Machine Gun Section, 2d Platoon, Company D, 20th Infantry
502d Parachute Infantry
22d Motorized Infantry
Company A, 41st Armored Infantry A A 41
Observation Post, 81-mm Mortar Platoon, Company D, 23d Infantry
Proposed regimental Ammunition Supply Point, 27th Infantry

Headquarters and Service Company, 1st Medical Regiment
Clearing Company D, 8th Medical Battalion 0 8
2d Platoon, Company A, 105th Medical Ambulance Battalion
3d Platoon, Company A, 47th Medical Battalion Armored
Clearing Platoon, Veterinary Troop, 1st Medical Squadron. First Army Medical Depot.
1st Battalion Section, Medical Detachment, 175th Infantry
Battalion Aid Station, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry4 Inf
Ambulance Loading Post
Collecting Station, 1st Division
11th Evacuation Hospital
Clearing Station, I Corps
Hospital Train
Veterinary Clearing Station, First Army First Clr
5th Platoon, 12th Veterinary Company 5 12
901st Veterinary Evacuation Hospital
Chart 35.—Examples—Medical Department.

2d Ordnance Company, Heavy Maintenance (Army)
3d Ordnance Company, Heavy Maintenance (Tank)
Service Section, 28th Ordnance Company (Medium Maintenance)
Magazine Platoon, 51st Ordnance Company (Ammunition)
3d Platoon, 95th Ordnance Company, Railway Artillery Maintenance 3 8 95 Maint (Ry)
Company B, 19th Ordnance Battalion (Armored). B 19
Headquarters and Supply Section, 105th Ordnance Company (Medium Maintenance)
Service Platoon, 73d Ordnance Company (Depot) Serv 8 73 Dep
721st Ordnance Company (Aviation Air Base) 721 Avn A B
1st Ordnance Battalion (Medium Maintenance)
1st Platoon, 104th Ordnance Evacuation Company
319th Ordnance Maintenance Company, Antiaircraft
7th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, Motorized
61st Ordnance Maintenance Company, Airborne
419th Ordnance Platoon, 531st Engineer Special Brigade
Chart 36 - Examples - Ordnance Department

XXXX
Class I Supply Point, Third Army, proposed XXXX
Class III Railhead, Third Army, proposed (*) Third Rhd
Second Army Quartermaster Depot Number 1 XXXX (Class III)
Third Army Quartermaster Depot No. 2 2 Third
III Corps Quartermaster Park, proposed
Truckhead, Class I Supply, Third Army, XXXX proposed Third Trk Hd
Salvage Collecting Point, 3d Division, proposed
105th Quartermaster Car Company Q 105 cor
2d Platoon, Company K, 48th Quartermaster Regiment (Truck)
Pack Troop, 16th Quartermaster Squadron E Pk 2 16
681st Quartermaster Battalion (Sterilization) . 0 681 Ster
Company A, 203d Quartermaster Battalion A Q 203 (Gasoline Supply)
Company D, 94th Quartermaster Battalion (Bakery)
Company A, Supply Battalion, 1st Armored Division
Chart 37 — Examples—Quartermaster Corns

Headquarters Platoon, Company A, 51st Signal Battalion
Radio Operation Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 51st Signal Battalion
Teletypewriter Operation Platoon, Company B, 57th Signal Battalion
59th Signal Construction Battalion
Installation and Maintenance Platoon, Company B, 64th Signal Operation Battalion
Command Post Section, Message Center Platoon, Headquarters Company, 59th Armored Signal Battalion
Radio Intelligence Platoon, Company A, 318th Signal Battalion (Aviation), Air Support Command
Teletypewriter Operation Platoon, 263d Signal Operation Company, Separate.
83d Signal Troop, 1st Cavalry Division 63 8
93d Signal Company, 421st Engineer Special Brigade
365th Airborne Signal Company 365
20th Signal Fixed Radio Station Company S 20 Fxd Rod Sto
10th Signal Mobile Photographic Laboratory Unit
3d Intercept Platoon, 318th Signal Radio Intelligence Company

Chart 38.—Examples—Signal Corps.

