



ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS

GREEN STAR

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE

SECTION 2

GENERAL CADET KNOWLEDGE



EO M107.02 – IDENTIFY ARMY CADET RANKS AND OFFICER RANKS

Total Time:

One period = 30 min

PREPARATION

PRE-LESSON INSTRUCTIONS

This IG supports EO M107.02 (Identify Army Cadet Ranks and Officer Ranks) located in A-CR-CCP-701/PG-001, *Royal Canadian Army Cadets, Green Star Qualification Standard and Plan*, Chapter 4.

PRE-LESSON ASSIGNMENT

Nil.

APPROACH

An interactive lecture was chosen for this lesson, as it best allows the instructor to make a semi-formal presentation of the material allowing the cadets to participate by asking or responding to questions, commenting on the material, or participating in short activities. This method appeals to auditory learners, with the potential for active participation in activities that appeal to tactile / kinesthetic learners.

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

Nil.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this lesson the cadet shall have identified the rank structure of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets (RCAC), as well as Canadian Army (CA) officers.

IMPORTANCE

Ranks within the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) signify the people’s positions within the hierarchical structure. As an individual is given more responsibility and authority they are promoted within the organization. The formal rank structure within the CAF is essential for the passing of orders in operations, the maintenance of good order and discipline and ensures the clarity of command. Recognizing cadet ranks as well as CAF ranks will allow cadets to properly interact with others.

Teaching Point 1

Explain the structure and rank insignia of the RCAC.

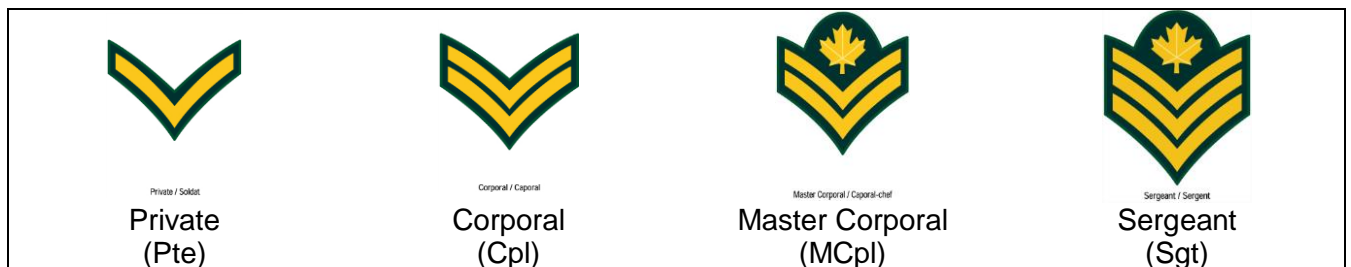
Time: 10 min

Method: Interactive Lecture

CADET RANKS

RCAC have the same rank titles and insignia as non-commissioned members (NCMs) of the CA.

The gold arrows are referred to as “chevrons”. The more chevrons, the higher the seniority of the individual. These chevrons are worn on the upper arm, on the right sleeve of the cadet tunic.



The “Tudor” crown represents the rank of warrant officer (WO). The “Tudor” crown surrounded by a laurel wreath represents the rank of master warrant officer (MWO). The Canadian Coat of Arms represents the rank of chief warrant officer (CWO). These ranks are worn low on the sleeve of the right arm of the cadet tunic:



Conduct an activity where cadets have to apply their knowledge of cadet ranks.



Corps affiliated with engineer regiments use the term “**sapper**” to designate a Pte. Corps affiliated with armoured regiments use the term “**trooper**” to designate Pte. Corps affiliated with the guard regiments use the term “**guardsman**” to designate Pte.

In cadet corps affiliated with artillery regiments, the following terms are used: “**Gunner**” designates Pte; “**Bombardier**” designates Cpl; and “**Master Bombardier**” designates MCpl.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 1

QUESTIONS:

- Q1. Which is more senior, the rank of MCpl or Cpl?
- Q2. Describe the MWO rank badge.
- Q3. What other names may be utilized to denote the rank of Pte?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS:

- A1. MCpl.
- A2. Tudor crown surround by a laurel wreath.
- A3. Gunner, guardsman, trooper, or sapper.

