Abbreviations, acronyms and glossary

ACP  Assistant Commissioner of Police
ANZAM  Australia, New Zealand and Malaya
ASIO  Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
ASIS  Australian Secret Intelligence Service
ASP  Assistant Superintendent of Police
ATOM  The Conduct of Anti-Terrorist Operations in Malaya
Bde  Brigade
BBC  British Broadcasting Corporation
BMA  British Military Administration
BRIAM  British Advisory Mission (to Vietnam)
CCP  Chinese Communist Party
CEC  Central Executive Committee (or Central Committee of CPM)
CEP  Captured Enemy Personnel
CIA  US Central Intelligence Agency
CID  Criminal Investigation Department
CIGS  Chief of the British Imperial General Staff
CO  Commanding Officer
Comdt  Commandant
CP  Commissioner of Police
CPM  Communist Party of Malaya
CPO  Chief Police Officer
CPT  Communist Party of Thailand
CT  Communist Terrorist
DCM  District Committee Member CPM
DMI  Director of Military Intelligence
DSBO  District Special Branch Officer
DWEC  District War Executive Committee
Dy    Deputy
EIS    Emergency Information Services
ER    Emergency Regulations
FBI    Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCO    Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FIC    Federal Intelligence Committee
GCHQ  Government Communications Headquarters
GOC Malaya  General Officer Commanding, Malaya
GRU    USSR Chief Directorate for Intelligence, Russian Army Staff
GSO II (Int) General Staff Officer II (Intelligence)
HUMINT Human intelligence—intelligence collected by means of agents or informers.
ILD    International Liaison Department
Incident An encounter with the CTs, often resulting in loss of life, serious injury or considerable damage to property.
IRD    Information Research Department
ISLD   Inter-Service Liaison Department
JIC    Joint Intelligence Committee
kempeitei Japanese secret police
KGB    USSR Committee for State Security
KMT    Kuomintang (or Guomindang)
LSO    Local Security Officer
mata-mata Malay police constable
MCA    Malayan Chinese Association
MCP    Malayan Communist Party (see CPM)
MCS    Malayan Civil Service
MI5    Security Service (internal arm of British Secret Service)
MI6    Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) (foreign section of British Secret Service)
MIC    Malayan Indian Congress
MIO    Military intelligence officer
Min Yuen  People’s Movement. It covers all activities by the Masses in support of the CPM
MDU  Malayan Democratic Union
MNLA  Malayan National Liberation Army
MNP  Malay Nationalist Party
MPABA  Malayan People’s Anti-British Army
MPAJA  Malayan People’s Anti-Japanese Army
MRLA  Malayan Races Liberation Army (alternative name for the MNLA)
MSS  Malayan Security Service
NZR  New Zealand Regiment
OCCID  Officer-in-Charge CID
OCPD  Officer-in-Charge Police District
OPINTEL  Operational intelligence used in the planning of counterinsurgency operations
OSPC  Officer Superintending Police Circle
PAP  People’s Action Party
PETA  Ikatan Pemuda Tanah Ayer
PF  Personal file
PLA  People’s Liberation Army
PMFTU  Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions
PPP  Peoples’ Progressive Party
PRC  People’s Republic of China
PRO  Public Records Office
Psyops  Psychological Warfare Section
RAF  Royal Air Force
RAAF  Royal Australian Air Force
RAN  Royal Australian Navy
RMAF  Royal Malayan Air Force
RMC  Royal Military College
RMN  Royal Malayan Navy
RN  Royal Navy
RNZAF  Royal New Zealand Air Force
RNZN  Royal New Zealand Navy
SAC ‘E’  Senior Assistant Commissioner (Special Branch)
SAS  Special Air Service (British Army)
SB  Special Branch
SC  Special Constable
SEAC  Southeast Asia Command
SEATO  Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation
SEIO  State Emergency Information Officer
SEP  Surrendered enemy personnel
SF  Security forces
SFTU  Singapore Federation of Trade Unions
SIFE  Security Intelligence Far East, Singapore
SIS  Secret Intelligence Service
sitrep  Situation report
SLO  MI5 Security Liaison Officer
SOE  Special Operations Executive
SOVF  Special Operations Volunteer Force
Supt  Superintendent of Police
SWEC  State and Settlement War Executive Committee
UMNO  United Malays National Organisation
VCGIS  Vice-Chief of the (British) General Imperial Staff
WFTU  World Federation of Trade Unions
WL  Wanted list

**Note on transliteration**

The Romanisation of Chinese proper names and terms perennially presents problems, especially in the Malayan context where nine southern Chinese dialects are spoken as well as Mandarin (*putonghua*). In this study, the original Romanised spelling as presented in the documents has been preserved, as modern scientific transliteration can obscure well-known names and places. In recent times, the spelling of some Malay names and terms has been changed in accordance with the new *ejaan baru* system, but to avoid confusion the spelling used in the 1940s–1960s has been followed.