Mobile Direction Finding Section, Position Finding Platoon, 318th Radio Intelligence Company 1st Combat Platoon, 281st Signal Pigeon Company 281 Pgn
105th Signal Photomail Company S 105 v
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Composite Battalion, 2d Signal Aircraft Warning Regiment
Chart 38.—Examples—Signal Corps—Continued.
Headquarters, 12th Tank Destroyer Group
Destroyer Platoon, Company A, 657th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self propelled) Destroyer Battalion (Self propelled)
827th Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed)
Pioneer Platoon, Company D, 657th Tank Destroyer Battalion Pion D TD 657
2d Reconnaissance Platoon, Company D, 657th Tank Destroyer Battalion 2 Ren D TD 657
Operations Platoon, Headquarters Company, 12th Tank Destroyer Group
Chart 39.—Examples—Tank Destroyer.

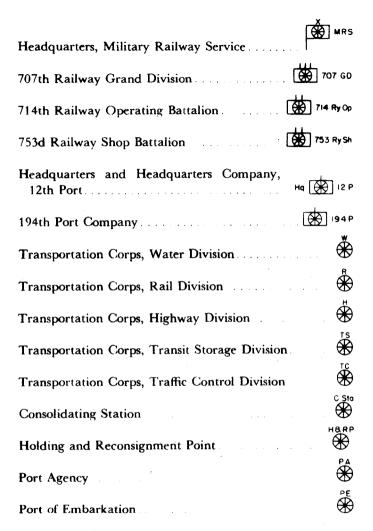


Chart 40.—Examples—Transportation Corps.

PART III

MILITARY ABBREVIATIONS

CHAPTER 10

LIST OF MILITARY ABBREVIATIONS

- 28. GENERAL. This chapter is concerned primarily with abbreviations found only in Army field work.
- 29. DATES AND HOURS. a. Dates. Dates are written with the day preceding the name of the month, thus: 15 Jan 1943.
- **b. Time.** Time is indicated according to the 24-hour clock system, in four-digit numbers, the first two digits representing the hour, the second two digits the minutes.

Examples:

0001 means 1 minute after midnight.

0630 means 6:30 in the morning.

1500 means 3:00 in the afternoon.

c. Dates with hours. Dates with hour designations are written as follows:

0630, 15 Jan 1943.

A six digit number may be used, in which case the month is assumed to be the current one. The first two digits indicate the day of the month, and the last four the hour, as explained above. For example: 150630 means 6:30 in the morning of the 15th day of the current month.

d. Greenwich time. If the time is based on Greenwich rather than on local time, the letter "Z" is placed after the hour designation. For example:

0630Z 150630Z

30. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ITS USES. a. Kinds of abbreviations. This manual contains abbreviations authorized for use in field work, such as field orders, field maps, and messages. For abbreviations used in administrative work, see AR 850-150. In addition to those on the following list the Army is also authorized to use common abbreviations that are generally accepted, such as ft for foot.

- **b. Capitalization.** All abbreviations used in field work have a capitalized initial letter.
- c. Punctuation. All abbreviations used are written without periods.

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A

acting	Actg
adjutant (1st staff section, brigades	
and lower units)	S-1
administrative (orders or officer)	Adm (O)
advance	Adv
advance guard	Adv Gd
advance message center	Adv Msg Cen
aeronautic, aeronautical	Aero
agent	Agt
air	A
air base	AB
Airborne Command	
aircraft warning (company)	AW (Co)
air depot	
airdrome	

