

For transmission the week of 10/25/2010

MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST MTSB-07

FULL CALL, ABBREVIATED CALL AND ABBREVIATED CALL SIGNS

FULL CALL

A FULL CALL IS USED TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS. THE FULL CALL CONSISTS OF THE STATION(S) BEING CALLED, THE PROWORD "THIS IS" AND THE CALL SIGN OF THE CALLING STATION. A VERY COMMON EXAMPLE OF A FULL CALL IS THE NET CALL MADE BY THE NCS; FOR EXAMPLE:

"NOVEMBER CHARLIE MIKE ONE THIS IS ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA FIFE JULIET ROMEO OVER"

NOTE THAT THE NET DESIGNATOR SERVES AS A SPECIAL COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN MEANING "ALL STATIONS CHECKED INTO THIS NET OR WHO WISH TO CHECK INTO THIS NET".

ANOTHER EXAMPLE INVOLVING ONLY TWO STATIONS:

"ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA SEVEN PAPA QUEBEC THIS IS ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA FIFE JULIET ROMEO OVER"

IT IS GOOD PRACTICE TO USE FULL PHONETICS FOR BOTH THE CALLED AND CALLING STATIONS. DOING SO HELPS IDENTIFY THE STATIONS INVOLVED AND HELPS PREVENT MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

ABBREVIATED CALL

AN ABBREVIATED CALL IS USED WHEN RESPONDING TO A FULL CALL OR WHEN IDENTIFYING A TRANSMISSION. AN ABBREVIATED CALL CONSISTS OF THE PROWORD "THIS IS" FOLLOWED BY THE CALL SIGN OF THE TRANSMITTING STATION PER THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE:

"THIS IS ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA FIFE JULIET ROMEO OVER:"

IT IS GOOD PRACTICE TO USE PHONETICS WHEN RESPONDING TO A PRELIMINARY CALL. WHEN USING AN ABBREVIATED CALL TO IDENTIFY A TRANSMISSION, THE USE OF A PLAIN LANGUAGE CALL SIGN IS ACCEPTABLE AND PREFERRED UNLESS IT'S USE WOULD LEAD TO CONFUSION.

ABBREVIATED CALL SIGNS

THE USE OF SHORTENED OR ABBREVIATED CALL SIGNS IS NOT AUTHORIZED ON USAF MARS NETS. ABBREVIATE CALL SIGNS MAY BE USED DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BUT THEIR USE IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS IS DISCOURAGED TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A HABIT OF THEIR USE IN OTHER PORTIONS OF THE NET.

THIS ENDS THIS MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST.

ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS, QUERIES OR REQUESTS FOR FILLS? OVER