Teaching Point 2

Explain the officer structure and rank insignia of the CA.

Time: 15 min

Method: Interactive Lecture

OFFICER RANKS ACROSS THE WORLD

Army officer rank convention across the nations of the world is not directly connected with the Queen or Britain. Army rank for officers across the world is based on international customary practice of wearing the system of stars and crowns. The **star** (as seen in Figure 1) is the subordinate symbol and the **crown** (as seen in Figures 2 and 3) is the national / superior symbol.

For general officers, the **baton** and **sword** are featured, symbolizing the authority and power.

Almost all armies use the same rank insignia for officers for ready identification on the battlefield.

The use of rank badges goes back to 1762 when France adopted the use of rank identifiers. This practice was expanded to Spain and England in 1768. In Canada, the use goes back officially to 1810. It was standardized by Order in 1903.

International Army Convention

ARMY CAPTAINS



Figure 1 – Army Captain Rank Across the World

Note. From "Stars and Crowns", Canadian Army Update to the CDS, 04 Sep 13.

FIVE EYES COMMUNITY ARMY MAJORS

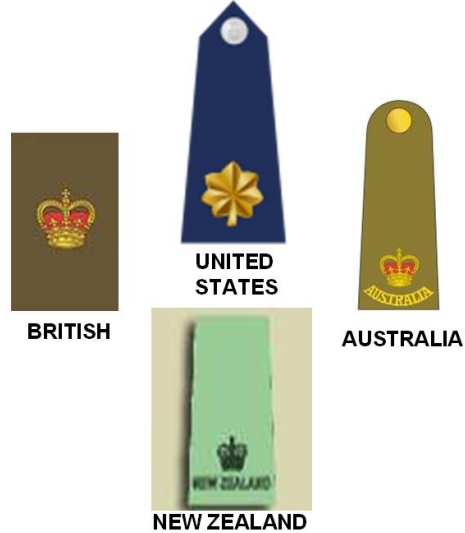


Figure 2 – Army Major Rank in the Five Eyes Community

Note. From "Stars and Crowns", Canadian Army Update to the CDS, 04 Sep 13.

International Army Convention

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Figure 3 – Army Major Rank Across the World

Note. From "Stars and Crowns", Canadian Army Update to the CDS, 04 Sep 13.

OFFICER RANKS IN THE CANADIAN ARMY

Officer ranks in the Canadian Army are divided into 4 categories:

| Categories | Ranks |
|-----------------------|--|
| Subordinate officers* | Officer-cadet (OCdt) |
| Junior Officers | Second-lieutenant (2Lt) Lieutenant (Lt) Captain (Capt) |
| Senior Officers | Major (Maj) Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol) Colonel (Col) |
| General Officers | Brigadier-General (BGen) Major-General (MGen) Lieutenant-general (LGen) General (Gen) |

***Subordinate Officer.** Subordinate officers are addressed as "Sir" or "Ma'am" by NCMs, and by rank and name by superior officers. As subordinate officers do not hold commissions they are not required to be saluted.



Figure 4 – Subordinate Officer Rank

Note. From *Canadian Army*, by National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, 2014. Retrieved from <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/honours-history-badges-insignia/rank-army.page>

