

GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS & MEANING OF WORDS

AF – Air France.

AFB – Air Force Base (American usage).

ANA – Australian National Airways.

ARB – Air Registration Board.

ATA – Actual Time of Arrival.

AVG – American Volunteer Group (Flying Tigers).

BA – British Airways (Imperial Airways, BOAC).

BCPA – British Commonwealth Pacific Airways.

BOAC – British Overseas Airways Corporation (now BA).

B&S – Butterfield and Swire.

CAD – Civil Aviation Department.

Capt. – Captain.

CAT – Civil Air Transport Inc.

CATC – Central Air Transport Corporation.

CATHAY – Cathay Pacific Airways (CPA).

CFI – Chief Flying Instructor.

CHUTAI – Squadron – Japanese flying term.

CNAC – China National Aviation Corporation.

CPAL – Canadian Pacific Air Lines.

DCA – Director or Department of Civil Aviation.

DFC – Distinguished Flying Cross.

DSC – Distinguished Service Cross.

DSO – Distinguished Service Order.

ETA – Estimated Time of Arrival.

FAA – Fleet Air Arm.

F/E – Flight Engineer or *flying spanner*.

FEFTS – Far East Flying Training School Limited.

fei gei – Cantonese for aeroplane.

F/O – First Officer.

GC – George Cross.

george – Aeroplane auto-pilot.

Gimo – Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

GMT – Greenwich Mean Time (also written Z)

GoC – General Officer Commanding.

HAEC (*HAECO*) – Kong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company.

HKA – Hong Kong Airways.

HKAAP – Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force.

HMS – His/Her Majesty's Ship

HONG – the word implies big company – a house of foreign trade – it has no relation to the name Hong Kong.

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HKVDC – Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

ICAO – International Civil Aviation Organisation.

IFR – Instrument Flying Rules (flight on instruments).

ILS/PAR – Instrument Landing System/Precision Approach Radar.

JAL – Japan Air Lines Co. Ltd.

JAMCo – Jardine Aircraft Maintenance Company Limited.

JS&S – John Swire and Sons Limited.

KBE – Knight Commander of the [Most Excellent Order of the] British Empire.

KEMPEITAI – Japanese secret police.

KMT – KUOMINTANG – The National Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Sek.

LORCHA (lor'cha) n. a light vessel of European build, but rigged like a Chinese junk.

LST – Local Standard Time.

MAL – Malayan Airways.

MATCO – Macau (Macao) Air Transport Company.

MC – Military Cross.

minima – aviation term – minimum operating conditions for a specific company.

NDB – Non-Directional Beacon (navigation aid).

NULLAH – (nul'a) n. a water-course or open storm-water drain.

OBE – Officer of the (Most Excellent Order of the) British Empire.

OSS – Office of Strategic Services (USA).

PAL – Philippine Air Lines.

PAMAS (PAMCo) – Pacific Air Maintenance & Supply Company Limited.

PANAGRA – Pan American-Grace Airways.

PanAm – Pan American World Airways.

pax – Aviation parlance for passengers.

P&O – Peninsula and Orient (shipping line).

props – Propellers.

PWD – Public Works Department.

QANTAS – Qantas Empire Airways (Queensland & Northern Territory Aerial Services Limited).

RAAF – Royal Australian Air Force.

RAF – Royal Air Force.

RAN – Royal Australian Navy.

RFEIC – Roy Farrell Export-Import Company.

RN – Royal Navy.

R/O – Radio Officer or *sparks*.

rpm – revs-per-minute (engine operation).

SENTAI – Group – Japanese flying term.

SCMP – *South China Morning Post* – Hong Kong newspaper – first issued November 1903.

Sgt. – Sergeant (rank).

tael – Chinese weight (a tael of gold weighs 1.3 ozs)

TAIPAN – the chairman of a *HONG* literally means *big boss*.

THAI – Thai International Airways.

TI – Time Interval.

UNRRA – United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

USAF – United States Air Force.

USN – United States Navy.

VC – Victoria Cross.

WEI-HAI-WEI – a city at the entrance of the Gulf of Chihli and north of Shanghai and south-east of Port Arthur. Its position is 37.40N: 122.15E.