

**APPENDIX A TO CHAPTER 1 OF  
THE CASSINGA RAID**

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS FREQUENTLY USED IN THIS DISSERTATION**

1 MA	: 1 Military Area
2 MA	: 2 Military Area
ADC	: Aide-de-camp
ANC	: African National Congress
Asslt Pnrs	: Assault Pioneers
ATk	: Anti-Tank
Bde	: Brigade
Bn	: Battalion
Coy	: Company
DTA	: Democratic Turnhalle Alliance
DZ	: Dropping Zone (for paratroopers)
EW	: Electronic Warfare
FAPLA	: <i>Forças Armadas Populares para a Libertação de Angola</i> (Popular Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola)
FLS	: Front Line States (Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia)
GOC	: General Officer Commanding
Gp	: Group
HAA	: Helicopter Administrative Area
HF	: High Frequency
HQ	: Headquarters
Indep	: Independent
INTREP	: Intelligence Report
JARIC	: Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre
LZ	: Landing Zone (for helicopters)
MAOT	: Mobile Air Operations Team
MK	: <i>Umkhonto weSizwe</i> ("Spear of the Nation" – the armed wing of the ANC)
Mor	: Mortar
MPLA	: <i>Movimento Popular para a Libertação de Angola</i> (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola)
NATO	: North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
Para	: Parachute
PI	: Platoon
PLAN	: People's Liberation Army of Namibia (the armed wing of SWAPO)
POW	: Prisoner-of-War

PWC	: Personal Weapons Container
RAP	: Regimental Aid Post
RPG	: Rocket Propelled Grenade
SAAF	: South African Air Force
SADF	: South African Defence Force (pre-April 1994)
SANDF	: South African National Defence Force (post-April 1994)
SAS	: Special Air Service
Sec	: Section
SO	: Staff Officer
SSO	: Senior Staff Officer
SWA	: South West Africa (Namibia)
SWAPO	: South West African People's Organisation
Tk	: Tank
TOT	: Time Over Target
TRC	: Truth and Reconciliation Commission
UK	: United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
UN	: United Nations
UNHCR	: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
UNICEF	: United Nations Children's Fund
UNITA	: <i>União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola</i> (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola)
US	: United States (of America)
VHF	: Very High Frequency
WHO	: World Health Organisation

**Military Rank Abbreviations (used mainly in footnotes and appendices):**

Gen	: General
Lt Gen	: Lieutenant General
Maj Gen	: Major General
Brig Gen	: Brigadier General
Brig	: Brigadier
Col	: Colonel
Lt Col	: Lieutenant Colonel
Cmdt	: Commandant
Maj	: Major
Capt	: Captain
Lt	: Lieutenant
2Lt	: Second Lieutenant

CO : Candidate Officer  
WO1 : Warrant Officer Class 1 (referred to, or addressed as, Sergeant Major)  
WO2 : Warrant Officer Class 2 (referred to, or addressed as, Sergeant Major)  
SSgt : Staff Sergeant  
Sgt : Sergeant  
Cpl : Corporal  
LCpl : Lance Corporal  
Rfn : Rifleman