

# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ranks

## British Ranks

Infantry Rank	Armour	Artillery	Support Corps	NATO
Private <sup>1</sup>	Trooper	Gunner	Private <sup>2</sup>	OR-1/2
Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal	Lance Bombardier	Lance Corporal	OR-3
Corporal	Corporal	Bombardier	Corporal	OR-4
Sergeant	Sergeant	Sergeant	Sergeant	OR-6
Colour Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	OR-7
Company Sgt. Mjr. (WO2)	Squadron Sgt. Mjr.	Battery Sgt. Mjr.	CSM	OR-8
Regimental Sgt. Mjr. (WO1)	RSM	RSM	RSM	OR-9
	Army Sgt. Mjr. (WO1) <sup>3</sup>			OR-9

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## Major Exceptions

Foot Guards Rank	The Household Cavalry	NATO
Guardsmen	Trooper	OR-1/2
Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal	OR-3
Lance Sergeant	Corporal	OR-4
Sergeant	Corporal of Horse	OR-6
Colour Sergeant	Staff Sergeant	OR-7
Company Sergeant Major	Corporal Major	OR-8
Regimental Sergeant Major	Regimental Corporal Major	OR-9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Cornet	OF-1

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## British Officer Ranks

All-Arms Rank	Command	NATO
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Platoon or Troop	OF-1
Lieutenant	Platoon or Troop	OF-1
Captain	Adjutant or 2IC Company, Squadron or Battery	OF-2
Major	Company, Squadron or Battery	OF-3
Lieutenant Colonel	Battalion or Regiment (if RA etc)	OF-4
Colonel	Regiment	OF-5
Brigadier	Brigade	OF-6
Major-General	Division	OF-7
Lieutenant-General	Corps	OF-8
General	Commander-in-Chief	OF-9
[Field Marshal] <sup>4</sup>	Army	OF-10

**Note** lieutenants are often referred to as *subalterns*.

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<sup>1</sup> This could also be Fusilier, Ranger or Rifleman depending on the regiment

<sup>2</sup> This could also be Sapper, Signaller or Driver depending on the regiment or corps

<sup>3</sup> Unique position, the most senior WO1 in the army

<sup>4</sup> Field Marshall is a rank only enacted during war time

## Other Nations

NATO	British	French	German (Heer)	US
OR-1	Pte	Soldat de 2 <sup>e</sup> classe	Soldat	Private
OR-2	Pte	Soldat de 1 <sup>e</sup> classe	Gefreiter	Private (E2) <sup>5</sup>
OR-3	L/Cpl	Caporal	Obergefreiter	Private First Class <sup>6</sup>
...	L/Cpl	Caporal	Hauptgefreiter	Private First Class
OR-4	Cpl	Caporal-Chef	Stabsgefreiter	Corporal
...	Cpl.	Caporal-Chef	Oberstabsgefreiter	Specialist
OR-5	<i>No Equiv.</i>	Sergent	Unteroffizier	Sergeant
...	<i>No Equiv.</i>	Sergent	Stabsunteroffizier	Sergeant
OR-6	Sgt	Sergent-Chef	Feldwebel	Staff Sergeant
...	Sgt	Sergent-Chef	Oberfeldwebel	Staff Sergeant
OR-7	C/Sgt	<i>No Equiv.</i>	Hauptfeldwebel	Sergeant First Class
OR-8	WO2 (CSM)	Adjutant	Stabsfeldwebel	Master Sergeant
...	WO2 (CSM)	Adjutant	Stabsfeldwebel	First Sergeant
OR-9	WO1 (Other Appt)	Adjutant-Chef	Oberstabsfeldwebel	Sergeant Major
...	WO1 (RSM)	Major	Oberstabsfeldwebel	Command Sgt- Mjr.
...	WO1 (ASM)	Major	Oberstabsfeldwebel	Sgt- Mjr. Of the Army
OF-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt.	Sous-Lieutenant	Leutnant	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant
...	Lt.	Lieutenant	Oberleutnant	Lieutenant
OF-2	Cpt.	Captaine	Hauptmann	Captain
...	Cpt.	Captaine	Stabshauptmann	Captain
OF-3	Mjr.	Commandant	Major	Major
OF-4	Lt. Col.	Lieutenant Colonel	Oberstleutnant	Lieutenant Colonel
OF-5	Col.	Colonel	Oberst	Colonel
OF-6	Brig	Général de Brigade	Brigadegeneral	Brigadier-General
OF-7	Maj-Gen.	... Division	Generalmajor	Major-General
OF-8	Lt-Gen.	... Corps d'Armée	Generalleutnant	Lieutenant-General
OF-9	Gen.	Général d'Armée	General	General
OF-10	[FM]	Marechal de France	<i>No Equiv.</i>	General of the Army

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Medals

For modifiers to the medal roll see page 159 of Weird Wars.

