

Weird Wars II

Ranks

British Ranks

Infantry Rank	Armour	Artillery	Support Corps	NATO
Private ¹	Trooper	Gunner	Private ²	OR-1/2
Lance Corporal	Lance Corporal	Lance Bombadier	Lance Corporal	OR-3
Corporal	Corporal	Bombadier	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

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Major Exceptions

Foot Guards Rank	The Life Guards, Royal Horse Guards & 1 st Royal Dragoons	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 nd Lieutenant	Cornet	OF-1

Between 1938 and 1940 the army also had the rank of Warrant Officer 3rd Class. The only position for this was Platoon or Troop Sergeant Major. Although discontinued in 1940, anyone holding the rank remained until promoted to WO2. WO3 was an OR-7 grade above S.Sgt/C.Sgt.

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British Officer Ranks

All-Arms Rank	Command	NATO
2 nd 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-General	Brigade	OF-6
Major-General	Division	OF-7
Lieutenant-General	Corps	OF-8
General	Commander-in-Chief	OF-9
Field Marshal	Army	OF-10
Chief of the General Imperial Staff ³	Absolutely Everything!	OF-10

Note lieutenants are often referred to as *subalterns*. The rank of 2nd Lieutenant used to be known as *Ensign*, but this had gone by WW1.

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¹ This could also be Fusilier, Ranger or Rifleman depending on the regiment

² This could also be Sapper, Signaller or Driver depending on the regiment or corps

³ This is the senior Field Marshall in the army

Other Nations

NATO	British	French	German (Wehrmacht)	German (SS)	US
OR-1	Pte	Soldat de 2 ^e classe	Schütze	Mann	Private
OR-2	Pte	Soldat de 1 ^e classe	Oberschütze	Obermann	Private ⁴
OR-3	L/Cpl	Caporal	Gefreiter	Sturmmann	Private First Class
OR-3	L/Cpl	Caporal	Obergefreiter	Rottonführer	Private First Class
OR-4	Cpl	Caporal-Chef	Unteroffizier	Unterscharführer	Corporal
OR-4	Cpl.	Caporal-Chef	Unteroffizier	Unterscharführer	Specialist
OR-5	<i>No Equiv.</i>	Sergent	Unterfeldwebel	Scharführer	Sergeant
OR-6	Sgt	Sergent-Chef	Feldwebel	Oberscharführer	Staff Sergeant
OR-7	C/Sgt	<i>No Equiv.</i>	<i>No Equiv.</i>	<i>No Equiv.</i>	Sergeant First Class
OR-8	WO2	Adjutant	Oberfeldwebel	Hauptscharführer	Master Sergeant
OR-8	WO2	Adjutant	Oberfeldwebel	Hauptscharführer	First Sergeant
OR-9	WO1	Adjutant-Chef	Stabsfeldwebel ⁵	Sturmscharführer	Sergeant Major
OR-9	WO1	Major	Stabsfeldwebel	Sturmscharführer	Command Sgt- Mjr.
OR-9	WO1	Major	Stabsfeldwebel	Sturmscharführer	Sgt- Mjr. Of the Army
OF-1	2 nd Lt.	Sous-Lieutenant	Leutnant	Untersturmführer	2 nd Lieutenant
OF-1	Lt.	Lieutenant	Oberleutnant	Obersturmführer	Lieutenant
OF-2	Cpt.	Captaine	Hauptmann	Hauptsturmführer	Captain
OF-3	Mjr.	Commandant	Major	Sturmbannführer	Major
OF-4	Lt. Col.	Lieutenant Colonel	Oberstleutnant	Obersturmbannführer	Lieutenant Colonel
OF-5	Col.	Colonel	Oberst	Standartenführer	Colonel
OF-5	Col.	Colonel	Oberst	Oberführer	Colonel
OF-6	Brig-Gen.	Général de Brigade	Generalmajor	Brigadeführer	Brigadier-General
OF-7	Maj-Gen.	... Division	Generalleutnant	Gruppenführer	Major-General
OF-8	Lt-Gen.	... Corps d'Armée	General	Obergruppenführer	Lieutenant-General
OF-9	Gen.	Général d'Armée	Generaloberst	Oberstgruppenführer	General
OF-10	FM	Marechal de France	Generalfeldmarschall	Reichsführer-SS	General of the Army