air field	AFld
air force	AF
air intelligence (section)	A Int (Sec)
airport	Aprt
airship	
Air Support Command	
Air Support Control	•
	Contl
alternate target	
ambulance loading post	
American Expeditionary Forces	
ammunition (train)	
ammunition supply point	
amphibian truck (company)	- · · · · ·
Amphibious Command	•
animal-drawn	- · · -
antiaircraft artillery	AAA
Antiaircraft Artillery Intelligence	
Service	
antiaircraft balloon	
antimechanized	
antipersonnel	
Antisubmarine Command	
appendix	Арр
approximate	
armored car	Armd C
armored	Armd
armorer	
armor-piercing	
Army Engineer Service	A Engr Serv
Army headquarters	AHQ
Army medical (laboratory) (serv-	
ice)	
Army Postal Service	
Arsenal	
artificer	Artif

artillery (brigade) (horse) (liaison officer).	Arty (Brig) (H) (LnO
attack	Atk
automatic	Auto
automatic weapons	AW
aviation gasoline	Agas
aviation oil	Aoil
В	
baggage	Bag
bakery	Bkry
balloon	Bln
Balloon Barrage Training Center.	BBTC
barrage balloon (battalion)	Bar Bln (Bn)
base depot company	BD Co
base point	BP
basic	Bsc
Basic Field Manual	BFM
battalion (combat train)	Bn (C Tn)
battalion adjutant	Bn S-1
battalion beachhead	BBH.
battalion intelligence officer	Bn S-2
battalion landing team	BLT
battalion plans and training officer.	Bn S-3
battalion supply officer	Bn S-4
battery commander	BC
battle reconnaissance	B Rcn
bench mark	BM
bicycle	Bcl
bill of lading	B/L
bivouac	Biv
blacksmith	Blksm
boat	Bt
boiler and smith shop company	Blr & Sm Sh Co
bomber	Bmr
bomb line	BL

bomb service truck boundary bridge train (heavy) (light) brigade brigade adjutant brigade intelligence officer brigade plans and training officer brigade supply officer brigade headquarters Browning automatic rifle bugler bulk storage petroleum	BSTrk Bd Br Tn (Hv) (L) Brig Brig S-1 Brig S-2 Brig S-3 Brig S-4 BHQ BAR Bglr BSpet
C	
camouflage. cannon (platoon). Carbine. carpenter. car repair company. cemetery. center, central. central interpretation unit. character. chauffeur. chemical agent, nonpersistent. chemical agent, persistent. chemical mortar, 4.2-inch. chief. chief of. Chief of Transportation. Chief Signal Officer. civil (or civilian). Class I supplies. clearing company. close-in.	Cam Cn (Plat) Cbn Cptr Car Rep Co Cem Cen CIU Char Cfr G-NP G-P 4.2 Cml Mort C Cof CofT CSigO Civ Cl I Sup Clr Co CL

coast defense	CD CF Coll (Co) (Pt) (Sta)
tion). combat (car) (zone) combat command combat crew	C (Car) (Z) CC CCr
combat group	C GP CT
command and navigation boat commercial commissary	C&N Bt Coml Comm
communicationcommunications zone	Com Z Comp
computer	Cmptr Conc
consolidating stationconstruction	C Sta Cons Con Pty
continuous wave	CW Contl
convalescent (hospital)copilotcounterreconnaissance	Conv (Hosp) CoP C-Rcn
crew chief	CrC CR
D D	Cur
dead reckoning delivered or delivery demolition (squad) (officer) depot deserted or desertion detail	D/R Delv Dml (Sqd) (O) Dep Des Dtl

direction finding	D/F
director	Dir
direct support	D/S
distant	Ds
distant surveillance section	DS Sec
district engineer officer	DEO
district transportation officer	DTO
division ammunition office	DAO
division beachhead	DBH
division headquarters	DHQ
division service area	DSA
draftsman	Drftm
drawn	Dr
driver	Dvr
Duty officer	DO
,	
E	
electrical or electrician	Elec
element	Elm
eliminate	Elim
embarkation	Emb
emplacement	Empl
enemy aircraft	E/A
engine house company	Eng Hse Co
entrucking point	EP
erecting and machine shop company	Erect & Mach Sh Co
estimated time arrival	ETA
evacuation	Evac
exclusive	Excl
F	
field laboratory	F Lab
field remount depot	F Rmt Dep
field train	F Tn
fighter	Fi
fighter control area	