Roll	British Military (RAF Fliers)	British Non-Comabt	US All Ranks	XP	Prom. Mod.
5yrs+	Coronation & Jubilee Medals	N/a (some apply)	N/a	0	+0
Postscript	Campaign Medals	N/a	Campaign Medals	0	+2
1-20	None	None	None	0	+0
21-24	L4: Mentioned in Despatches	L4: King's Comm. for Bravery	Bronze Star	250	+2
25-27	L3a: Military Cross (AFC)	L3b: King's Gallantry Medal	Silver Star	500	+4
28-29	L3a: Distinguished Service Cross (DFC)	L3b: King's Gallantry Medal	Legion Of Merit	750	+6
30-31	L2a: Conspicuous Gallantry Cross	L2b: George Medal	Distinguished Service Order	1000	+8
32+	L1: Victoria Cross	L1: George Cross	Medal of Honour	2000	+10

Bars are awarded in the UK if the same medal is received more than once. Therefore someone with two Military Crosses would have a Military Cross and Bar (abbr. MC\*). If they received another it would be a Military Cross with two bars (MC\*\*).

<sup>5</sup> Distinguished from other privates by a single stripe

<sup>6</sup> Distinguished from other privates by a single stripe with Arc

## Promotion & Court Martial

The promotion roll is now two rolls. Every year, after the summer boards have sat, the character makes his *actual* rank roll. This occurs every year, even if the character hasn't made his minimum required service (see *natural '20'* below). During war time a character makes a *temporary* promotion roll whenever he levels. If the war ends the temporary wartime rank is maintained until the character is either demobilised or returned to the regular army, at which time he reverts to his confirmed rank or the reversion rank, whichever is higher. The promotion rolls are thus :

**Actual Rank** is the characters confirmed rank and can only be lowered by official court martial.

*Roll* The roll is equal to 1d20 plus the number of years service plus the cumulative total of all the *different* medals the character has been awarded (see *medals* above) minus any courts martial penalties.

**Temporary Rank** is the characters current rank. Characters are paid according to this rank and wear the badges of this office. This rank can be raised and lowered in the field. It cannot be lowered below the characters actual rank. If the character is a ranker then it can be raised or lowered by any regimental officer in his direct chain of command (ie only *his* platoon commander or *his* company commander can change his rank, not another). If the character is an officer below the rank of Lt.Col. then his rank can be adjusted by his battalion commander. Lt.Col. and above are appoint at staff level.

*Roll* The temporary rank roll is equal to 1d20 plus the characters military level plus the cumulative total of all the *different* medals the character has been awarded (see *medals* above) minus any courts martial penalties.

### Notes

Natural '20' (Actual)	This is an automatic success. The character is promoted even if he hasn't made the minimum number of years service.								
Natural '20' (Temp)	This is an automatic success. If rolled by a soldier or NCO this indicates the character is offered a field promotion to officer. If accepted the next class must be Officer and the characters temporary rank becomes 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. His actual rank remains the same until he has had some downtime to attend a military academy such as Sandhurst. All actual promotion rolls are frozen until this has been done.								
World War I	If the game is set in World War I then the character also gets +2 for each wound stripe. This only applies to Temporary rolls.								
Min Years Service	This is the minimum number of years of service before <i>actual</i> promotion can be rolled for. Where two numbers are shown for NCOs, the latter is for Military Police & Intelligence.								
Courts Martial	All promotion penalties are cumulative. For example, <table> <tr> <td>CO's Penalty</td> <td>-2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Demotion (Per Rank)</td> <td>-3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prison (Upto 2 Years)</td> <td>-5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prison (Over 2 Years)</td> <td>-10</td> </tr> </table> if the character has been 'busted' down two ranks the future penalty is -6.	CO's Penalty	-2	Demotion (Per Rank)	-3	Prison (Upto 2 Years)	-5	Prison (Over 2 Years)	-10
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### British Infantry Promotion Tables

