

# Nomenclature and Abbreviations

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During the early days of the “Number Station” hobby becoming more popular there had been the continuing problem of how to accurately and quickly record the details of “heard” stations in a manner that facilitated an easy, full and accurate exchange of information between interested parties.

Misunderstanding and misreporting were common and gave rise to considerable problems in accurately identifying similar sounding stations.

At that time most of the regularly heard, and well known, stations were only referred to by “common names” or “nicknames” and this resulted in different stations being known by the same name – or the same station known by multiple names, a very unsatisfactory situation.

To help alleviate this problem, starting in the early 90’s, ENIGMA embarked on a formal station classification system, now continually updated, which resulted in the publication of the ENIGMA CONTROL LIST which quickly became adopted throughout the hobby as the “de facto” ID reference standard.

As a further aid to the “numberist community ” a list of suggested logging abbreviations and station format abbreviations were also introduced.

The main “common usage” elements are reproduced here.

Extract from the ENIGMA Booklet, Pt2, with subsequent additions and amendments by the Enigma2000 CW team.

## Logging abbreviations

M	Monday	g/m	single groups per min.
T	Tuesday	hand	manual keying (morse)
W	Wednesday	Jam	signal jamming
Th	Thursday	LG	last group
		LPM	letters per minute (CW)
		long	CW zero sent as '-----'
F	Friday	poor	poor readability
S	Saturday	QRM	man-made interference
Su	Sunday	QRN	atmospheric interference
09	09.00 UTC (z)	RR13	13th repeat (rarely used)
091	09.10 UTC (z)	R of 2	repeat of TX on 2nd ,same month (rarely used)
0915	09.15 UTC (z) (favoured)		
4625	4625 kHz	short	CW zero sent as - 'T'
c4.6	approx 4600 kHz	sig (n)	signal strength in 1-9
auto	auto keying	st3	strong, average readability (RST)
c/m	cycles per min		
cut	CW numbers abbreviated	u/r	unreadable
dis	distorted	v	variable (freq, time, speed etc)
FG	first group	vst	very strong, perfect readability
i/p	in progress	WPM	Words per minute (CW)

## Station Format Abbreviations

AN	addressee number	n-r	non-random
C	call	P	preamble

CC	calling cycle	R	repeat
CIS	combined call & interval sign.	RS	repeat sequence
CN	circuit number	R5	repeated for 5 mins
c/s	callsign	SG	stutter group
DG	date group	SN	schedule number
DK	decryption key	ST	start time
DTG	combined date/time group	TG	time group
E	ending	TS	tuning signal
ET	end time		
GC	group count	0mssg	null message format
H5	five figure header	3FfSG	3 figure stutter group sent 3 times (eg : 111 111 111)
ID	identifier (general term for SN/header/AN/ ENIGMA ID )	5FSG	5 figure paired stutter group (eg: 22222 22222 )
IS	interval signal	5f	5 figure single group
mssg	message	5F	5 figure paired groups
MSN	message serial number	5Ff	5 figure group sent 3 times
*	pause (rarely used)	( )	all in brackets not sent (rarely used)
//	parallel [frequency]		

### Morse Common Procedure Signals

<u>AR</u>	end of message	._._.	.	full stop, sent as <u>AAA</u>	._._.
<u>CQ</u>	calling signal	._._. _._.	=	break, sent as <u>BT</u>	_..._
DE	from		:	colon/separation, sent as	_... . . .
GR	group		?	sent as <u>IMI</u>	.. _..
HR	here (rarely used)		repeat	sent as <u>IMI</u>	
NR	number		/	stroke(fractional bar), sent as <u>DN</u>	._._.
NW	now (rarely used)		error	(dot string (E's), hand keyed) =	.....
V's repeated	calling/tuning sig		<u>SK</u> , SK or VA, end of trans		..._._

Underbarred groups are sent as a single string, not separate letters.