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## Glossary

This document contains a brief explanation of the many acronyms and military terms you will encounter during cadet service.

2IC	Second in Command
A/C	Aircraft
A/C, AC(W)	Aircraftsman (Aircraftswoman)
A/SNCO	Adult Senior NCO (Adult Sgt & FS)
ACF	Army Cadet Force
ACLO	Air Cadet Liaison Officer
ACM	Air Chief Marshal
ACO	Air Cadet Organisation - incorporates ATC & CCF (RAF Section)
Adj	Adjutant – undertakes administrative duties on a unit
AEF	Air Experience Flight or Air Experience Flying
AEG	Air Experience Gliding
Air Cdre	Air Commodore
AM	Air Marshal
AOC	Air Officer Commanding
ATC	Air Training Corps or Air Traffic Control
AVM	Air Vice Marshal
AWO	Adult Warrant Officer (to distinguish from cadet counterparts)
Basha	Shelter for sleeping
Belt kit	Basic required equipment when in the field, ie waterbottle etc
Bergen	Military rucksack
BG	Blue-Grey i.e., colour of RAF uniform
Billets	Sleeping accommodation, tents, sleeping bags etc
Blighty	Britain, home
Blues	Normal blue uniform
Bone	Daft, stupid
Boss	The Commanding Officer
Brew, get a brew on	Mug of tea
Buckshee	Free
CAC	Commandant Air Cadets
Casevac	Casualty Evacuation
Cdt	Cadet
Chf Tech, Chief	Chief Technician
CI	Civilian Instructor
CJ	Combat Jacket



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Click	kilometre
CO	Commanding Officer
Company	Army Unit of the same standing as a Flight
COS	Chief of Staff
Cpl	Corporal
Crab	Slang term for member of RAF
Crisp Packet	Foul Weather Jacket (waterproof jacket)
Crowns	AWO or CWO rank insignia
CTR	Close Target Reconnaissance
CWC	Civilian Welfare Committee also called "The Committee"
CWO	Cadet Warrant Officer
DI	Drill Instructor
DPM	Disruptive Camouflage Material i.e., combat uniform
DS	Directing Staff; members of training staff on a course
Duff Gen	Incorrect Information
Fg Off	Flying Officer
Flight	Flight Sergeant
flight	Sub-section of a squadron
Flt Lt	Flight Lieutenant
FS	Flight Sergeant
Gash	Free
GDT	Ground Defence Training
Gen	Information of any kind
Gong	A medal
Gp Capt	Group Captain
GPJ	General Purpose Jacket
Greens	DPM's, combat uniform
Grow Bags	Green flying suits
HQAC	Headquarters Air Cadets
IC	Person In Command
Inst Cdt	Instructor Cadet (Prefix for cadets over the age of 18)
Int	Intelligence
JNCO	Junior NCO (Corporal)
JT	Junior Technician
Kevlar	British Forces issue helmet
L&SER	London and South East Region (referred to and spoken as LASER)
LAC, LAC(W)	Leading Aircraftsman, Leading Aircraftswoman
Landie/Landy	Land Rover
Lid	Beret, cap, any headgear



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LUP	Lying-up place
Maggot	Sleeping Bag
Mess	Eating area (i.e., Airman's Mess, Sgt's Mess, Officer's Mess)
MO	Medical Officer
MRAF	Marshal of the Royal Air Force
MT	Mechanical Transport
NAAFI	Navy, Army & Air Force Institute (usually a shop or food facility on base)
NCO	Non-Commissioned Officer
No.1's	Best uniform
No.2's	Working uniform (see Blues)
No.3's	Combat uniform (see DPM)
No.5's	RAF Mess Dress
OC	Officer Commanding
OG	Olive Green
O-group	Orders group; a formal briefing given by a commander to subordinate commanders, who then pass the relevant info to their subordinates
OIC	Officer In Charge
On your chinstrap	Absolutely worn out
OP	Observation Post
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PEdO	Physical Education Officer
Platoon	Army Unit of the same standing as a Flight
Plt Off	Pilot Officer
Pongo	Slang term for member of Army
PTI	Physical Training Instructor
Pukka Gen	Really accurate information
QCS	Queens Colour Squadron
R&R	Rest and recuperation
Racing snake	Fast person
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAF Regt	Royal Air Force Regiment
RAFR	Royal Air Force Reserve
RAFVR(T)	Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve (Training) Branch
RAuxAF	Royal Auxiliary Air Force
RauxAF Regt	Royal Auxiliary Air Force Regiment
RFCA	Reserve Forces and Cadet Association (previously TAVRA)
Rock Apes/Rocks	RAF Regiment personnel
RTU	Return to unit
RV	Rendezvous
SAC, SAC(W)	Senior Aircraftsman, Senior Aircraftswoman



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Sit Rep	Situation Report
SNCO	Senior NCO
Snowdrops	RAF Police
Spar shop	See NAAFI
Sprog	New recruit
Sqn	Squadron
Sqn Ldr	Squadron Leader
Stag	Sentry or Guard Duty
Station Commander	Officer in charge of an RAF station
SWO	Station Warrant Officer or Squadron Warrant Officer
SWSO	Senior Wing Staff Officer (Sqn Ldr)
Tab	Forced March (from Tactical Advance to battle)
Tapes	Rank Slides
The Mob	Slang term for RAF, Army etc
U/S	Unserviceable, i.e., broken
VGS	Volunteer Gliding School
Waff	Female RAF personnel (from the old Women's Auxiliary Air Force)
Webbing	Military pack
Wg Cdr	Wing Commander
WGLO	Wing Gliding Liaison Officer
Wing	A group of squadrons
WO	Warrant Officer
WSO	Wing Staff Officer (Flt Lt)

