

For transmission the week of 11/8/2010

## **MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST MTSB-09**

### **ROGER, WILCO, ETC.**

THERE IS A GROUP OF PROWORDS THAT ARE OFTEN MISUSED ON USAF MARS NETS. PROPER USE OF PROWORDS ELIMINATES MANY ERRORS OF COMMUNICATIONS AND UNDERSTANDING WHILE INCREASING EFFICIENT USE OF OUR FREQUENCIES.

#### **ROGER**

“ROGER” IS A PROWORD WITH THE MEANING “I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LAST TRANSMISSION SATISFACTORILY.” THERE IS NO IMPLICATION OF AGREEMENT, DISAGREEMENT, OR ANYTHING ELSE – IT SIMPLY SAYS THAT THE RECEIVING STATION HAS RECEIVED THE TRANSMISSION FROM THE SENDING STATION.

#### **WILCO**

“WILCO” IS A PROWORD WITH THE MEANING “I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR SIGNAL, UNDERSTAND IT, AND WILL COMPLY.” SINCE THE MEANING OF “ROGER” IS INCLUDED IN THAT OF “WILCO”, THE TWO PROWORDS ARE NEVER USED TOGETHER.

#### **CORRECT**

“CORRECT” IS A PROWORD WITH THE MEANING “YOU ARE CORRECT, OR WHAT YOU HAVE TRANSMITTED IS CORRECT.”

#### **WRONG**

“WRONG” IS A PROWORD WITH THE MEANING “YOUR LAST TRANSMISSION IS INCORRECT. THE CORRECT VERSION IS....”

#### **NEGATIVE**

“NEGATIVE” AS A PROWORD HAS THE SAME MEANING AS IN COMMON USAGE. THIS PROWORD MEANS “NO”.

A COMMON ERROR IS FOR A STATION TO ASK ANOTHER STATION FOR “A SERIES OF ROGERS” IF THE INFORMATION BEING TRANSMITTED IS ACCURATE. IF THE STATION DOES ANSWER WITH “ROGER” HE/SHE HAS NOT INFORMED THE QUERYING STATION THAT THE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE – ONLY STATED THAT HE/SHE RECEIVED THE REQUEST. AN EXAMPLE OF A PROPER EXCHANGE BETWEEN TWO STATIONS, AFA5AA AND AFA5BB TO CONFIRM A CALL SIGN WOULD BE:

AFA5AA TRANSMITS: “UNKNOWN STATION IS YOUR CALL SIGN AFA5BB? OVER”

AFA5BB RESPONDS: “THIS IS AFA5BB CORRECT OVER”

AFA5AA ACKNOWLEDGES WITH: “THIS IS AFA5AA ROGER OUT”

“WILCO” IS USED TO NOT ONLY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF A DIRECTIVE BUT ALSO TO CONFIRM THAT THE DIRECTIVE WAS UNDERSTOOD AND THAT THE RECEIVING STATION WILL COMPLY WITH THE DIRECTIVE. AN EXAMPLE USAGE OF THIS PROWORD ASSUMING AFA5AA WANTED AFA5BB TO TAKE OVER AS NET CONTROL STATION:

AFA5AA TRANSMITS: “AFA5BB THIS IS AFA5AA ASSUME NET CONTROL OVER”

AFA5BB WOULD RESPOND: “THIS IS AFA5BB WILCO OUT” AND THEN AFA5BB PROCEEDS TO CONDUCT THE NET.

“ROGERED” IS NOT A PROWORD NOR IN THE DICTIONARY AS A PROPER WORD. SLANG DICTIONARIES DEFINE “ROGERED” AS A BRITISH SLANG TERM FOR SEXUAL INTERCOURSE. THUS STATIONS ARE NOT “ROGERED IN TO A NET” – USE TERMS LIKE “LOGGED” OR “ENTERED” INSTEAD.

THIS ENDS THIS MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST.

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

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