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AA	Artillery Adviser
BEF	British Expeditionary Force
BGRA	Brigadier-General, Royal Artillery (a Corps level officer)
BL	breech-loading, true for all World War I guns, but normally used only for guns when shell and propellant charges were loaded separately in a two-step process.
CB	counter-battery
CBSO	Counter-Battery Staff Officer
CDS	Central Distribution Section
CHA	Commander, Heavy Artillery (a Corps level officer)
CRA	Commander, Royal Artillery (a divisional level officer)
FAT	Field Artillery Training
FS	Flash Spotting Company
Company, FSC	
GAT	Garrison Artillery Training
GHQ	General Headquarters of the BEF
GOC	General Officer Commanding
GOCRA	General Officer Commanding, Royal Artillery (a Corps level officer)
HE	high explosive
KBS	Kite Balloon Squadron
MGO	Master General of the Ordnance, the senior officer in charge of weapons and equipment procurement for the Royal Artillery
MGRA	Major-General, Royal Artillery (Army- and GHQ-level officers)
PSC	Passed Staff College; post-nominals for fully-trained staff officers
QF	quick-firing, describing the first guns that had recoil mechanisms that returned the gun to its firing position after each round. As a result, guns could fire up to 20 rounds per minute, but only 8 rounds sustained because otherwise the barrels became dangerously overheated and were liable to fire shells before the breech was closed. QF guns revolutionized artillery around the turn of the twentieth century, but due to budget constraints the Territorial Force began the war with older guns modified into QFs.
RAF	Royal Air Force (from 1 April, 1918)
RAHQ	artillery headquarters of a Division
RE	Royal Engineers
RFC	Royal Flying Corps (until 1 April, 1918)
SR	Sound Ranging Section
Section, SRS	
SS	Stationery Services

["The Infantry cannot do with a gun less": The Place of the Artillery in the British Expeditionary Force, 1914-1918](#)