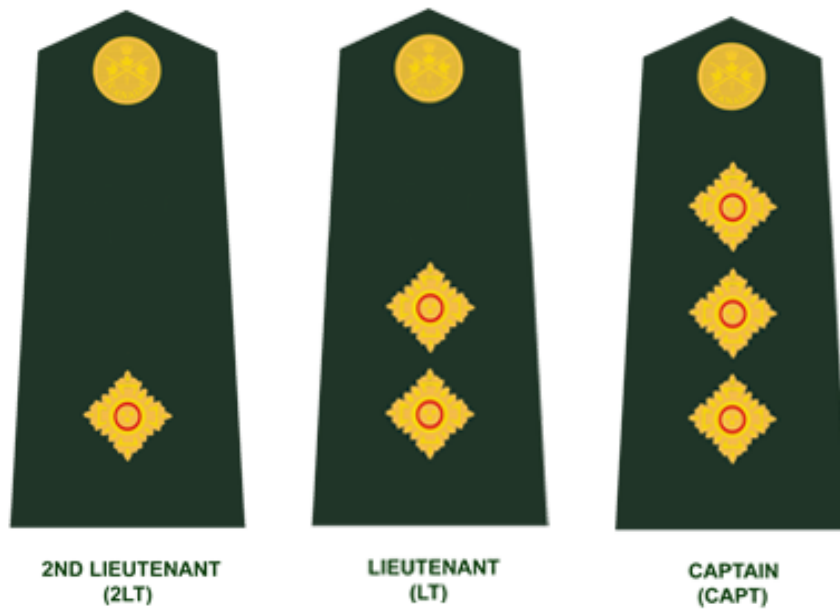


Figure 5 – Junior Officer Ranks

Note. From *Canadian Army*, by National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, 2014. Retrieved from <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/honours-history-badges-insignia/rank-army.page>



Figure 6 – Senior Officer Ranks

Note. From *Canadian Army*, by National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, 2014. Retrieved from <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/honours-history-badges-insignia/rank-army.page>



Figure 7 – General Officer Ranks

Note. From Canadian Army, by National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, 2015. Retrieved from <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/honours-history-badges-insignia/rank-army.page>

Warrant Officer and Major Ranks. On the slip-on for the Canadian disruptive pattern (CADPAT), the WO rank will be larger and centred while the Maj rank will be smaller and on the lower part of it.



Figure 5 – Petty Officer 1st Class (Royal Canadian Navy), Warrant Officer (Canadian Army), Warrant Officer (Royal Canadian Air Force) and Major Ranks

Note. From *Restoring Canadian Army Identity SITREP 05*, by Canadian Army, 28 Jul 14.

COLOUR BORDERS ON RANK INSIGNIA

On some uniforms, the rank insignias will have a colour border. The colour will vary based on the Corps or Branch, as detailed in Figure 6.



Figure 6 – Colour Borders on Rank insignia

1 – Generals, Colonels, Royal Canadian Artillery, Logistics, Military Police (*red*); 2 – Royal Canadian Armoured Corps (cavalry gold); 3 – Royal Canadian Engineers, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (*blue*); 4 – Royal Canadian Infantry Corps, General List (*scarlett*); 5 et 6 – Rifles / voltigeurs (*dark green*) (*red* – *Queens' Own Rifles of Canada*); 7 - Chaplains (*purple*); 8 - Medical (*dull cherry*); 9 - Dental (*emerald green*); 10 - Intelligence (*green*).

Remarque. Tiré de *Rétablissement de l'identité de l'armée canadienne RAPSIT 03*, par Armée canadienne, 12 décembre 2013.

Conduct an activity where cadets have to apply their knowledge of Army officer ranks.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 2

QUESTIONS:

- Q1. What are the senior officer ranks?
- Q2. What differentiates the ranks of a MGen and a LGen?
- Q3. What rank is assigned the status of subordinate officer?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

- A1. Maj, LCol and Col.
- A2. MGen has a pip while the LGen has a crown.
- A3. OCdt.

END OF LESSON CONFIRMATION

QUESTIONS:

- Q1. What is the most senior rank in the cadet NCM structure?
- Q2. What rank has three chevrons with a maple leaf?
- Q3. Name the officer ranks in order, starting with the one that has the least seniority.
- Q4. Name the cadet ranks in order, starting with the one that has the least seniority.

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS:

- A1. CWO.
- A2. Sgt.
- A3. Private (Pte), Corporal (Cpl), Master Corporal (MCpl), Sergeant (Sgt), Warrant Officer (WO), Master Warrant Officer (MWO), and Chief Warrant Officer (CWO).
- A4. Officer-cadet (OCdt), Second-lieutenant (2Lt), Lieutenant (Lt), Captain (Capt), Major (Maj), Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol), Colonel (Col), Brigadier-General (BGen), Major-General (MGen), Lieutenant-general (LGen), and General (Gen).

CONCLUSION

METHOD OF EVALUATION

Nil.

CLOSING STATEMENT

Being able to identify the ranks of RCAC and CA members will allow cadets to interact more effectively with the members of each organization.

INSTRUCTOR NOTES / REMARKS

Nil.

REFERENCES

National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces. (2014). *Canadian Army*. Retrieved from: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/honours-history-badges-insignia/rank-army.page?>



















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