

Rank structure and Insignia

Various ranks and their insignia changed during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The insignia listed below is after the revisions of May 1902, unless otherwise stated.

Rank	Insignia	Date(s)	Note
Commissioned:			
Brigadier (- General)	Crown & Three stars		
Colonel	Crown & Two Stars		
Lieutenant Colonel	Crown & Star		
Major	Crown		
Captain	Three Stars		(a)
Second Captain		1808 - 1814	
Captain-Lieutenant		1781 - 1804	
First Lieutenant	Two Stars		
Second Lieutenant	One Star		
Ensign		1664-1748	
Warrant:			
W.O.1	Royal Cypher		
W.O.2	Crown in Wreath		
Non-Commissioned:			
Sergeant-Major			
Colour Sergeant	Crown & Three Chevrons		
Sergeant	Three Chevrons		(b)
Lance-Sergeant	"		
Corporal	Two Chevrons		
Bombardier	"		(c)
Other Ranks			
Lance-Corporal	One Chevron		
Private		1664-1923	
Gunner (RMA)		1804-1923	(c)
Marine		1923- date	
*Drum – Major	Four inverted chevrons/surmounted Drum		
*Bugle – Major	Four inverted chevrons/surmounted Bugle		
Bugler	Drum		
Band			
**Bandmaster 1 st Class			
**Bandmaster 2 nd Class			
Band Colour Sergeant			
Band Sergeant			
Band Corporal			
Band Lance-Corporal			

Musician
Junior Musician/Boy Musician

Notes:

* Appointed

** Qualification

- a) Known as 'Major' when in command of a detachment at sea
- b) Known as Sergeant Major when in command of a detachment at sea
- c) RMA only NB RMA have both Corporals and Bombardiers