film strip	FS
filter	Fil
filter center	Fil Cen
final protective line	FPL
fire-direction center	Fdc
first lieutenant	1st Lt
fixed	Fxd
flash ranging	FR
forward interpretation unit	FIU
from	Fr
furnished	Furn
G	
garage	Gar
gas, nonpersistent	G-NP
gas, persistent	G-P
gasproof	GPf
general dispensary	Gen Disp
general hospital	Gen Hosp
general service schools	GSS
general service	Gen Serv
general support	G/S
Geological Survey	Geol Surv
glider	Gli
grand division (railway)	Gr Div (Ry)
graves registration (battalion) (com-	
pany)	Gr Reg (Bn) (Co)
ground	Grd
ground control interception	GCI
groupment	Gpmt
gun	G
. Н	
half-track	H-Trk
harbor	Har
Harbor Boat Service	HBS

harbor craft (company) Har Cft (Co)
harbor defense command
headquarters Hq
headquarters and service (battery) H&S (Btry) (Co) (Tr)
(company) (troop) or Hq & Serv (Btry)
(Co) (Tr)
heavy weapons company Hv Wpn Co
highway Hwy
highway transportation officer HTO
holding and reconsignment point. H & RP
horizontal control operator HCO
horse H
horse-drawn
hospital Hosp
· I
Impregnating Impreg
Include Incld
inclusive Incl
indicated air speed IAS
information Info
information center IC
initial beachead IBH
initial point IP
instrument Inst
intelligence Int
intelligence officer \$-2 or Int O
interceptor I
interpreterIntpr
interpretation of the second o
J
join Jn
\mathbf{K}
killed Kd

labor	Lbr
laboratory	Lab
landing craft, mechanized	LCM
landing craft, personnel	LCP
landing craft, vehicle	LCV
landing craft, vehicle-personnel	LCVP
landing craft, tank	LCT
land mine	LM
last resort target	LRT
legislative	Leg
liaison	Ln
lieutenant colonel	Lt Col
lieutenant general	Lt Gen
light machine gun	LMG
lights	Lgts
linemen	Lmn
line of departure	LD
lines of communication	LC
long wheelbase	LWB
low altitude	LA
M	
machinist	Machst
main line of resistance	MLR
main supply road	. MSR
maintenance of equipment	. Maint of E
maintenance of way	. Maint of W
major general	. Maj Gen
material	. Mat
medium (tank)	. M (Tk)
meterologist	. Metgst
military attaché	. Mil Att or MA
Military Railway Service	
minimum altitude	. Min Alt
mobile	
Mobilization Training Program	. MTP

motorcyclist	Mtrclt
motor gasoline	Mgas
motor oil	Moil
motor-tricycle	Mtricl
move	Mv
movement	Mvmt
musician	Mus
N	
navigation (officer)	Nav (O)
net control station	NCS
not yet returned	NYR
number	No
O	
observation post	OP
officer in charge	O/C
one-pounder	1 Pdr
operation	Opn
operator	Opr
order, orders	O
orderly	Odly
outpost line	OPL
outpost line of resistance	OPLR
P	
parachutist	Pchst
park	Prk
party	Pty
patrol boat	PAT Bt
photograph or photographic	Photo
pigeon	Pgn
pioneer and demolition section	P & D Sec
plans and training officer	S-3
platoon	Plat
point	Pt
ponton	Pon
portable	Ptbl