Other Ranks	Act DC	Yrs	Tmp DC	Rev.	Notes
Pte	---	0	---	---	---
L/Cpl	10	3 / 0	10	L/Cpl	Starting rank of all Military Police & Int Ops
Cpl	15	6 / 3	15	L/Cpl	Starting <i>Rank Feat</i> (non-Officer)
Sgt	25	9 / 6	25	Cpl	Starting <i>Rank Feat</i> (Military Police & Int Ops)
C.Sgt	30	12	30	Cpl	---
WO2	40	15	40	Sgt	Temporary rank only open to confirmed sergeants
WO1	50	18	50	Sgt	Temporary rank only open to confirmed WO2s

Officers	Act DC	Yrs	Tmp DC	Rev.	Notes
2.Lt.	---	0	---	---	Starting <i>Rank Feat</i> (Officer)
Lt.	15	2	15	Lt.	---
Capt.	25	6	20	Lt.	PQO starting rank
Maj.	35	12	30	Lt.	---
Lt.Col.	45	15	40	Capt.	---
Col.	50	18	50	Capt.	Temporary rank only open to confirmed majors
Brig.	---	---	---	---	The ranks of Brigadier and above are not open to PCs

## Other Nations Promotions

<b>French</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>German (Heer)</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>DC</b>
Soldat de 2 <sup>e</sup> classe	---	Soldat	---	Private	---
Soldat de 1 <sup>e</sup> classe	5	Gefreiter	5	Private (E2)	5
Caporal	10	Obergefreiter	10	Private First Class	10
---	---	Hauptgefreiter	10	---	---
Caporal-Chef	15	Stabsgefreiter	15	Corporal	15
---	---	Oberstabsgefreiter	18	Specialist	15
Sergent	20	Unteroffizier	20	Sergeant	20
---	---	Stabsunteroffizier	22	---	---
Sergent-Chef	25	Feldwebel	25	Staff Sergeant	25
---	---	Oberfeldwebel	30	---	---
---	---	Hauptfeldwebel	35	Sergeant First Class	30
Adjutant	40	Stabsfeldwebel	40	Master Sergeant	35
---	---	---	---	First Sergeant	40
Adjutant-Chef	45	Oberstabsfeldwebel	50	Sergeant Major	45
Major	50	---	---	Command Sgt- Mjr.	50
---	---	---	---	Sgt- Mjr. Of the Army	55
Sous-Lieutenant	15	Leutnant	15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	15
Lieutenant	15	Oberleutnant	15	Lieutenant	15
Captaine	25	Hauptmann	25	Captain	25
---	---	Stabshauptmann	30	---	---
Commandant	35	Major	35	Major	35
Lieutenant Colonel	45	Oberstleutnant	45	Lieutenant Colonel	45
Colonel	50	Oberst	50	Colonel	50
Général de Brigade	---	Brigadegeneral	---	Brigadier-General	---

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## Other British Services

<b>Army</b>	<b>Royal Air Force</b>	<b>Royal Navy</b>	<b>Royal Marines</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>NATO</b>
Recruit	Recruit	Recruit	Recruit	---	OR-1
Pte	Air Specialist (Class 2) Air Specialist (Class 1)	Able Seaman	Marine	---	OR-2
L/Cpl	L/Cpl (RAF Regt Only)	---	Lance Corporal	10	OR-3
Cpl	Corporal	Leading Hand	Corporal	15	OR-4
Sgt	Sergeant	Petty Officer	Sergeant	25	OR-6
---	---	---	---	---	OR-5
CSgt	Flight Sergeant	Chief Petty Officer	Colour Sergeant	30	OR-7
WO2	---	Warrant Officer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class <sup>7</sup>	Warrant Officer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	40	OR-8
WO1	Warrant Officer	Warrant Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Warrant Officer 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	50	OR-9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt	Pilot Officer	Midshipman	Lieutenant 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	---	OF-1
Lt	Flying Officer	Sub-Lieutenant	Lieutenant 1 <sup>st</sup> Class	15	OF-1
Capt	Flight Lieutenant	Lieutenant	Captain	25 / 20	OF-2
Maj	Squadron Leader	Lieutenant Commander	Major	35 / 30	OF-3
Lt Col	Wing Commander	Commander	Lieutenant Colonel	45 / 40	OF-4
Col	Group Captain	Captain	Colonel	50	OF-5
Brig	Air Commodore	Commodore	Brigadier	---	OF-6
Mjr Gen	Air Vice Marshall	Rear Admiral	Major General	---	OF-7
Lt Gen	Air Marshall	Vice Admiral	Lieutenant General	---	OF-8
Gen	Air Chief Marshall	Admiral	General	---	OF-9
FM	Marshall of the RAF	Admiral of the Fleet	Captain General	---	OF-10

<sup>7</sup> Began being phased out in 2014. No new appointments. Re-introduced 2020.