

## **AIDS TO ACCURACY**

**a. Pronunciation of Letters.** To help identify spoken letters of the alphabet a standard phonetic word alphabet is used. Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a uniquely pronounced word to enable consistent and accurate pronunciation. For example, BRAVO is the phonetic equivalent of the letter B and DELTA equates to the letter D.

**b. Phonetic Alphabet.** The following alphabet table shows the phonetic word equivalent of each Letter as it is written and then as it is spoken. The underlined portion of the spoken words indicates the syllables that require emphasis.

### **Letter Phonetic Spoken as:**

<b>A</b>	<b>ALFA</b>	<b>AL-FAH</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>BRAVO</b>	<b>BRAH-VO</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>CHARLIE</b>	<b>CHAR-LEE</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>DELTA</b>	<b>DELL-TAH</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>ECHO</b>	<b>ECK-OH</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>FOXTROT</b>	<b>FOKS-TROT</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>GOLF</b>	<b>GOLF</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>HOTEL</b>	<b>HOH-TELL</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>IN-DEE-AH</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>JULIETT</b>	<b>JEW-LEE-ETT</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>KILO</b>	<b>KEY-LOH</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>LIMA</b>	<b>LEE-MAH</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>MIKE</b>	<b>MIKE</b>
<b>N</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>NOH-VEM-BER</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>OSCAR</b>	<b>OSS-CAH</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>PAPA</b>	<b>AH-PAH</b>
<b>Q</b>	<b>QUEBEC</b>	<b>KEH-BECK</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>ROMEO</b>	<b>ROW-ME-OH</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>SIERRA</b>	<b>SEE-AIR-RAH</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>TANGO</b>	<b>TANG-GO</b>
<b>U</b>	<b>UNIFORM</b>	<b>YOU-NEE-FORM</b>
<b>V</b>	<b>VICTOR</b>	<b>VIK-TAH</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>WHISKEY</b>	<b>WISS-KEY</b>
<b>X</b>	<b>XRAY</b>	<b>ECKS-RAY</b>
<b>Y</b>	<b>YANKEE</b>	<b>YANG-KEY</b>
<b>Z</b>	<b>ZULU</b>	<b>ZOO-LOO</b>

**c. Pronunciation of Figures.** Whenever figures are spoken in single digits over radio they are pronounced as shown in the following table.

### **Figure Spoken as**

**1 WUN**  
**2 TOO**  
**3 THUH-REE**  
**4 FOW-ER**  
**5 FIFE**  
**6 SIX**  
**7 SEV-EN**  
**8 AIT**  
**9 NINE-ER**  
**0 ZE-RO**