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Medals & Wounds

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

Roll	British Officers	British Ranks	US All Ranks	XP	Prom. Mod.
1-20	None	None	None	0	+0
21-24	Mentioned in Despatches	MiD	Bronze Star	250	+2
25-27	Military Cross	Military Medal	Silver Star	500	+4
28-29	Distinguished Service Cross	D. Service Medal	Legion Of Merit	750	+6
30-31	Distinguished Service Order	D. Conduct Medal	D.S.O	1000	+8
32+	Victoria Cross	VC	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**).

Wound Stripes (WW1 Only) were awarded for wounds received on the front line which resulted in the casualty having to be treated at a rear area medical station. In game terms any character that receives more than 15 points of damage from a single blow and doesn't use a benny to reduce the damage and doesn't receive supernatural healing is entitled to a wound stripe. Each wound stripe adds +2 to the temporary promotion roll. It does not affect the actual rank roll.

⁴ Distinguished from other privates by a single stripe

⁵ Must have 25 years service

Promotion

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 nd 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, 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

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	---
WO3	35	12	35	---	Only for British NCOs, 1938-1940
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

French	DC	German (Wehrmacht)	DC	US	DC
Soldat de 2 ^e classe	---	Schütze	---	Private	---
Soldat de 1 ^e classe	5	Oberschütze	5	Private ⁶	5
Caporal	10	Gefreiter	10	Private First Class	10
Caporal	---	Obergefreiter	10	Private First Class	---
Caporal-Chef	15	Unteroffizier	15	Corporal	15
Caporal-Chef	---	Unteroffizier	---	Specialist	15
Sergent	20	Unterfeldwebel	20	Sergeant	20
Sergent-Chef	25	Feldwebel	25	Staff Sergeant	25
<i>No Equiv.</i>	---	<i>No Equiv.</i>	---	Sergeant First Class	30
Adjudant	40	Oberfeldwebel	40	Master Sergeant	35
Adjudant	---	Oberfeldwebel	---	First Sergeant	40
Adjudant-Chef	45	Stabsfeldwebel	50	Sergeant Major	45
Major	50	Stabsfeldwebel	---	Command Sgt- Mjr.	50
Major	---	Stabsfeldwebel	---	Sgt- Mjr. Of the Army	55
Sous-Lieutenant	15 ---	Leutnant	15 ---	2 nd Lieutenant	15 ---
Lieutenant	15	Oberleutnant	15	Lieutenant	15
Captaine	25 20	Hauptmann	25 20	Captain	25 20
Captaine	---	Stabshauptmann	30 25	Captain	---
Commandant	35 30	Major	35 30	Major	35 30
Lieutenant Colonel	45 40	Oberstleutnant	45 40	Lieutenant Colonel	45 40
Colonel	50	Oberst	50	Colonel	50
Général de Brigade	---	Generalmajor	---	Brigadier-General	---

Other British Services

Army	Royal Air Force	Royal Navy	Royal Marines	DC	NATO
Pte	Aircraftman	Ordinary Rate	Marine	---	OR-1
Pte	Leading Aircraftman	Able Rate	Marine	---	OR-2
L/Cpl	Senior Aircraftman	---	Lance Corporal	10	OR-3
Cpl	Corporal	Leading Rate	Corporal	15	OR-4
Sgt	Sergeant	Petty Officer	Sergeant	25	OR-6
CSgt	Flight Sergeant	Chief Petty Officer	Colour Sergeant	30	OR-7
WO2	---	Warrant Officer 2 nd Class	Warrant Officer 2 nd Class	40	OR-8
WO1	Warrant Officer	Warrant Officer 1 st Class	Warrant Officer 1 st Class	50	OR-9
2 nd Lt	Pilot Officer	Midshipman	Lieutenant 2 nd Class	---	OF-1
Lt	Flying Officer	Sub-Lieutenant	Lieutenant 1 st 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

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