port agency	PA
port of debarkation	PD
port transportation officer	PTO
postal (section)	Post (Sec)
primary target	PT
principal	Princ
prisoner	Pris
proving ground	PG
Q	
quartermaster supply officer	QMSO
D	
R	
radio and panel section	R & P Sec
radio detector equipment	RADAR
radio intelligence (company)	Rad Int (Co)
railhead	Rhd
railhead officer	RHO
railroad	RR
railroad transportation officer	RTO
Railway Grand Division	Ry GD
railway traffic officer	R Traf O
range officer	Rg O
ration distributing point	RDP
railway shop battalion (Diesel)	Ry Sh Bn (Dsl)
rear (echelon) (guard)	Rr (Ech) (Gd)
received	Recd
reconnaissance (long range) (me-	Rcn (LR) (MR)
dium range).	
reconstruction park	Recons Prk
recreation	Rec
reduce or reduced	Rd
refrigeration	Ref
regimental adjutant	Regtl S-1
regimental beachhead	RBH
regimental headquarters	RHQ
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regimental intelligence officer	Regtl S-2
regimental orders:	RO
regimental plans and training of-	Regtl S-3
ficer.	
regimental reserve line	RRL
regimental supply officer	Regtl S-4 or RSO
regulating (station)	R (Sta)
reinforced	Reinf
rejoined	Rejd
release point	Rel Pt
rendezvous point	RDV Pt
repair shop company	Rep Sh Co
replacement	Repl
report, reporting	Rpt
reproduction	Repro
rescinded	Resc
Reserve	Res
retired	Ret
rifle (Company)	R (CO)
road bend	RB
road junction	RJ:
road space	RS
rocket	Rkt
rocketeer	Rktr
rocket launcher	RL
S	
-	0.1.0 (0.)(0.)
sales Commissary (Battalion)	Sales Comm (Bn) (Co)
(Company)	C 1
salvage	Salv
sanitary	Sn
schedule	Scd
scout	Sct
scout car	Sct C
searchlight	SL 2d Lt
second lieutenant	Zu Di
90	

self-propelled	SP
self-propelled mount	SPM
semiautomatic rifle	SAR
semimobile	Sem
sentence	Sent
sentenced	Sentd
shipment	Shipt
shipping ticket	S/T
shop (battalion)	Sh (Bn)
short wheelbase	SW B
signal	Sig
signal operations instructions	SOI
small arms	SA
small boat (company)	S BT (Co)
sound and flash (battalion)	S&F (Bn)
sound locator	S-L
sound ranging	SR
specialist	Specl
special messenger	Sp Msgr
special troops	Sp Trs
staff	Stf
staging area (company)	St Ar (Co)
stenographer (s)	Steno
sterilization	Ster
stevedore	Stev
straggler line	Strag L
submarine	Subm
supply	Sup
supply point	SP
support	Spt
support line	SL
• •	
surgeon	Surg (Hosp)
surgical (hospital)	
surrender or surrendered	Surr
survey	Surv

switchboardswitching central.	
Ť	
tactical	Tac
Tank Destroyer	TD
technical	Tech
telegram	Telg
telegraph printer	T_{gp}
teletypewriter	Tt
teletypewriter center	Ttc
theater headquarters	THQ
time lengths	TL
toolmaker	Tlmkr
topographic, topographical	Top or Topo
torpedo	Tor
tractor	Trac
tractor-drawn	Tr-Dr
traffic	Traf
traffic control station	TCS
train commander	Tn Co
training circular	TC
training film	TF
training unit	TU
transit storage	TS
transport, transportation	T or Trans
transportation company	T Co
trench mortar	T Mort
troop (s)	Tr(s)
troop carrier (squadron)	Tr Carr (Sq)
truck-drawn	Trk-Dr
truck head	Trk Hd
\mathbf{U}	
unit of fire.	U/F
Unit Training Center	UTC

United States Army Transport	USAT
v	
vertical control operator	VCO
very low altitude	VLA
visual	Vis
volunteer	Vol
w	
warrant	Wrnt
warrant officer	WO
water supply	W Sup
water tank (battalion) (train)	W Tk (Bn) (Tn)
weapon carrier	Wpn Carr
weapons (troop) (platoon)	Wpn (Tr) (Plat)
welder	Wldr
winch	Wn
wrecker	Wkr
Z	
zone of fire	Z/F

zone transportation officer ZTO

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